

# 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 churchwarden. 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

**26th November**  
**Christ the King**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

### **Holy Communion - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield  
and Revd Joy Windsor

**9.15am**

### **Parish Communion - Holy Rood**

Led by Revd David Hinks  
and Margaret Bell

### **Parish Communion - St Peters**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

**10.30am**

### **Parish Communion - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield  
and Revd Joy Windsor

### **High Mass - All Saints**

Led by Revd David Hinks  
and Margaret Bell

**6.30pm**

### **Evening Worship - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Martin East  
And Revd Chris Bradish

## Collect Prayer

God the Father, help us to hear  
the call of Christ the King and to  
follow in his service, whose  
kingdom has no end; for he reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, one glory.  
Amen

## Today's Readings

### *Gifts and Offerings*

Philippians 4: 15-end (Pg 955)

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 (Pg 702)

Matthew 25: 31-46 (Pg 807)



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## Dear Reader

Recently there have been collections for charities and aid agencies taken during our services. You have been incredibly generous and thank you for your response and compassion. At harvest we collected for the Alton Foodbank and we raised approximately £640; we did door collections for The Disasters Emergency Committee response for those fleeing Myanmar and we raised £530; and on the last Sunday of September our collections were for our ongoing support to Karamoja and this time we will add about £480 to that already collected during the year. This is on top of our regular stewardship and generosity and also the food collections for the Foodbank. Also I have been overwhelmed in the response to the call for food and toiletries for the local family in need. The box in the passageway at St Lawrence Vicarage will remain during this coming week.

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday and we begin our forward look towards Christmas and the coming of Jesus as God with us, Emmanuel. It is tradition to celebrate Advent Sunday as The Greater Alton Project so we will join together and be joined by our friends from Alton Methodist Church in a service at St Lawrence Church at 10.30am. There will be 8am services but no others that morning. I encourage you to be there. In the evening on Advent Sunday, 6.30pm again at St Lawrence Church there will be the Advent Carol Service - a fantastic way to start the season. The choir have been working hard to give us a stunning act of worship.

Today we focus our minds on our stewardship. What is God calling you and me to do in terms of our time, energy, money and talents? Please take time to answer the question and respond accordingly - there is literature to help.

Andrew



**Please remember to support our local food bank.**

***“ Don't come to church empty handed”***

**All donations to be placed in the Foodbank basket in church.**



**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 Elizabeth Dain on 01420 89062 or [dainbs@btinternet.com](mailto:dainbs@btinternet.com), and she will talk to you about the Parish Giving Scheme. If you are 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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**An easy way to donate to the Parish of the Resurrection. Send a text to 70070 with the message POTR34 and the value of your donation e.g. £5. Please speak with Tori Hewitt on 01420 83234 if you would like any help with using this form of donating.**

## **Bible Readings for the week**

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

<b>Monday 27th</b>	<b>Psalm 96</b>	<b>Isaiah 14.3-20</b>	<b>Matthew 9.18-34</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th</b>	<b>Psalm 97</b>	<b>Isaiah 17</b>	<b>Matthew 9.35-10.15</b>
<b>Wednesday 29th</b>	<b>Psalm 112</b>	<b>Isaiah 19</b>	<b>Matthew 10.16-33</b>
<b>Thursday 30th</b>	<b>Psalm 47</b>	<b>Ezekiel 47.1-12</b>	<b>John 12.20-32</b>
<b>Friday 1st</b>	<b>Psalm 139</b>	<b>Isaiah 22.1-14</b>	<b>Matthew 11.2-19</b>
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	<b>Psalm 145</b>	<b>Isaiah 24</b>	<b>Matthew 11.20-end</b>
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>Isaiah 64:1-19</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:3-9</b>	<b>Mark 13:24-37</b>

## **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 or David.

- Monday; Young Mum's Home Group. Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. We are looking at 'Daniel - Faith under Fire.' For further info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: [ellieelder@gmail.com](mailto:ellieelder@gmail.com)
- Tuesday; Holybourne Pilgrim Group. Will meet on 5th December at 7.30pm to commence a study on Advent at The Vicarage and then for the following two Tuesdays. . Please contact Peter and Sylvia Raine (01256 381221).
- Wednesday; Pilgrim Group: at All Saints. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month after the communion service, from 10.15am until 11.15am  
Housegroup: "God speaks through Mark's Gospel" 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start. At Thelma's, 1 New Barn Lane. Details Margaret or Peter Bell 86063
- Thursday; Bible Society LYFE at Liz & Trev's, at 2 The Lamports. Led by Liz Griffiths, for information. Please contact Liz via email: [lizmgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)

## **“Be Generous” Month**

*How much can I give?*



## Praying in November 2017

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 who has recently been appointed Area Dean and for Revd David Hinks as Assistant Area Dean.

