

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.

3rd February
5th Sunday before Lent

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Rt Revd Giles Hill OSB

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

9.15am

Morning Prayer - St Peter's

Led by Margaret Bell

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

Parish Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

3.30pm

Baptism - All Saints

Led by Revd Martin East

4.00pm

Church @ 4 - St Lawrence CE School

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield & Team

6.30pm

Choral Evensong - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Collect Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.
Amen

Today's Readings

Candlemas

I Corinthians 13:1-13 (Page 934)

Luke 2:22-40 (Page 832)

Also at All Saints:
Ezekiel 43:27-44:4



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Dear Reader

There is so much happening in our parish. Part of our Five Year Plan is to offer more intentional discipleship opportunities - how we grow and are steadfast in our faith. There are the following on offer at the moment:

- ⇒ Starting on Monday 4th February - Reading & Praying the Gospel of Luke. The first of six sessions being held at Holybourne Church, 7 - 7.45pm
- ⇒ Thursday 7th February - Praying for our Children and Young People - in The Galilee Chapel at St Lawrence Church, 7.15pm
- ⇒ Starting on Friday 8th February - A bookgroup on The Grace Outpouring - 22 Maltings Close, 2-3pm. Contact Alison Parr on 543683
- ⇒ Saturday 9th February - Board Game Fun in The Parish Centre. Bring a board game, play games, drink tea & coffee, eat cake, 10am-12noon.
- ⇒ Sunday 10th February - The second of the Talking Jesus Course as part of Evening Worship - St Lawrence Church, 6.30-7.30pm

I hope you can join in. All the details are in the ID Groups leaflet available in our churches.

And please keep praying for our nation and the ongoing Brexit situation. The prayer written by The Archbishop of York has been used widely:

*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 Alton Foodbank would like to thank everyone for their generous support over Christmas. We have received lots of food donations and our warehouse is still very full despite the fact that we have distributed lots of foods to families in the local area. We currently have a surplus of soup, baked beans, pasta and rice, and sanitary products so would kindly ask people **not** to donate any of these items 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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PARISHGIVINGScheme

A better way to encourage giving in your church

Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 4th	Psalm 2	I Chronicles 10.1-11.9	John 13.1-11
Tuesday 5th	Psalm 5	I Chronicles 13	John 13.12-20
Weds 6th	Psalm 119.1-32	I Chronicles 15.1-16.3	John 13.21-30
Thurs 7th	Psalm 15	I Chronicles 17	John 13.31-end
Friday 8th	Psalm 19	I Chronicles 21.1-22.1	John 14.1-14
Saturday 9th	Psalm 23	I Chronicles 22.2-end	John 14.15-end
Sunday 10th		Ruth 1	Luke 5:1-11

Also at All Saints:

I Corinthians 15.1-11

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 February 2019

We continue with the appointment process for the Associate Vicar for the parish. As we shortlist and interview this month, please pray for God's guidance and for our discernment.

Please pray for the Renewal of Giving in the Parish. Give thanks for all that God has given to us and for our plans for the future. Pray that our giving to the parish finances aligns with our budget plans and also in line with what God is calling us to be and to do.

Pray for the Alton Town Pastors as they minister around the town on Friday and Saturday evenings - they may have good conversations and help people in all sorts of ways. Pray for the coordinating team (Christine Parker, Jane Ballard, Sally Kemp and Howard Wright) and this valuable ministry. They need more volunteers so pray that people may be prompted to help. Pray for the Council of Reference Group for the Town Pastors, chaired by Andrew, that they may strategically help and support this ministry.

The General Synod of the Church of England meets between Wednesday 20th and Saturday 23rd February in London. Pray for those who represent our Diocese as they discuss and support developments for the ongoing life of our church. Pray for Archbishop Justin Welby in his leadership.

Pray for Alton College and especially for Ali Wright as she uses her time to be the College Chaplain. We also pray for the new Kings Arms Project giving more youth provision to the town. We seek God's blessing particularly on Lisa Hillan as she leads this work.

For the local Christians Against Poverty centre based at The Alton Maltings Centre. We pray for Mark Rumsby who co-ordinates its work, the volunteers and those it helps and encourages.

We have committed to being Fairtrade Churches and we support Fairtrade Fortnight (25th February - 10th March). Pray for the producers who grow the products giving thanks for the difference Fairtrade makes to their lives and communities. Pray for our dedication to the cause.



