

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

3rd December
1st Sunday of Advent

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd David Hinks

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

GAP Advent Service - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Philip Simpkins
& Revd Andrew Micklefield

3.30pm

Baptism - St Lawrence

Led by Revd David Hinks

6.30pm

Advent Carol Service - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Collect Prayer

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to
the light of holiness,
that we may be ready
to meet you in our
Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ
Amen

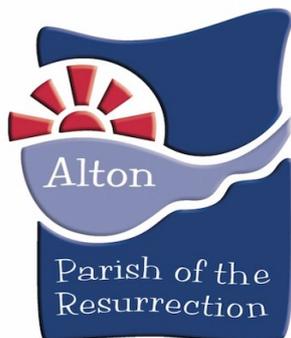
Today's Readings

In those days....

Isaiah 64:1-9 (Pg 606)

I Corinthians 1:3-9 (Pg 926)

Mark 13:24-37 (Pg 826)



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Dear Reader

Today is Advent Sunday, but is this season just simply a countdown to Christmas? It is set aside as a period of time when we reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ into the world and what that means for everyone. As we light our Advent Wreath candles we will think of the patriarchs, the prophets, John the Baptist and Mary which help to bring into focus God's big picture of salvation through the whole of the Biblical story. Sometimes we say the candles stand for love, joy, hope and peace which are other good, healthy themes to bring to mind and heart through the season. Whatever, the reason for Advent is to set ourselves ready to receive the Good News of Christmas which is that God sends his Son to live with us - Emmanuel - bringing us eternal life and back into relationship with Him.

Today we worship with our sisters and brothers of Alton Methodist Church this morning at 10.30am in St Lawrence Church and this evening at 6.30pm we gather for our Advent Carol Service. I encourage both to you and look forward to seeing many of you. Don't forget that today also sees Alton's Yuletide Festival, so do go out onto the High Street for the fun; we turn on the Christmas lights as part of that this afternoon. Next weekend is The Christmas Tree Festival and please let everyone know and do come bringing your friends, neighbours and families. Christingle service also take place next Sunday with one at The Church of the Holy Rood at 10.30am and one at St Lawrence at 4.30pm.

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, 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

Monday 4th	Psalm 50	Isaiah 25.1-9	Matthew 12.1-21
Tuesday 5th	Psalm 80	Isaiah 26.1-13	Matthew 12.22-37
Wednesday 6th	Psalm 7	Isaiah 28.1-13	Matthew 12.38-end
Thursday 7th	Psalm 42	Isaiah 28.14-end	Matthew 13.1-23
Friday 8th	Psalm 25	Isaiah 29.1-14	Matthew 13.24-43
Saturday 9th	Psalm 9	Isaiah 29.15-end	Matthew 13.44-end
Sunday 10th	Isaiah 40.1-11	2 Peter 3.8-15a	Mark 1.1-8

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
- 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

“Be Generous” Month

How much can I give?



Praying in December 2017

During Advent we pray for our preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ. Please pray for the work involved in The Christmas Tree Festival (9/10th December); pray for the Christingle Services being held at Church of the Holy Rood & St Lawrence Church (10th December, 10.30am & 4.30pm); pray for the musicians and choirs practising for special services; pray for those who will lead and preach over the coming weeks.

We pray for those who will come to the Carol and Crib services over Christmas. We name five people we know who we would like to encounter Jesus this Christmas and come to faith in Him.

Advent and Christmas can be such a lonely time for some people. We pray for those who are not able to with their families because of long distances or the inability to travel. We pray for those who this Christmas will be the first without a loved one. We pray for the Christmas Day lunch being held in held in The Parish Centre being organised by John & Janet Ogden.

We pray for all those who serve our local community as our Alton town councillors and especially for the Mayor, Cllr Dean Phillips.