We are welcoming many children and adults to the Teddies Groups in St Lawrence Church and at The Church of the Holy Rood.. Please pray for the leaders of this group especially Sarah Broadbent, Sarah Neish, Sarah Ebbutt, Sheila Sorby at St Lawrence and Sylvia Raine, Corinne & Alan Armstrong, Trish Field and Kate Marsh at Holy Rood who faithfully arrange and minister to them.  
Pray for the growth in faith amongst the families who come.

We thank God for those who have encouraged us in The Sharing of Faith series - for The Ministry Team, for Lucy Moore, for Abbot Giles, for Debbie Thrower and Kate Dando. We pray for grace and strength to share the faith we have in Jesus Christ and that we will be effective witnesses in our community, work places, schools and amongst our friends and families.

We continue to remember the ministry and mission of the Diocese of Karamoja in Uganda. We sponsor students in the Diocesan College. We pray for their studies and for their families they have left behind. We also pray for those in our Deanery who form the Karamoja Link Committee.

As a parish we shall be celebrating Christ the King on Sunday 26th November and it has become practice also as Stewardship Sunday. We pray for our giving of time, talents and money for the work of God's kingdom expressed here through our four churches and our unity as one parish. May we all know the extent of God's love for us in Jesus and give generously in return.

We have our Services of Remembrance this month, and we continue to remember those who have died in war and armed action. We pray for peace in our world, for governments and aid agencies promoting justice and mercy, for those called to service in the forces, for envoys who travel to dangerous places seeking conversation of peace.



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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:**

Barbara Small, Jessica Withers, Pat Mansey,  
Tony Ludlow, Derek Shutler, Ben Stonehill, Neil,  
Mike Corfe, Ken Littlefield, Margaret Morley,  
Fabienne Enongene, Reuben and his family,  
Jean Bramfitt, Margaret Daisley, Ian Toombs  
and Judy Phillips.

**Those who are bereaved, Families of :**

Sue Pond, Derek Atkinson, Peter Longhurst,  
Rosemary Fairbank, Joseph Kasa, Elizabeth  
Lawrie, Betty Goddard, Peter Pretious, Joyce  
Brosnan, Andrew Hutchinson, Norah Raban,  
Constance Smith and Hilary Fowler.

**Those preparing for Marriage:**

Jemma Lynam & Darren Austin

## Diary for the week

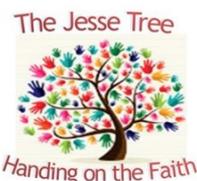
**Morning Prayer is said at 8.45am Monday - Friday in St Lawrence,  
also Wednesday in the church of the Holy Rood**

Monday	9.30am	Teddies	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Rehearsal for Carol Service	Holy Rood Church
	8.00pm	Cantique rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	8.00pm	Quintet Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	10.00am	Pre-school visit	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	The Lawn
	12.00pm	GAP Ladies Lunch	Alton House Hotel
Thursday	8.45am	Prayer in the Community	Alton College
	9.00am	StL School Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies	Holy Rood Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Prayer Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	10.30am	Communion	Willow Court
	6.15pm	CYC Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Learners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	2.00pm	Hard of Hearing Christmas Service	All Saints Church
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	Holy Communion	All Saints Church
	10.30am	GAP Advent Service	St Lawrence Church
	3.30pm	Baptism	St Lawrence Church
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	St Lawrence Church

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

## Notices

**Calling all Grandparents!** Announcing the inaugural course for Grandparents who would like to pass on their faith to their grandchildren. Our fourth and final session will be on **29<sup>th</sup> November between 13.45 and 14.45 in the Parish Centre**. The sessions will begin with a short time of inter-generational worship (as we anticipate that there may be some little ones present). We will then look at a short passage of scripture before sharing ideas of how to put thoughts into action. A key part of the sessions will involve craft work where we will each aim to make a simple advent calendar (only five windows) for our grandchildren. Hopefully these will act as prompts and discussion starters to talk about our life and faith journeys. A crèche will be provided.



