

# 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.

**4th August**  
**Trinity 7**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

**Holy Communion - St Lawrence**  
Led by Revd Gordon Randall

**10.30am**

**Parish Communion - Holy Rood**  
Led by Revd Gordon Randall

## Collect Prayer

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard  
seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

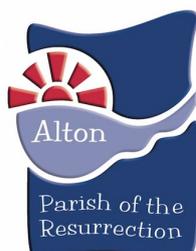
## Today's Readings

***Where is your treasure?***

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:19-23

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Luke 12:13-21 (Page 846)



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Dear Reader

August for many is often a little quieter. Perhaps this provides an opportunity to stop, reflect and consider how we use our time in service of God and others. *In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.* **Proverbs 16:9**

Just to remind us, the services for August are:

4th August	8am at St Lawrence	10.30am at Holy Rood
11th August	8am at St Peter's	10.30am at All Saints
18th August	8am at All Saints	10.30am at St Lawrence
25th August	8am at Holy Rood	10.30am at St Peter's

There will be some children's ministry at each 10.30am service.

Whilst, this month does provide some downtime we still have much to look forward to including the Jigsaw Festival. Please consider if this is something you can help with.

From a personal perspective... on 11th August from 2 pm to 5 pm Ruth and I are holding an 'Open House' at the Vicarage in Holybourne. There will be plenty of tea and cake on the go. If you are around please just pop in at a time that is convenient to you. Oh...and please pray the weather is good!

Enjoy August! Many thanks, Gordon.

**Parish Away Day** More details and booking forms are now available for the Parish Away Day. We would like a really good number of people to be with us of all ages. We are going to the delightful Avington Park in the Itchen Valley on **Saturday 21st September**. Please pick up a leaflet.



**Please remember to support our local food bank** The Alton

Foodbank is running low on the following products

Tinned custard, rice pudding, and vegetables; UHT milk and fruit juice; Rice; Coffee; Nappies Size 6. All donations to be placed in the Foodbank basket in church. *"Don't come to church empty handed"*

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**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](mailto: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*

<b>Monday 5th</b>	<b>Psalm 1</b>	<b>Jeremiah 26</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 11.1-15</b>
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	<b>Psalm 27</b>	<b>1 Kings 19.1-16</b>	<b>1 John 3.1-3</b>
<b>Weds 7th</b>	<b>Psalm 119.1-32</b>	<b>Jeremiah 29.1-14</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 12</b>
<b>Thurs 8th</b>	<b>Psalm 15</b>	<b>Jeremiah 30.1-11</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 13</b>
<b>Friday 9th</b>	<b>Psalm 19</b>	<b>Jeremiah 30.12-22</b>	<b>James 1.1-11</b>
<b>Saturday 10th</b>	<b>Psalm 23</b>	<b>Jeremiah 31.1-22</b>	<b>James 1.12-end</b>
<b>Sunday 11th</b>		<b>Genesis 15.1-6</b>	<b>Luke 12:32-40</b>

*Also at All Saints:*

**Hebrews 11.1-3,8-16**

## **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.

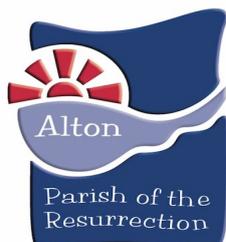
**Monday;** Oasis. Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: [ellieelder@gmail.com](mailto:ellieelder@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)



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## Praying in August 2019

We give thanks for the valuable ministry undertaken by our Parish Pastoral Visitors. Pray that those who are visited and shown love will be encouraged by their words, prayers and time. Many of those visited are lonely, grieving, poorly or housebound - lift them to God for healing, comfort and peace.

We pray for our children's ministry. The Lighthouse meets in Alton Methodist Church and St Lawrence Church. We pray for its further development and growth as we see more families and children at our worship and events. Also pray for The Teddies toddler groups which meet at The Church of the Holy Rood and St Lawrence as they grow and nurture young children and parents.

We pray for Ali Wright, our Youth Minister and Chaplain to Alton College. We pray for her ministry with FROG, METTLE and other opportunities for young people. We thank God especially for the work she has been able to do in Amery Hill and Eggars Secondary Schools. We especially pray for our young people who are going to Soul Survivor during the summer holiday - pray that they worship, pray and get to know Jesus more.

Pray for the forthcoming Jigsaw Puzzle Festival. Particularly pray for those who are organising it. This is a fantastic community event and so we ask that God will help us to further our vision of being 'active in service' and 'proclaiming the Risen Jesus'.

We have had the privilege of many baptisms and weddings in the parish recently - and there are more to come. Pray for these opportunities to meet and welcome these people, that we will convey our faith well and that they will encounter God through the services and relationships we build.

We pray for Alton Methodist Church and our ongoing relationship and ministry together. We thank God for Philip Simpkins their minister and those who serve with in him leading their church.

We are planning and preparing for two exciting courses in the autumn. There will be an Alpha Course and a Parenting for Faith course. Please pray for those who are getting involved in all the preparations and most importantly that people will come. Please pray for those who you could invite to come along and explore faith with us - maybe you would come with them.



