

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 March
Transfiguration

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Morning Prayer - St Peter's

Led by Revd Lynn Power

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

Parish Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

6.30pm

Choral Evensong - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

Collect Prayer

Holy God,
you know the disorder
of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

The Book of Ruth

Ruth 4 (Page 212)

Luke 9: 28-36 (Page 843)

Also at All Saints:

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (Page 939)



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Dear Reader

This week sees the beginning of Lent. Ali is organising a Pancake Party on Shrove Tuesday (5th March) from 5pm in the Parish Centre - this is for young people and their families but anyone else is welcome! Then on Ash Wednesday (6th March) we will have two services - 9.30am in All Saints Church (as we usually gather for communion at that time anyway) and another at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. We will reflect and pray for this preparation and penitential time and there will be the imposition of ashes at both services.

Don't forget the Ecumenical Lent Talks which begin on Thursday evenings from 21st March - you have another couple of weeks to get these in your diaries. They are being held at Alton Methodist Church from 7.30 - 9pm. Please take an advertising postcard and I encourage you invite someone to come with you.

We don't have Church@4 at St Lawrence today because many people are travelling to Andover for Chris Bradish's induction service. It will though be on next Sunday, 10th March - please come along!

Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank Alton Foodbank is currently asking for long life milk and fruit juice, breakfast cereal bars and sponge pudding. They currently have a surplus of soup, baked beans, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat or pies, pasta, 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.

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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.

Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 4th	Psalm 80	Jeremiah 1	John 3.1-21
Tuesday 5th	Psalm 89.1-18	Jeremiah 2.1-13	John 3.22-end
Weds 6th	Psalm 38	Daniel 9.3-6,17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
Thurs 7th	Psalm 77	Jeremiah 2.14-32	John 4.1-26
Friday 8th	Psalm 88	Jeremiah 3.6-22	John 4.27-42
Saturday 9th	Psalm 71	Jeremiah 4.1-18	John 4.43-end
Sunday 10th		Psalm 91	Luke 4:1-13

Also at All Saints:

Romans 10:8b-13

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 March 2019

For the discipline of Lent. Pray that we would all take steps to listen to God, centre our lives on the example of Jesus and be led by the gifts of The Holy Spirit. We pray for our Lent course 'Thy Kingdom Come' meeting on Thursday evenings and for our Lent Lunches on Wednesday lunchtimes that they will be times of good learning and fellowship.

Give thanks for the strong ecumenical mission and ministry which exists across the churches of Alton and District - particularly apparent in the Lent Talks. Please pray for the ministers who meet monthly for fellowship, conversation and prayer.

For Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School, Holybourne. For all the pupils, the staff and Headteacher Maria Lloyd, the governors and their links with the Parish.

For the Diocese of Winchester - for the School of Mission and its work with training and resourcing clergy, LLMs, and those who are in training for licensed ministry. We pray especially for Wendy Burnhams from our own parish who is training with the School of Mission for ordination/

For the Alton Foodbank and its many volunteers who provide essential food and goods to those who in need in our town. We pray for Ian Dane as he leads and co-ordinates this valuable ministry on behalf of our local churches.

We pray for the ongoing Brexit negotiations and discussions as we journey towards 29th March. We use the prayer given by The Archbishop of York

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.



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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:

Frank Wallace, Judy Butler-Kearney, 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 :

Alfred Young, Rosemary Howarth, John Donoghue, Kathleen Durston, Barbara Gladwin, David Frampton, Charles Wood, Patrick Barton, Joan Hedges.

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 Toddler Group	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	Scout Group visit	St Lawrence Church
	7.00pm	Meet & Eat for women of the parish	All Saints Hall
	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
	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
	10.00am	Coffee at All Saints	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Service for Ash Wednesday	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.30am	Teddies Toddler Group	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Mary Rose Mews
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.15pm	Praying for our children and 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 Court
	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
	10.30am	Bell Ringing Beginners and Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peters Beech
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	3.30pm	Baptism of Hunter Goodall	Holy Rood Church
	4.00pm	Church @ 4	St Lawrence School
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church
	6.30pm	FROG Youth Group (10-13 yrs)	Parish Centre

Notices

Mee† and Eat – group for women of the Parish for fun, food and fellowship. The next meeting is on **Monday March 4th 19.00**– Patchwork with Sue Dell at All Saints Church Hall. Please bring a pair of scissors. Please chat to Elspeth Gurney or Lyn Baines or contact lynda.baines@btinternet.com for more details.

Coffee Morning in All Saints church, **Wednesday 6th March** in the Meeting Space, from 10.15am, after the 9.30 service. All welcome!

Which Way Now? Is God calling you to something new? If you'd like to find out more about Ordination or Lay Ministry please come along to a Vocations Morning on **Saturday 9th March** 9.30am to 12.00 at St Mary's, Andover, or **Saturday 6th April**, 9.30am to 12.00 at St Mary's Southampton. For more information or to let them know you would like to come, please email Lynda.Mumford@winchester.anglican.org.