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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:

Alan Winter, 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 :

Kathleen Durston, 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
	7.00pm	Meet & Eat - Book Night	45 Lenten Street
	7.00pm	Reading & Praying St Luke's Gospel	Holy Rood Church
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	9.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Borovere
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	12-6pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	8.00pm	Alton Organ Society Concert	St Lawrence 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
	10.30am	Communion	Mary Rose Mews
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.15pm	Praying for our children & young people	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	10.30am	Communion	Willow Clourt
	2.00pm	Book Group 'The Grace Outpouring'	22 Maltings Close
	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	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10am-12.00	Board Game Fun	Parish Centre
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Beginners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	ATC Service	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints 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

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.

Choral Evensong The next choral evensong sung by St Lawrence Church Choir will take place **tonight** at St Lawrence Church 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.

Alton Organ Society The next concert in the Alton Organ Society programme will be held on **Tuesday 5th February** and will feature Roger Sayer (Temple Church, London). Concerts start at 8.00 pm ending about 9.15 pm. Refreshments are available from 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 on the door. Please contact Tony Willman for further details.

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
- joining the flower arrangers 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

Sponsorship sought Do you own or work for an Alton based community spirited business who could sponsor a three month trial of a community bus for Wooteys and Eastbrooke estates? We need £1,800. If there are any charities or individuals who are willing to donate that would be great too. Contact: Robert Saunders 01420 82669.

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

If you have any knitted items or wool to donate to Knitters Anonymous while All Saints church is closed (except for services) please contact Alton 83514 and we will arrange to collect it. Many thanks for your continued, generous support.

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.

NOTICES

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.

Board Game Fun Do you like to play board games? Would you like the opportunity to spend some time with others playing games? If so, bring your favourite board or two along and join in the fun. **Saturday 9th February and Saturday 27th April** in The Parish Centre 10am-12noon. We want children and adults of all ages getting to know each other, playing well and building community. Refreshments will be served. Led by: Ellie Elder & Lucy Williams 07736 666650 or ellieelder@gmail.com.

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.

Pray-ers Together The next Pray-ers Together will take place on **Friday 22nd February** in Alton Methodist Church at 8pm.

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

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

Sunday 10th February The second of the Talking Jesus Course as part of Evening Worship - St Lawrence Church, 6.30-7.30pm

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.**

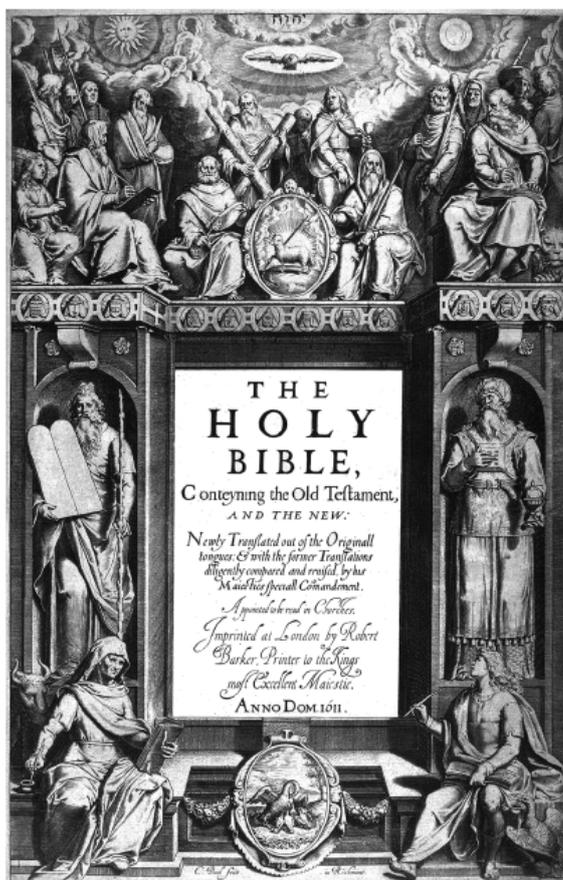
Guest Organist: Revd. Andrew Micklefield.

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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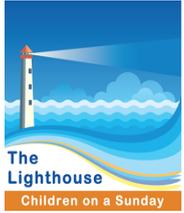
St Matthew with St Paul
Pilgrims on a journey

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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Tel. 88794 Day off: Friday

Assistant Priest: *Revd Martin East*
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Curate: *Revd Joy Windsor*
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Revd Rachel Sturt (Assistant Priest) Tel. 83234*

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Youth Worker: *Ali Wright,*
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Getting in touch

For enquiries please be in touch with the Parish Administrator on
01420 83234 or potr.alton@btinternet.com
Prayer Cascade email: pray4potr@gmail.com
The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm