

Parish Matters

Welcome to the Parish of the Resurrection. If you are new to the parish or worshipping with us for the first time then please do make yourself known to either a member of the clergy or a church-warden. We are a welcoming church family spread throughout the town of Alton, Holybourne and Beech and our aim is to offer worship which deepens our faith, common life and our relationship with Jesus Christ. This information sheet gives some words that will be needed in today's services and notices about the life of our church communities. Please take it home with you.

20th January 2019
Epiphany 3

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Rt Revd Giles Hill OSB

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Lynn Power

9.30am

**Parish Communion (with Baptism)
- Holy Rood**

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

4.30pm

Reflective Communion

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

6.30pm

Evening Prayer - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Collect Prayer

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory,
hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

***Renewal of Giving:
The Overflow of Good Things***

I Corinthians 12: 1-11 (Page 933)

John 2: 1-11 (Page 863)

*Also at All Saints:
Isaiah 62: 1-5*



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Dear Reader

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) has today issued a request that all its member churches and associated bodies join together, at this the beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in a time of dedicated prayer for the national political situation in the United Kingdom. We believe that this is a time that requires particular prayers for discernment and wisdom, as well as a time for deep listening to God's call to live together in peace and justice.

CTBI especially asks that churches, and everyone of faith, join together over the coming week, beginning this Sunday, in praying for our politicians and political institutions.

Every day this week there will be prayers at 4pm in St Lawrence Church to do just this.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have published this prayer which I encourage you to use during these coming days.

*God of eternal love and power,
Save our Parliamentary Democracy;
Protect the High Court of Parliament and all its members from partiality and prejudice;
That they may walk humbly the path of kindness, justice and mercy.
Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.
The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength,
Therefore we pray earnestly, Father,
send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength.
Lord, graciously hear us. Amen.*

Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank. A BIG thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. We have been overwhelmed by the help received by the churches and the people of Alton, especially recently. **Currently the warehouse is full, and we do not need supplies at present.**

“Don't come to church empty handed”

All donations to be placed in the Foodbank basket in church.

Parish Giving Scheme The Parish is reliant on the generosity of its worshipping community for all of our ministry and mission. We are grateful to those who contribute financially. If you wish to give more or become a regular giver then please speak to Tim Sturt, 01252

710968, t.sturt@btopenworld.com, and he will talk to you about the Parish Giving Scheme. If you are a tax payer then please do make sure your donation is gift aided and the government will give us 25% more at no extra cost to you. There are envelopes available for one-off gifts.

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Bible Readings for the week

taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily

Monday 21st	Psalm 146	Amos 6	I Corinthians 6.1-11
Tuesday 22nd	Psalm 132	Amos 7	I Corinthians 6.12-end
Weds 23rd	Psalm 81	Amos 8	I Corinthians 7.1-24
Thurs 24th	Psalm 76	Amos 9	I Corinthians 7.25-end
Friday 25th	Psalm 66	Ezekiel 3.22-end	Philippians 3.1-14
Saturday 26th	Psalm 122	Hosea 2.2-17	I Corinthians 9.1-14
Sunday 27th		Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10	Luke 4.14-21

Also at All Saints:

I Corinthians 12.12-31a

Discipleship Groups

There are a number of discipleship groups meeting across the parish. They are open for anyone to attend - it doesn't matter which church you normally attend or where you live, simply contact the leader before turning up. If you would like to host or lead another one, then please contact Andrew.

Monday; Oasis. Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further Info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: ellieelder@gmail.com

Tuesday: Emmaus Housegroup. Meeting bi-monthly at Pilgrim Cottage, 44 Vicarage Hill at 9.30am.

Wednesday; Pilgrim Group at All Saints - 3rd Wednesday of each month after the communion service, from 10.15am until 11.15am.

Wednesday Housegroup. We meet at 7.45 for 8pm start usually at 62 Anstey Road. For more information call Margaret and Peter on 86063 or Robin and Sally on 769802.

Thursday; LYFE Group at Liz & Trev's, at 2 The Lamports, led by Liz Griffiths. For more information. Please contact Liz via email: lizmgriff@hotmail.com



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Praying in January 2019

As we begin this new year let us pray for our Parish of the Resurrection and for our faithful following of Jesus Christ. We commit to God our Vision Statement: **Proclaiming the Risen Jesus; Steadfast in faith; Active in service** and seek the Holy Spirit's leading for how we should minister and work together to fulfil it. We pray 'Come, Holy Spirit into our lives, into our churches, into our parish'.

We commit the 'Renewing our Giving' plan to God. Pray that we will be generous to the ministry and mission of our Parish both financially and in terms of our time and talents.

We remember the older people of our parish. Winter time can be difficult and so we pray for warmth, health and company. We pray for those in residential or nursing homes. As a parish we regularly visit and take communion services at: The Lawn, Marlfield, Brendoncare & Mary Rose Mews, Orchard House, Borovere, Fielders Court, Willow Court and Berehurst and we pray for the residents and staff of these places. Pray also for Debbie Thrower and Rachel Sturt, our Anna Chaplains who particularly minister in these places.

Pray for our ministry with young people. We give thanks for the ongoing flourishing of the Covenant Youth Choir and particularly the new Covenant Training Choir. We also pray for the FROG & METTLE groups run by Ali – for their growth in number this term.

Please pray for the Ecumenical Ministers Meetings which take place once a month. All the local church ministers attend to discuss common issues, plan events and activities and pray together. Pray for unity of mind and vision.

We pray for Bishop Jonathan as he prepares to leave the Diocese and take up his new post as Dean of York Minster. We pray for him, his wife Christine and the rest of the family. We pray now for the appointment panel which will shortlist and select a new Bishop of Southampton – Andrew is on this.

Pray for Bishop Tim (Bishop of Winchester) who takes study leave from the end of this month until early April. Pray that this will be a refreshing and stimulating time for him as he takes time out in his home in Kenya. We pray for Bishop David as he leads the Diocese during this period.



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The call to prayer is in three simple ways

Daily, weekly, monthly

Every day there is a prayer for the beginning of the day, for the middle of the day and for the end of the day. Please find a suitable time to use these prayers which are printed here.

For the beginning of the day
- The Community Prayer

Living God,
you have called us to be
the Body of Christ.
May our parish be a sign of hope
in our community of
Holybourne, Beech and Alton.
May all we do,
and all we are becoming,
bring praise to your name
and draw others to your love.
We ask these things
in the name of Jesus,
who came to serve and bring us
fullness of life.
Amen.

For the middle of the day
- The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

For the end of the day
- The Caleb Prayer

O High King of heaven,
have mercy on our land.
Revive your Church;
send the Holy Spirit
for the sake of the children.
May your kingdom come
to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name.
Amen.

We should pray for each person by name;

Those who are sick or require prayer:

Georgina Matthews, Maureen Serle, Julia Poole, Barbara Turk, Joan Cheeseman, Jeremy, Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill, Neil, Jacob and Joshua (twins)

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Charles Wood, Patrick Barton, Joan Hedges, Fredrick Oakley, Phyllis Blundell, Michael Wade, Sheila Betts, Barbara Stent, Marjorie (Margo) Brown, Vera Marchant, Revd Ian Toombs, Pamela Millard, Linda Tandy,

Those preparing for Marriage:

John Cornell and Hannah Lucas
Greg O'Rorke and Emily Taylor

Prayer Cascade. Need Prayer for any reason? Just email, in confidence to pray4potr@gmail.com or complete a prayer request card available in all our churches. A prayer team from this parish will pray regularly for each request for up to a month.

Diary for the week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.45am Monday - Friday in St Lawrence, excluding Thursday when Prayers are said in Holybourne Church at 8.30am.

Holy Rood Church closed this week for tile cleaning Prayers for Christian Unity will be said every day at 4pm in St Lawrence Church this week			
Monday	9.30am	Teddies Group	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.30am	Communion	Borovere
	11.00am	Funeral of Joan Hedges	All Saints Church
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	8.30pm	Quintet Practice	St Lawrence Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	12.00pm	Funeral of Charles Wood	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	10.00am	Mother's Union Communion	St Lawrence Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	5.00pm	Covenant Training Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	Covenant Youth Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	The White Hart
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Beginners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	2.00pm	Jigsaw Drop-In	Parish Centre
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
	5.30pm	Bell Ringers - 8 Bell Practice	St Lawrence Church
Epiphany 4	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	4.00pm	Church @ 4	Holy Rood Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church
	6.30pm	FROG Youth Group (10-13 yrs)	Parish Centre

For more information please go to our web site www.potr-alton.co.uk

Notices

Joan Hedges Funeral Joan Hedges funeral will take place at **All Saints Church** on **Tuesday 22nd January** at **11am**. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

CYC Christmas Quiz Thank you so much to everyone who bought a copy of the CYC quiz. It raised over £300 towards their trip in the spring. The winners were Judith and Edward Hepper - many congratulations!. The answers to the quiz can be found on the POTR website.

Ride and Stride The Parish has received a cheque for £385 from the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust, our share of the sponsorship money raised last Autumn by the Stride and Ride Event. Thanks to all those who took part in the event and all those who sponsored them.

Fresh Start helps people to break free from life-controlling habits such as smoking, gambling, eating disorders, internet or social media addiction, shopping addiction, pornography, binge drinking, soft drugs, etc. It's a free 8-week course pioneered by Christians Against Poverty (CAP), based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their dependencies. For more information, see www.capfreshstart.org. A new course is starting on **Monday 21st January** at the Alton Maltings Centre (Shaftesbury Room), from 7:30 to 9pm - preceded at 7pm by a free meal for those who would like one. It's free and completely confidential. To find out more or register for the course, call Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email alton@capuk.org.

Drop-In and catch up with the news over a cup of tea. **Tuesday 22nd January** 2pm in All Saints Church Hall. Also the collection point for Knitters Anonymous donations and a chance to take some of the donated wool to use for the charity knits.

Pray-ers Together The next Pray-ers Together will take place on **Friday 25th January** at 8pm at the Salvation Army, Amery Street.

Men's Breakfast We will be holding the next Men's Breakfast on **Saturday 26th January** at 8.30am in the White Hart, Holyborne. If you wish to attend please would you pass your name to Tim Codling by Wednesday 23rd January, by email preferably.

URGENT - DRIVER REQUIRED An older, faithful, member of the 10.30am St Lawrence congregation needs transport to church from Sunday 27th January. If you can help in any way - one-off, weekly, monthly - please contact E A Dain on 01420 89062 as soon as possible (or email bsdain@btinternet.com) for further details. After 23rd January, please contact P Mills on 01420 84978 or the Parish Office.

Hard of Hearing Group invite you to come along and hear Jo Smith talking about Paper Making, followed by a cup of tea. **Tuesday 29th January** 2pm in All Saints Church Hall. All Welcome!

PARISH OFFICE Please note that the Parish Office will be **closed** on Thursday **24th January** due to staff training.

Notices

Meet and Eat – group for women of the Parish for fun, food and fellowship. Next meeting will be on **February 4th** from 19.00 – Book Night, at Elspeth Gurney's house. Bring along your favourite book and tell us why you have enjoyed reading it over a cuppa and a biscuit. Please chat or email Elspeth Gurney or Lyn Baines for further details. Email address are lynda.baines@btinternet.com or Elspeth at macbeavers@sky.com if you would like to come.

NEW BOOK CLUB A small group will be informally discussing the book, "The Grace Outpouring" on **Fridays 8, 15 and 22 February at 2pm**. Join like-minded people to see how we as a parish can learn more about blessing others! Please let Alison Parr know if you would like to come. alisonparr152@btinternet.com or see her in church. She has a few copies of the book available at £5.75 each. Venue to be decided once numbers known.

Traidcraft The first Traidcraft stall of 2019 will be on **Sunday 10th February** after the 10.30am Parish Communion at St Lawrence Church. As well as the usual Fair trade food items Jo will have some Sale bargains, including men's and ladies bamboo socks.

As from February there will be a Traidcraft stall at St Peter's once a month. Dates will be announced. If you need any fair trade essentials in the meantime call Jo on 07980 371034.

Barbara Small's 95th birthday. Barbara will be 'At Home' on **12th February** from 12-3pm at 42 Spitalfields. She would love to see all her old friends. Drinks and nibbles provided.

Tour to Turkey Andrew and Clive Anderson are leading a Pilgrimage to Turkey, visiting the The Seven Churches. This will be from **Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th September 2019**. We will visit Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Ephesus and the Isle of Patmos. The price is £1350 which includes everything apart from lunches each day. Information and a booking form are available from the churches or on the parish website www.potr-alton.co.uk

Notices

Parking at St Lawrence Vicarage A polite request. There are increasing times when manoeuvring in the Vicarage driveway and access to the house is difficult. Whilst we are happy that members of the parish use the drive for parking, and there are others who have asked our permission, we would ask that consideration is given to where you park please. There have been times recently when we have struggled to get in and out ourselves. Andrew & Fiona

Parish Giving Scheme Please note that, effective from 1 January onwards, all matters relating to Planned Giving, Gift Aid, special appeals, envelopes, standing orders and PGS etc should be referred to Tim Sturt, 01252 710968, t.sturt@btopenworld.com

Paying of Invoices, Receipts and Fees We have put some new arrangements in place regarding the finances of the Parish. Andrew Russell is the Parish Treasurer with oversight of the budget and accounts. Tori Hewitt is the Book-keeper making sure all records are kept accurately and in a form for examination. Carole James, one of our Parish Administrators, is dealing with the payment of all bills, receipts, invoices and fees. If you need something to be paid from parish funds it will need to be passed to Carole in the Parish Office or by email to potr.accounts@btinternet.com She will firstly seek authorisation and then make the payment either by BACS to your account or by cheque.