Parish Cycle Group- please come and join Ellie and I for an hour/ hour and a half cycle ride Tuesday lunchtime 12 noon, every other week starting March 5th, and/or on the second Saturday of the month 10am, starting on March 9th. This is not a race but time out of a busy week in our beautiful countryside. Dates for March: **Tuesday 5th and 19th and Saturday 9th March**. April and beyond will follow the same pattern. We plan to start at The Parish Center. Please contact myself or Ellie for information and to let us know you are planning to join us. Happy cycling! Sarah Neish 07761933031 or Ellie Elder 0773666650

"Crossing in St. Augustine" a film of the crucial event in the US Civil Rights movement **Sunday 17th March at 6.30 pm** in St Lawrence Church. Wine and bits, Introduction, Film, discussion, prayers. No charge-Donation for Church and Accord Freedom charity. Info from Peta and Ian Sutherland.

After a very successful **Board Games Morning** recently, we have decided to hold another one in March. Ellie Elder and Lucy Williams will host one again in St Lawrence Parish Centre on **Saturday 23rd March** between 10am and 12 noon. Everyone of whatever age are very welcome. Board games are provided or you may bring your own.

W? An evening of praise and worship, with a rock edge. At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks on **Saturday 23rd March** at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7pm with drinks and cakes. Free Entry. For more information contact Matt and Hannah Wettone matt@wettone.com or hannah@wettone.com

Barbara Small is now out of Basingstoke Hospital and has been moved to Anstey Ward at the Community Hospital. She would love to see any friends who would like to visit.

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

NOTICES

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

Angels rising! Following the success of the knitted Angels it has been decided to keep going for Christmas 2019! Starting this early we should have a huge amount to work with this year. It will enable us to cover more of the town and reach many more people with greetings from all the GAP churches. SO - get started! I will circulate patterns to the churches soon and any donations of small amounts of double knitting wool will be appreciated. I will be keeping an eye on the Methodist church knitters and Kate Dando has volunteered (and already started!) for All Saints and Willow Court. Sarah Broadbent is happy to collect them for St L. and I hope to have a volunteer? for Beech and Holyrood churches. Much later in the year we will have a session to finish them off and put on the labels ready for distribution in December. Even if you can't knit you are welcome to help with these tasks. So get the needles clacking! Christine Allan (84739)

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.

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—VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Holybourne Teddies We are looking for someone to take over the role of leading Teddies Toddler Group at Holybourne. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30am. If you feel that you are gifted in this area and would be interested in considering this role, please contact Andrew or phone Sylvia Raine on 01256 381221. There is a supportive team in place to assist.

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!
- help in Resurrection Furniture shop or on the van. Contact Robin Lees (86665).

T@3 Team If you have some spare time the T@3 Team would like a bit of extra help please, on the third Sunday of the month from about 2pm until approx. 4pm, in All Saints Church hall. Light duties only! Contact Kate 83514.

Can you Help? Drivers are desperately needed to transport visually impaired and members of the Open Sight Group in Alton. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Alton Scouts Hall between 2pm and 4pm. CRB checks are arranged by Open Sight. Help is desperately needed to allow members to enjoy their meetings. If you can help or for more information, or for more information, please contact Sally Stoodley Alton 84758 or sallystoodley1@gmail.com.

Upcoming ID Group Programme Events

Monday 4th March Reading and Praying the Gospel of St Luke, Holybourne Church, 7pm.

Monday 4th March Mee☩ and Eat—Patchwork with Sue Dell at All Saint's Church Hall at 7pm

Thursday 7th March Praying for Children and Young People, Galilee Chapel, St Lawrence Church, 7.15pm.

Sunday 10th March Talking Jesus. Galilee Chapel, St Lawrence Church, 6.30pm.

See you at our

Lent Lunches

Holybourne Church



Home made soups

Different selection every week

Wednesdays

from 12.30pm

13th March, 20th March, 27th March,
3rd April, 10th April, 17th April

Donations to The Lighting Project Holybourne Church

Fairtrade Fortnight

(25th February- 10th March)

The Big Brew Celebration ☐

This year I will be hosting 2 Big Brew events
to celebrate Traidcraft's 40th Birthday
and raise funds for Traidcraft Exchange.

Come along to enjoy a fairtrade cup of tea or coffee
and homemade fairtrade cake,
while browsing a selection of Fairtrade gifts and food.

In addition to the Big Brew events there will be a Traidcraft stall at
St Peter's Church Beech on Sunday 3rd March
after the 9.15am Morning Worship
and to round off Fairtrade Fortnight there will be a Traidcraft stall
at **St Lawrence Church on Sunday 10th March**
after the 10.30am service.

Big Brew Events

Tuesday 26th February - Methodist Church 10am - midday
join me at this regular coffee morning

Friday 8th March - 3 Wilsom Road Alton 2pm-5pm
(parking is limited but we are only a 2 minute walk from Kings Pond car-park)

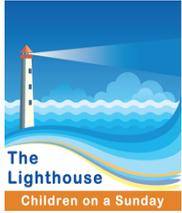
I look forward to sharing tea, cake and a chat with you.
Jo McGregor

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.**

Teddies Toddler Groups

Come to the Teddies
Toddler Groups on
Mondays
9:30am until 10:30am
St Lawrence Church
and
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

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Revd Rachel Sturt (Assistant Priest) Tel. 83234

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Getting in touch

For enquiries please be in touch with the Parish Administrator on
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The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm