

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.

1st September
Trinity II

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Lynn Power

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Morning Worship - St Peter's

Led by Margaret Bell

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Parish Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Lynn Power

3.30pm

Baptism - All Saints

Led by Andrew Micklefield

6.30pm

Choral Evensong - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Collect Prayer

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Today's Readings

Invitation to a banquet

Luke 14: 1, 7-14 (Page 849)
Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 (Page 979)

Also at All Saints
Proverbs 26: 6-7 (Page 531)



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Dear Reader

Last weekend was the Jigsaw Festival held in St Lawrence Church. It was a great Bank Holiday week-end with lovely hot weather to add, but yet many people enjoyed the puzzles, music, refreshments, tombola and meeting people. A special thank you needs to go to Derek Gurney and Peter Bell who between them organised the Festival. And so many other volunteers too - those who served food and drinks, those who played the piano and organ, those who welcomed people into the church, those who kept the stock flowing, those who helped people with their jigsaw finds, those who took the money and those who were around to have conversation. Thank you for all your time and thought. We raised altogether £3,512.45 - a fabulous total.

We now move into the autumn term after our 'Step Back for August'. On Sundays we will be first be thinking about 'Invitation' with readings from Luke's Gospel to help us. Invitation is important - people do not come to things unless asked. When was the last time you invited someone to something? When was the last time you invited someone to church or to one our events or activities? It is often said a phrase like 'I'm going, would you like to come with me?' can make all the difference. Maybe during September we might invite someone to church with us? After the short series on 'invitation' we will turn to Harvest and our responsibility to God's creation. We will start this with a Parish Altogether Service on Sunday 29th September when a team from the parish will introduce our Eco Church initiatives.

We are launching Alpha on Thursday 26th September - six sessions on Thursdays - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Will you come? And will you invite someone to come with you? Take the postcard invitation and use it to tell people and invite people please. Andrew



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PARISHGIVINGScheme

A better way to encourage giving in your church

Please remember to support our local food bank The Alton Foodbank is running low on the following products Sponge Puddings, Tinned and Instant Potatoes, Powdered Milk and Nappies size 5 and 6
"Don't come to church empty handed"

Giving to the Parish The Parish is reliant on the generosity of its worshipping community for all of our ministry and mission. We are extremely 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 and other ways for supporting us. In every service there is a collection, at some services and events we use 'Tap and Go' machines for debit and credit card use, the Parish Office has a card reader for donations, and there is a donate button on the parish website where you can make one off or regular gifts. Thank you in advance for all you can give.

Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 2nd	Psalm 80	Micah 1.1-9	Mark 5.1-20
Tuesday 3rd	Psalm 89.1-18	Micah 2	Mark 5.21-34
Weds 4th	Psalm 119.105-128	Micah 3	Mark 5.35-end
Thurs 5th	Psalm 92	Micah 4.1-5.1	Mark 6.1-13
Friday 6th	Psalm 88	Micah 5.2-end	Mark 6.14-29
Saturday 7th	Psalm 97	Micah 6	Mark 6.30-44
Sunday 8th		Philemon 1-21	Luke 14.25-33

Also at All Saints:

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

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—meeting every Wednesday at 7.45pm at 62 Anstey Road, Alton. 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 September 2019

We pray for the Winchester Diocese, of which we are a part. Give thanks for the leadership of Bishop Tim and Bishop David as they help and encourage us to be a mission shaped diocese. Also we pray for our Alton Deanery and especially for Revd Brian Pritchard the Area Dean, for Derek Gurney the Lay Chair of the Deanery Synod, for Margaret Bell the Secretary to the Deanery meeting, for Elspeth Gurney the Finance Chair for the Deanery.

Pray for our nation as we move towards Brexit. These last months have brought instability, confusion and differing views. Please pray for our government and Prime Minister as well as those in other European countries. We need wisdom, strength and Godly and goodly character for all those involved in these negotiations. Pray that people may find resolve in God and His Word.

We pray for Busybees Pre-School which meets in the Parish Centre. We give thanks to God for the work they do with young children and particularly give thanks for the leadership of Janet Duddridge and Alison Stickland who have now left to take on new roles. We pray for Debbie Morgan as takes over the leadership and all those who will plan and deliver the day to day teaching and learning with her. We pray for good, healthy links between Busybees and the Parish.

Every month Beech Village Hall is full of people enjoying The Beech Lunch Club. We thank God for the opportunities this brings for older people in the area to meet together and enjoy wonderful food. Please pray for those who organise this - Sarah Neish and Gill Scott in particular. Pray for continued fun and fellowship and the relationships built and nurtured.

As our local schools go back for a new academic year we pray for all students and staff. Especially we pray for those starting in new places, whether that is at University, Alton College or a new year group or new school. Pray for their learning and their enjoyment. Pray for friendships and good times. We particularly remember in our prayers our two Church of England schools in the Parish - Andrews Endowed and St Lawrence and their Headteachers - Maria Lloyd and Dawn Casson.