Opportunities to Volunteer Have you thought about?

- Being a person who gathers advertising for Sunrise Magazine
- joining a cleaning rota
- Being prepared to read the Bible in services
- helping to operate the Audio Visual system in St Lawrence Church on Sundays
- driving people to church on Sundays
- supporting the Saturday Community Market which happens once a month
- joining the team of volunteers who support Ali with the FROG youth group - she really needs more!

Thank you! Very many thanks to all who attended the Farewell Service for Mrs Jean Mann at All Saints Church in December, and gave so generously. The retiring collection raised £205 which was shared between the Children's Society and Community Care.

G.A.P.

“Songs of Praise”

Sunday 17th February

4p.m.

Alton Methodist Church

**Join us for an afternoon of worship through words and music,
with members from both congregations choosing their
favourite hymns.**

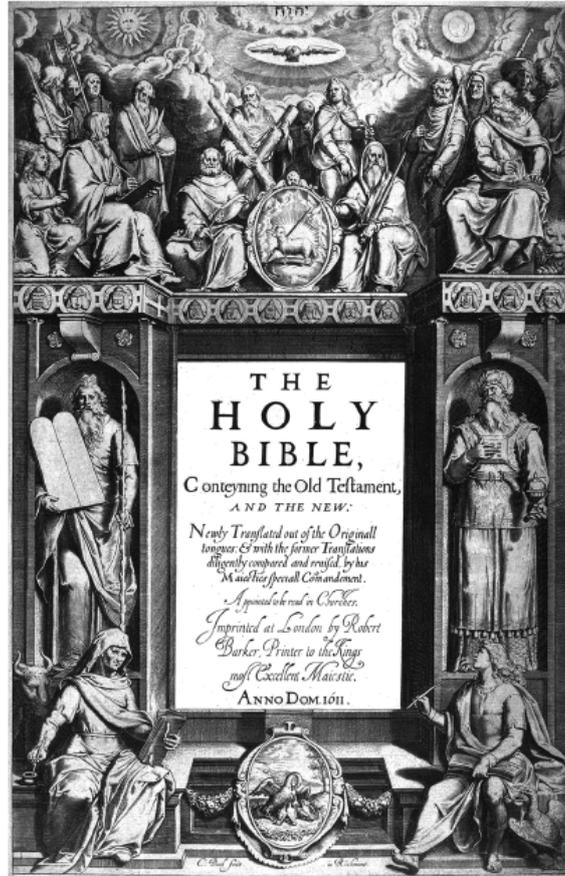
Guest Organist: Revd. Andrew Micklefield.

Offerings to be donated to Anna Chaplaincy Fund.

Refreshments served after the service.

The Bible in England and the Bible in English

Lecture by Professor Christopher Mulvey
St Paul's Church, Winchester



Thurs 7 February, 7–8.30 pm

Tickets £13.50 inc. glass of wine from

www.eventbrite.co.uk or email

bill.lucas@winchester.ac.uk if you would like help

All proceeds will go to '*Building for Life*'

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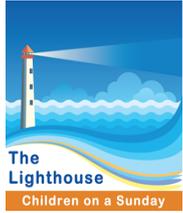
St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

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**Please provide all notices for next weeks Parish Matters
by 12noon on Wednesday . Thank you**

Payments to the Parish If you would like to make a payment or donation to the Parish, please contact the Parish office for the Parish bank account details or make cheques payable to 'Parish of the Resurrection, Alton'. Gift Aid white envelopes can be found in each of the churches. *Thank you*

The Lighthouse.....



Come and join at The
Lighthouse
Every Sunday (Term Time)
10.30am at St Lawrence Parish
Centre
10.45am at Alton Methodist

Church

Games, crafts, singing, prayers

Everyone is welcome.

Teddy Bear Service

Come to the Teddy Bears
Service

Mondays
9:30am until 10:30am
St Lawrence Church

Thursdays (Term Time)
9:30am until 10:30am
Church of the Holy Rood Holybourne

For stories, crafts, singing, prayers.



Ministry Team

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Getting in touch

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