Over the recent months we have supported a number of charities and we pray for their work - for Alton Foodbank, for the charities engaged with The Disasters Emergency Committee work with those fleeing Myanmar, for our link with the Diocese of Karamoja. During December we will be collecting goods for the Refuge here in Alton - please pray for their vital work.

We continue to pray for our diocese, this month praying for those who work in the Finance Team and who spend time faithfully ensuring the smooth running of the precious resources we share.

We pray for our continuing partnership with Alton Methodist Church in The Greater Alton Project. Pray for unity, fellowship, commitment and our shared mission.



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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, Tony Ludlow,
Derek Shutler, Ben Stonehill, Neil, Mike Corfe,
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 Pat Mansey.

Those preparing for Marriage:

Jemma Lynam & Darren Austin
Jordan Pope & Caroline O'Connor

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
Tuesday	9.00am	Wooteys School visit	St Lawrence Church
	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
Wednesday	8.00pm	Organ Society Concert	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
Thursday	10.30am	Communion	The Lawn
	8.45am	Prayer in the Community	Fountain, Borovere
Friday	9.00am	StL School Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies	Holy Rood Church
	6.00pm	8th Beavers Group Visit	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Carol Practice	Holy Rood Church
	8.00pm	Compline Prayer Service	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	Set-up Christmas Tree Festival	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	CYC Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	7.00pm	Beetle Drive	All Saints Hall
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	10.00am	Christmas Tree Festival	St Lawrence Church
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
Sunday	10.30am	Bell Ringers Learners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	2.00pm	Hard of Hearing Christmas Service	All Saints Church
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peters Church
	10.30am	Funday Sunday	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	12.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival	St Lawrence Church
	2.00pm	Peal Attempt	Holy Rood Church
3.30pm	Baptism	All Saints Church	
4.30pm	Christingle Service	St Lawrence Church	
5.00pm	Taize Healing	All Saints Church	
6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church	

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

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

Coffee Morning in aid of Actionaid (a charity which Hilary Fowler supported)

Thursday 14th December from 10am until 12.30pm at 37 Curtis Road, Alton GU34 2SD. Please come along for Coffee, Cakes, Biscuits and a Raffle, ALL WELCOME. Being hosted by Lesley, Gill, Chris and Mary.



Notices

Traidcraft Jo will be with us in St Lawrence Church after the GAP Altogether service. Jo will have Christmas items available for you to purchase. This will be the last chance to buy your Christmas gifts or place your Christmas orders. Please don't miss out on this opportunity.

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

Christmas Tree Festival Come along to the Christmas Tree Festival at St Lawrence Church. Saturday 9th December from 10am until 4pm and Sunday 12pm until 4pm. Admission is Free, There will be a Tombola and Refreshments.

Tombola Donations for the Christmas Tree Festival. Gwen Mackrell will be running the tombola and will be grateful of donations. Please leave your gifts at the back of St Lawrence Church or the Parish Office.

Christingle Please come along to one of our Christingle Services on Sunday 10th December 10.30am at the Church of the Holy Rood and 4.30pm at St Lawrence Church at the end of the Christmas tree Festival.

All Saints Church Beetle Drive Friday 8th 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.

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.

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 or by phone at (John) 07981 016938 or (Janet) 07894 076792

Needed Honorary Treasurer for the Alton Karamoja Link Fund. This is a voluntary job and does not require long hours. Accounting experience is valuable but it is not necessary to be a qualified Accountant. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Dain Tel. 01420 89062 or bsdain@btinternet.com

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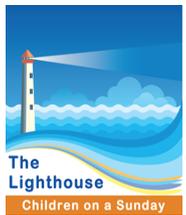
Santa Run by the Clergy Huge thanks to our brave and intrepid clergy who completed the gruelling "Santa Run" in such fine style. It was a wonderful day and many turned out especially to see the vicars run. Thank you also to all who have so generously sponsored them you have given over £400. If you have not already given the money please hand it to one of the clergy or to Sue Dell. Many Thanks

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

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