Pray for the forthcoming Alpha sessions. Pray that people will come to explore life and faith - who will you pray for specifically? Who might you come with? Pray for those who will be leading the sessions, those who facilitate discussion, those who will provide the food and drinks.



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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:

Colin, Ken Littlefield, Gary & Carol Phillips,
Jenny Thompson (AS), Frank Wallace, Maureen
Serle, Julia Poole, Barbara Turk, Joan Cheeseman,
Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Cecil Griffin, Gladys Barber, Vera Legg, Phyllida
McCormack, Mike Corfe, John Birch, Diana
Nicholas, Mouneer Wassef, Karen Atkinson, John
Jones, Patric Worsford,

Those preparing for Marriage:

Ineke Van Herwijnen & Keith Ritchie
Sophie Paterson & Ben Stringer
Sarah & Andrew Dell (Vow Renewal)
Laura Wilson & Jeremy Connell
Hayley Hodge & Steven Preston

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
and after Tuesday Café in Holy Rood Church at 12.00**

Monday	9.30am	Teddies Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Funeral of Gladys Barber	Holy Rood Church
	10.45am	Service of the Word	Marlfield
	12.00pm	Funeral of Phyllida McCormack	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10am-12	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	2.00pm	Funeral of Vera Legg	Holy Rood Church
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	9.30-5.00	Organ Tuning	St Lawrence Church
	10.15am	Coffee Morning	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.00am	St Lawrence Sch Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Communion	Mary Rose Mews
	7.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline	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
	11.00am	Wedding and Baptism	Holy Rood Church
	1.00pm	Wedding Vow Renewal	Holy Rood Church
	1.00pm	Wedding	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	FROG	Parish Centre
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church

Notices

Coffee Morning—Wednesday 4th September. Remember to come along to the coffee morning in the Meeting Space at All Saints Church at 10.15am. All welcome.

Meet and Eat for Women of the Parish. The next meeting will be on **Monday 7th October 19.00** at Sarah Neish's house—Old Park Farm, Beech. Bring and Share supper and hopefully a guest speaker. Please email Lyn Baines Lynda.baines@btinternet.com if you would like to come or for more details. Hope to see you soon. **Please note the meeting on 2nd September has been cancelled.**

Thank you from the POD following the Jigsaw Festival - I just wanted to say a personal thank you to ALL who helped decorate, set up tables, bake and make so many delicious cakes and biscuits for this event and to all who helped serve the wonderful array of eats and drinks too!! What an event with much to be grateful for, teamwork, outreach, support, friendships and time to talk. Sending grateful heartfelt thanks to all involved in so many ways, Sarah

BRF Notes. The BRF notes for September - December are now available. Your copy is at the church where you normally worship for your collection.

Holybourne Teddies. From September Holybourne Teddies will run on a Wednesday morning instead of a Thursday. The first session will be on **Wednesday 11th September** and will continue as such during term time. The time will remain the same as 9.30—10.30am.

CYC 10th Anniversary Concert CYC and CTC will be performing at a special 10th Anniversary concert on **Saturday 14th September** in St Lawrence Church at 6.45pm. They will be supported by guest artist Zozëy. Tickets available to purchase on the door. Adults £5, under 18's/Seniors £3.

Ride & Stride 14th September 2019 .We are looking for more volunteers to take part in this years event, either by riding, striding or acquiring sponsorship. We also need volunteers to welcome and offer refreshments in each of our churches to those taking part on the day. If you can help in any way please contact Sarah Neish – 01420 565696, sarah.neish@btconnect.com or Tim Codling – 01420 80388, tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk.

Alpha We are running Alpha sessions for 6 weeks starting on **Thursday 26th September**. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.. We will be running Alpha between 7.30pm and 9.15pm in The Parish Centre and will serve puddings and drinks before a talk and discussion. Anyone is very welcome to come along and join us. And we ask that you invite people to come and come along with them. If you are interested there are some invitation cards in all the churches and please let us know by using the alpha.potr@gmail.com address. This is a fantastic opportunity. Andrew

The BIG Harvest Supper The GAP Big Harvest Supper, which takes place in Alton Methodist Church on **Saturday 28th September**, promises to be a great social occasion. A substantial two-course buffet meal will be served, and this will be followed by some light entertainment. It's expected to be popular, and as space is limited, admission will be by ticket only, allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. There's no charge for this event, but cash donations are requested on the night; surplus monies will be passed on to Anna Chaplaincy funds. To obtain your ticket, contact: Parish of the Resurrection – Sarah Neish (sarah.neish@btconnect.com or 01420 565696), Alton Methodist Church – David Allan (oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk or 01420 84739)

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

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 us 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

Wednesdays (Term Time)
9:30am until 10:30am

Church of the Holy Rood Holybourne



For stories, crafts, singing, prayers.

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