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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 :**

John Birch, Diana Nicholas, Mouneer Wassef,  
Karen Atkinson, John Jones, Patric Worsford,  
Allen Larvan, Mary Jones, Mary Edwards

**Those preparing for Marriage:**

Laura Kanaan & Robert Scull  
Hayley Watson & Tom Stokes  
Michael Jones & Alanta Prior  
Olivia Davis & Joshua Chalcraft  
Ineke Van Herwijnen & Keith Ritchie  
Sophie Paterson & Ben Stringer  
Sarah & Andrew Dell (Vow Renewal)

**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*

<b>Monday</b>	11.00am	Teddies Group Picnic	Old Park Farm
	6.15pm	Meet & Eat for women of the Parish	meet at M&S Car Park
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	10.00am	Coffee Morning	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	7-8pm	Private event	Holy Rood Church
<b>Thursday</b>	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline	St Lawrence Church
<b>Friday</b>	2.30pm	Alzheimers Forget-Me-Not Service	All Saints Church
<b>Saturday</b>	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Beginners and Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am	Communion	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	3.30pm	Baptism	All Saints Church

**Ride & Stride 2019** Last year I said that it would be the final time I would be taking part in this very worthwhile event, which helps raise funds for the Hampshire and Islands Historic Churches Trust. We were fortunate enough, during the restoration work carried out on St. Lawrence Church, to have been the beneficiaries of a substantial grant from the H&IHCT. Through taking part in Ride & Stride over the last few years we have raised a significant amount of money for the Trust, which will in turn benefit other churches that are in need of repair. I confess I have always found it embarrassing having to ask the same members of our congregations for sponsorship each year, even though those who have sponsored me in the past have been more than generous.

However, we as a parish have been approached again this year by the H&IHCT and asked if we will take part in Ride & Stride on the **14th September**. Unfortunately this is the day that we return from our parish trip to The Seven Churches in Turkey, which means that several of the riders who would normally take part in the event will be unavailable.

Therefore 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.

## Notices

**St Lawrence Teddies Picnic** On **Monday 5th August** there will be no St Lawrence Teddies on the church as Sarah Neish has invited the group to Old House Farm for a picnic at 11am (weather permitting). Older siblings are welcome to come as well. Adults will be responsible for their own children. Please bring your own picnic. Contact Sarah on 07761933031 if you need directions. The event will be cancelled if it rains.

**Coffee Morning** in the Meeting Space in All Saints Church, **Wednesday 7th August** from 10.15 am, all welcome!

**Alzheimer's Afternoon Forget-Me-Not Service** Our annual service to remember and support families, led by Rachel Sturt, Anna Chaplain for Older People, will take place on **Friday 9th August** at 2.30pm in All Saints Church, followed by (from approx 3.15pm) a fund-raising afternoon tea, music from Jacob plus Grand Raffle and Tombola, in the Church hall. Do come to either or both, you will be made most welcome!

**Thank you and 'Open House' Invitation** Ruth and I have felt so welcomed since we arrived here in the POTR. So now we'd like to invite you to an 'Open House' on **Sunday 11th August** when we'll open up the garden and the vicarage between 2pm and 5pm. Please feel free to drop in during that time when it's convenient to you. There will be lots of tea and cake on the go! Parking on our driveway is limited so if you are able to park elsewhere and walk that would really help. Our address is... The Vicarage, 7 Church Lane, Holybourne, GU34 4HD. We look forward to welcoming you.

Many thanks Gordon & Ruth Randall

**Tea for Karamoja:** What could be better than scones, cake and tea in the beautiful surroundings of Old Park Farm, courtesy of Ed and Sarah Neish? Come and enjoy afternoon tea on **Saturday 17th August** from 2.30-4.30pm, and at the same time support the training college in Karamoja. Tickets £10 from Peter Bell 86063 or contact the office.

**Refreshments for The Jigsaw Festival:** CALLING ALL BAKERS &/or HELP IN THE POD OR SERVING CAKES PLEASE: Please contact me if you are willing and able to help in any way as above for the jigsaw festival? Homemade cakes and biscuits are always MUCH appreciated by all attending. Bakers... the choice is yours, but please let me know what you like to make with the day on which you can deliver to the pod. Pod Slots / Cake Servers are for 2 hours: Friday, Saturday and Monday 10am-12, 12-2pm, 2-4pm and on Sunday 12-2pm and 2-4pm. Sarah 07761933031 or sarah.neish@btconnect.com

**JIGSAW FESTIVAL** – Help is needed to fill all the jobs for the Festival from 23rd to 26th August. Friday, Saturday and Monday 3 shifts - 10am; 12pm and 2pm and Sunday 2 shifts - 12pm and 2pm. Please either give your name to your Churchwardens or email derekgurney@sky.com with times you are available and your telephone number please.

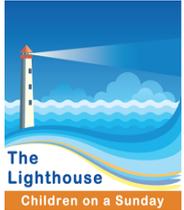
**For more information please go to our web site [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk)**

## 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)  
10.00am 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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### Getting in touch

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