**If you are interested in coming along or if you want to discuss this further**

## Notices

*Ian and Peta Sutherland thank all of the kind members of our lovely Church family for the prayers, loving messages, cards and flowers - and the heart-warming hugs - during the recent tragic loss of their lovely granddaughter Gaia. You have all helped, thank you so much for caring. Love and blessings Peta and Ian*

**Knitted Christmas Angels:** Come and find out about this exciting outreach project that has been successfully run from North Camp Methodist Church for the last couple of Christmases. There will be a GAP council meeting open to all at 7pm on Weds 29<sup>th</sup> November at St Lawrence church in the Galilee chapel. You can find out more on the Rushmoor Christmas Angels Facebook page.



**Foodbank:** Currently we have very good stocks of most items, but still are short of Instant Mashed Potato. Also we are collecting for Christmas boxes for those who come in December. Basic Christmas items like Christmas biscuits, mince pies, stuffing, gravy etc and chocolates. Peter

**GAP Ladies Lunch.** The next lunch will be on Wednesday, 29 November, at the Alton House Hotel. Please join us if you can anytime from 12.15pm onwards. Newcomers are very welcome. Please let J Hedges (542624) know if you would like to come or E A Dain (89062) if you need transport.

**Mince Pie Ministry** Once again the GAP churches will be distributing mince pies to railway staff and commuters at Alton Railway Station on Monday 11th December 2017. Commuters will receive a small bag containing a mince pie, a napkin printed with a Christmas greeting and a flyer detailing the Christmas Services in all our churches. We estimate that we will need about 500 mince pies and are asking you for donations of shop bought mince pies. These should be taken to any of the GAP Churches by lunchtime on Sunday 10th December. If anyone would like to help bag them up at 4 Windmill Hill on the afternoon of Sunday 10th December, or distribute them on Monday 11th December between 6am and 8.45am, please phone me on 01420 85247 or email me at [sarahebroadbent@aol.com](mailto:sarahebroadbent@aol.com).

**Christmas Day Lunch** John and Janet Ogden will be organising and hosting a lunch on Christmas day in the Parish Centre. This is the second year that we in POTR have organised this event, having picked up the baton from the Methodist Church last year as part of the Greater Alton Project. John and Janet are looking for volunteers to help with the organisation, setting up on Christmas Eve and helping to cook and serve lunch, and transport and entertain guests on Christmas Day. There are a range of tasks and you do not need to be able to be there on Christmas Day in order to help. Each guest receives a gift and this year we would appreciate it if some of you could give an (unwrapped) gift to the value to £5 for distribution to guests. If you would like to be involved in making this even a success or if you are willing to contribute in any way at all, please contact Janet on [jntpeel@googlemail.com](mailto:jntpeel@googlemail.com) or by phone at (John) 07981 016938 or (Janet) 07894 076792

**All Saints Church Beetle Drive** Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017, at All Saints Hall, Queens Road. Starting at 7pm. Entry £3 which includes refreshments. All welcome to Mon's celebrated Beetle Drive for a fun evening. As usual Mon will have a Raffle. On this occasion the proceeds of the evening will be going to Holy Rood Church Living Space Project. All enquiries to Mon Spiers on 01420 86313.

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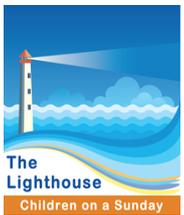
**Please note the 'new' Parish Office opening hours detailed at the bottom of this page. Thank you**

### Payments to the Parish

If you would like to make a payment or donation to the Parish, please contact Tori Hewitt in the Parish office for the Parish bank account details or make cheques payable to 'Parish of the Resurrection, Alton'. *Thank you*

#### The Lighthouse.....

Come and join at The Lighthouse  
Every Sunday (Term Time)



9.15am at Church of the Holy  
Rood  
10.30am at St Lawrence  
Parish Centre  
10.30am 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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### Getting in touch

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The office is open Monday 9.30am - 11.30am & Tuesday to Thursday 9am - 3pm