

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.

29th September
Trinity 15

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

POTR Service - St Lawrence

Eco Church & Harvest Celebration

4.00pm

Church @ 4

Andrews' Endowed School

Led by Revd Gordon Randall

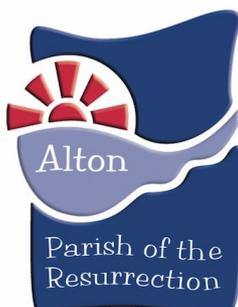
Collect Prayer

Lord God,
defend your Church from all
false teaching
and give to your people knowledge
of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

Harvest Thanksgiving

Psalm 95 (Page 479)
Luke 12:16-30 (Page 846)



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Dear Reader

It is our custom on 5th Sundays to make our collection for our support of Karamoja, our link Diocese in Uganda. Especially we support the Diocesan Training Centre which trains lay people who minister in the growing churches of the area. Today please give generously. All loose money, donations in white and pink envelopes and card machine donations will be donated to Karamoja.

We are launching our Eco-Church project work today in our 10.30am service and I am very grateful to the group which has come together to plan all of this. It is an important part of mission together as church and over the next few weeks members of the group will be visiting all our churches to talk more and encourage us. This all fits together into the theme of harvest.

As we celebrate Harvest, all throughout October I encourage you to support very specifically the Alton Foodbank by making extra donations of goods for its warehouse stock and for giving to those who are in need. We will remind you of the particular goods they are needing. Presently they are urgently asking for coffee, tinned meat, biscuits, chocolate, tinned salmon, deodorant and liquid hand soap.

Today is Ali Wright's last day with us as our Youth Minister. We thank her for all the ministry she has undertaken with us for young people and wish her God's blessings for her future. Ali is staying in Alton and so we look forward to seeing her and keeping in touch.

Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank Please see Dear Reader for specific donations.

"Don't come to church empty handed"

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PARISHGIVINGScheme
A better way to encourage giving in your church

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 30th	Psalm 30	Zechariah 10	Mark 11.1-11
Tuesday 1st	Psalm 36	Zechariah 11.4-end	Mark 11.12-26
Weds 2nd	Psalm 34	Zechariah 12.1-10	Mark 11.27-end
Thurs 3rd	Psalm 37	Zechariah 13	Mark 12.1-12
Friday 4th	Psalm 31	Zechariah 14.1-11	Mark 12.13-17
Saturday 5th	Psalm 42	Zechariah 14.12-end	Mark 12.18-27
Sunday 6th		Genesis 1.25-36	Luke 17.5-10

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 (a ladies homegroup) Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further info please contact Ellie Elder on 0773666650 or email: ellieelder@gmail.com

Tuesday: Emmaus Housegroup. Meeting twice a month 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

Young People's Church

The Lighthouse..... Come and join us on Sunday mornings (Term time) at 10.30am at St Lawrence Church. (except the 3rd Sunday for Church@4) 10.00am at Alton Methodist Church.

Crafts, singing, prayers. Everyone is welcome



METTLE—Every Tuesday evening at 7pm to 8.30pm at Sally and Robin Kemp's House, 44 Vicarage Hill. For school years 9-13.

Teddy Bear Service for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups.

St Lawrence Church—every Monday 9.30am

Church of the Holy Rood—Wednesdays at 9.30am (term time only)



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:

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

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Leslie Parkes, Madeleine Wombell, Anthony Reed, Lawrence Napier-Ford, Martin West, Maureen Serle, Cecil Griffin, Gladys Barber, Vera Legg, Phyllida McCormack

Those preparing for Marriage:

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 at St Lawrence	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10am-12pm	Tuesday Café	Holybourne Vicarage
	12-5pm	Organ Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Organ Society Concert	St Lawrence Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	9.30am	Teddies at Holy Rood	Holy Rood Church
Thursday	9.00am	St Lawrence School Worship	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Alpha Course	Parish Centre
	8.00pm	Compline	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	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	2.00pm	District Bell Ringing Competition	Holy Rood Church
	4.00pm	Bell Ringers Learners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	Communion BCP	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	Communion CW	All Saints Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	3.30pm	Baptism	All Saints Church
	4.00pm	Reflective Communion	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Travelling Evensong	Holy Rood Church



Alpha We are running Alpha sessions for 5 more weeks .The next one is on **Thursday 3rd October**. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. We are 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.

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

Notices



Ride and Stride Thank you again for the sponsorship money donated for this event. If you still need to donate please can you drop the money in to the Parish Centre.

Walking Church for Men: Monday 30th September 6.30p.m. Book early to avoid disappointment for this walk and meal at The Greyfriar in Chawton. Places are limited. Contact Robin Kemp on 07957 653403 for further details and to secure your place.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national charity that supports people who are in debt and struggling financially. There is a local centre based at the Maltings. CAP also runs a course called Fresh Start which aims to help people who have life controlling habits; a new course will begin on **Mondays from 30 September from 7.30-9pm** in the Shaftesbury Room at the Maltings (a free meal will be offered from 7pm). If you or anyone you know is interested please contact Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913. Fliers are available at the churches



Coffee Morning in aid of All Saints Church Flower fund. **Saturday 5th October 10am—12pm** at All Saints Church Hall. Come and join us for coffee, refreshments and a nice chat. We will be having a raffle. Hope you can join us, Gwen Norkett and the team.

Traidcraft at St Peter's. 6th October—come and collect all your Traidcraft favourites.

Afternoon Tea will be served before Reflective communion at **3pm on Sunday 6th October** at All Saints

Meet and Eat for Women of the Parish – Monday 7th October 19.00 at Sarah Neish's house - Old Park Farm, Beech. Bring and Share supper. Lynn Power will be our guest speaker and she is talking about her Chaplaincy at Treloars. Please email Lyn Baines Lynda.baines@btinternet.com if you would like to come or for more details. Hope to see you soon.

Come and hear **Alton Brass & Strings in concert** on **Saturday 19th October at 7.30pm** in Holybourne church. Entrance is free; donations towards Action for Children. Music ranging from Grieg to Lady Gaga - not to be missed.



Christmas Angels: last year 500 knitted angels with a Christmas message to come to a Church service were placed around the town. All knitters are invited to make more. Patterns are at the back of the churches.

Refreshments after Sunday morning service in St Lawrence Jenny Thompson is looking for an additional 3 people to help with the very important role of serving refreshments in St Lawrence after the service on the first Sunday of each month. If you are able to help with this, please speak to Jenny after church or contact her on 01420 587894/ email: thompson830@btinternet.com. Thank you.

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*

Parish News and Photos. I am trying to keep our social media pages up to date with upcoming events. If you have any Parish events you would like to promote please email the office. Also it would be great to celebrate events after they have happened. If you have any photos or a brief paragraph on how the event went we can share these successes. **Please follow** our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. Like and share our posts.

Also visit our website for up-to-date news, services, events and prayers.

www.potr-alton.co.uk



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