

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.

27th January 2019
Epiphany 4

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Lynn Power

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Parish Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Lynn Power

4.00pm

Church @ 4 - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

6.30pm

Evening Worship - St Lawrence

Talking Jesus - 'Who do people say that I am'

Collect Prayer

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the
ends of the earth and
your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

Renewal of Giving: The Spirit Leads

Nehemiah 8: 1-3,5-6,8-10 (Page 379)

Luke 4: 14-21 (Page 835)

Also at All Saints:
1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a



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Dear Reader

Thank you to those who have been joining together to pray for our nation at 4pm every day this past week, and to those who will have prayed at home. The confusion and debate over Brexit surely calls us to prayer. We need to keep going. This week I call us to prayer on **Thursday evening at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church** which will end with Compline at 8pm as usual. Do join us and let's have a good number! Keep praying the prayer.

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.

Don't forget the ID group programme - there are still booklets available and it is on the website.

Tonight we begin Talking Jesus as part of Evening Worship; Reading and Praying Luke's Gospel begins on Monday 4th February, 7pm in Holybourne Church; we pray for our children & young people on Thursday 7th February in St Lawrence, 7.15pm - and there many other things coming up.

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 28th	Psalm 108	Hosea 2.18-end of 3	I Corinthians 9.15-end
Tuesday 29th	Psalm 36	Hosea 4.1-16	I Corinthians 10.1-13
Weds 30th	Psalm 46	Hosea 5.1-7	I Corinthians 10.14-11.1
Thurs 31st	Psalm 47	Hosea 5.8-6.6	I Corinthians 11.2-16
Friday 1st	Psalm 65	Hosea 6.7-7.2	I Corinthians 11.17-end
Saturday 2nd	Psalm 48	Exodus 13.1-16	Romans 12.1-5
Sunday 3rd		I Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 2.22-40

Also at All Saints:

Ezekiel 43.27-44.4

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 :

Barbara Gladwin, 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:

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.

Monday	9.30am	Teddies Group	St Lawrence Church
	11.00am	Service of the Word	Marlfield
Tuesday	9.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Borovere
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.30am	Teddies Group	Holy Rood Church
	1.00pm	Funeral of Patrick Barton	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	9am-12.00	Community Market	Parish Centre
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
Candlemas	8.00am	CW Communion	All Saints Church
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	3.30pm	Baptism of Abigail Booth	All Saints Church
	4.00pm	Church @ 4	St Lawrence School
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	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

Renewing our Giving Thank you for your prayers and thinking about your giving to the Parish. As you know we are asking for everyone to consider another £3 a week in order for us to fulfil our vision and what God is calling us to do. The PCC would like to know the impact of our Renewing of Giving and ask you to complete a Renewing of Giving promise card - you will receive one at our services today and next week.

GAP Ladies Lunch The next lunch will be on **Wednesday 30th January** at the Alton House Hotel. (12 noon for 12.30pm) Just turn up and enjoy! Arrangements will be made with the hotel for those who come.

Would anyone be willing to take over Joan Hedges' role of collecting names and numbers for the hotel?

Choral Evensong The next choral evensong sung by St Lawrence Church Choir will take place at St Lawrence Church on **Sunday 3 February** starting at 6.30 pm. The choir will be singing music by Tallis, Sumsion (Canticles in A), Ayleward responses and the service includes three congregational hymns and psalm 24. Do come along to (and encourage friends to attend) this most traditional of Anglican services and share with the choir this most wonderful music.

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.

Opportunities to Volunteer Have you thought about?

- servers and communion assistants for St Lawrence
- helping input data to new software in the Parish Office
- funeral, baptism and wedding verger
- 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!

NOTICES

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!

Lip Reading with Maggie Short ATLA, Tuesday 5th February at 2.30pm in All Saints church hall. Come and give it a try

ATC Service As has become our practice for ATC Sunday over the last few years we welcome the local Air Training Corps to St Lawrence Church for the 10.30am service on **Sunday 10th February**. We will also be joined by Revd Clive Anderson, who will preach, and members of The Butts Church. This will not be a Communion Service.

Traidcraft The first Traidcraft stall of 2019 will be on **Sunday 10th February** after the 10.30am service 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.

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.



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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.

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

Upcoming ID Group Programme Events

Sunday 27th January Talking Jesus as part of Evening Worship;

Monday 4th February Reading and Praying Luke's Gospel 7pm in Holybourne Church;

Monday 4th February Meet and Eat group Book Night at Elspeth Gurney's, 45 Lenten Street;

Thursday 7th February we pray for our children & young people in St Lawrence, 7.15pm

Friday 8th February Book Group 'The Grace Outpouring,' 2-3pm at 22 Maltings Close, Alton;

Saturday 9th February Board Game Fun, 10am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre

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.**

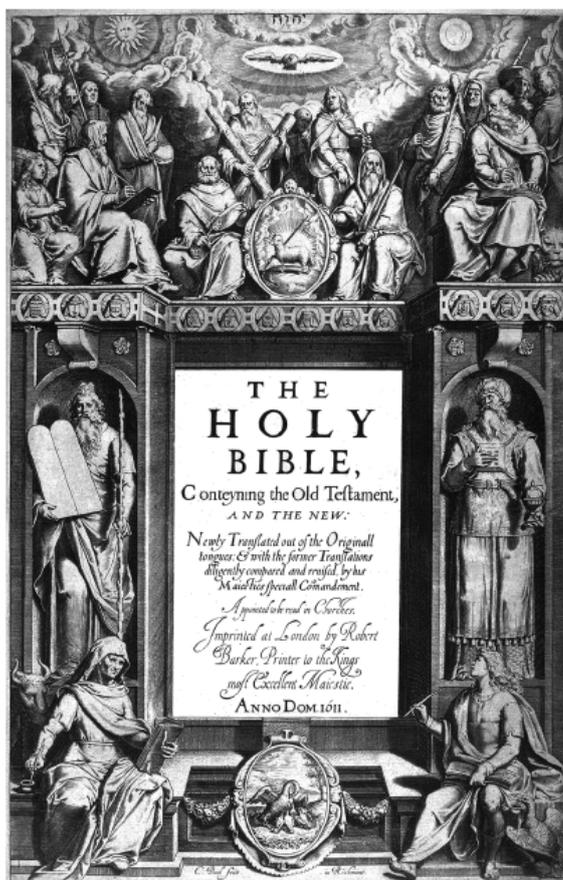
Guest Organist: Revd. Andrew Micklefield.

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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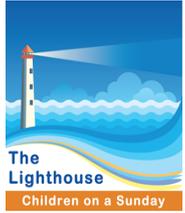
St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

Notices

**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

Vicar: *Revd Andrew Micklefield*
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Getting in touch

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The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm