

# 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 with you.

**3rd September**  
**12th Sunday after Trinity**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

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

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

### **Holy Communion - All Saints**

Led by Revd David Hinks

**9.15am**

### **Morning Worship - St Peter's**

Led by Revd Lynn Power

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

Led by Revd Chris Bradish

**10.30am**

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

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

### **Morning Worship - All Saints**

Led by Revd David Hinks

**6.30pm**

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

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

and Revd Chris Bradish

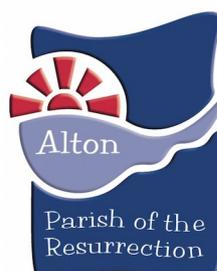
## Collect Prayer

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Today's Readings

Psalm 134 (pg. 501)  
1 Peter 3:8-16 (pg.985)  
Matthew 5:1-10 (pg.785)



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## Dear Reader

Can you believe just a week ago we were still immersed in the world of The Jigsaw Festival? Thank you to all those who volunteered in myriad different ways to make it happen and welcome so many people into St Lawrence Church. We have raised approximately £4,500 - well done to everyone involved.

This week sees the start of a new term and our activities begin again after the lull of the summer holidays. We particularly look forward to the Busy Bees Pre-School being in The Parish Centre. Please pray for Alison and Janet and the pre-school staff as they enter this new phase. With this in mind, I also need to thank all those who have done an amazing job in renovating and decorating The Parish Centre over the summer. It is almost unrecognisable. It has taken many many hours but what a difference.

This week our new Youth Minister, Ali Wright, begins her work with us. Please remember her in your prayers. She will be spending time meeting the young people involved in the parish, acquainting herself with Alton College, going to Amery and Eggars School and hatching plans for her ministry. I am sure you will get to meet her as she goes around the churches.

We begin a mini sermon series today for our morning services called 'Surprise the World' which looks at five habits for missional people. Today we look at 'Bless & Be Generous'. This evening we begin our new Evening Worship & Teaching Service at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church. A number of people want to worship in a gentle contemporary way with a focus on some teaching and prayer. It will last one hour and I encourage you to come along. We will do this every week as the calendar allow.

As I sit and write this, the sun is shining. Long may it continue.

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 new form of donating.**

<b>Bible Readings for the week</b> <i>taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily</i>			
<b>Monday 4th</b>	<b>Psalm 98</b>	<b>Proverbs 14.31-15-17</b>	<b>Mark 6. 45-end</b>
<b>Tuesday 5th</b>	<b>Psalm 106</b>	<b>Proverbs 15.18-end</b>	<b>Mark 7.1-13</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	<b>Psalm 111</b>	<b>Proverbs 18.10-end</b>	<b>Mark 7.14-23</b>
<b>Thursday 7th</b>	<b>Psalm 115</b>	<b>Proverbs 20.1-22</b>	<b>Mark 7.24-30</b>
<b>Friday 8th</b>	<b>Psalm 139</b>	<b>Proverbs 22.1-16</b>	<b>Mark 7.31-end</b>
<b>Saturday 9th</b>	<b>Psalm 121</b>	<b>Proverbs 24.23-end</b>	<b>Mark 8.1-10</b>
<b>Sunday 10th</b>	<b>Genesis 18:1-4</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 11:17-28</b>	<b>Luke 19:1-10</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. For further info please Contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: [ellieelder@gmail.com](mailto:ellieelder@gmail.com)

Tuesday; Holybourne Pilgrim Group. Will not be running currently, due to start again in September. Please contact Peter and Sylvia Raine on 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  
  
Group study will not be meeting during August, re-starting on the 6th September. For more details please contact Margaret & Peter Bell on 86063.

Thursday; Bible Society LYFE at Liz & Trev's, 2 The Lamports.  
Led by Liz Griffiths, for information. Please contact Liz via email: [lizmgriff@hotmail.com](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)

## Praying in September 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 Howard Wright, the Area Dean and for Revd David Hinks as Assistant Area Dean.

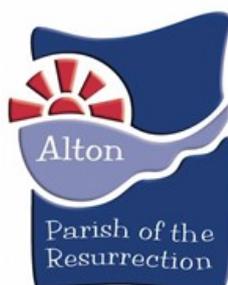
We continue to pray for Ali Wright, our new Youth Minister. Pray that she will settle into the parish well, begin to make good relationships with the young people of our parish and secondary schools and in particular with those at Alton College. Pray for the plans she will make to extend God's kingdom amongst young people and their families.

Pray for peace in our world. The last few months has seen various terrorist attacks in major cities. We remember those who mourn for loved ones who have died; we remember those who are still recovering from injuries received; we pray for those called to lead our countries at this time of heightened security levels.

We give thanks for the first two months of trading at Resurrection Furniture - the enterprise is working very well. Pray for the Trustees - Robin, Derek, Lisa Hillan, Clive, Roger & Ella - as they work with Michelle, the shop manager. We need more volunteers so please pray that people will feel called to help especially in the collecting and delivering of furniture.

The Living Space Project at The Church of the Holy Rood is now about to enter Phase One. So we pray for the team who are overseeing the project and especially Rob Law who is acting as project manager. We give thanks that funding is now in place to see the reordering through and we pray that all will go smoothly with the contractors and builders in the next few weeks.

We pray for Busy Bees Pre-School as they now take over the setting in The Parish Centre. Pray for Janet Duddridge and Alison Stickland as they manage the staff and activities of the pre-school. We pray for the existing staff who will continue with the day to day teaching and learning. We pray for good, healthy links between Busy Bees and the Parish.



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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. The 'Praying in October' side gives ideas for during the week. There will be a monthly gathering 'Parish Time with God' in one of the churches.

*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, Julie Tillcock, Derek Shutler, Peter  
Longhurst, Ben Stonehill, Gwen Pettigrew,  
Neil, Mike Corfe, Ken Littlefield, Alan  
Winter, Margaret Morley, Reuben and his  
family.

**Those who are bereaved: Families of**

Hilary Fowler, William Begbie, Doreen  
Giles, Barbara Porter, Adeline Neville,  
Paul Ives, Fredrick Searchfield, June  
Tremayne Clark, Barbara Garret, Josephine  
Smith, Adeline Neville, Paul Ives, Fredrick  
Searchfield, June Clarke, Barbara Garret  
& Bryan Crooks.

**Those preparing for Marriage:**

Paige Cameron & James Pomroy, Stephen  
Wright & Danielle Way, Benjamin Collins &  
Kimberley King, William Burlend & Frances  
Nicholson, Richard Bell & Hannah  
Willoughby, Emma Watson & Andrew  
Goodall, Amy Hennem & Matthew How.

**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
	2.30pm	Pastoral Visitors Meeting	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	10.15am	Communion	Fielders Court
	10.30am	Communion	The Lawn
Thursday	8.45am	Community Prayers	Market Square
	9.00am	St Lawrence School Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Mary Rose Mews
	12.50pm	Lunchtime Organ Concert	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Prayer Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	6.15pm	Covenant Youth Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	2.30pm	Wedding	Holy Rood Church
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Funday Sunday	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	5.00pm	Taize Healing Service	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church

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

### Notices



**Traidcraft** Jo will be in St Lawrence church after the 10.30am service (Sunday 3rd September) with her wonderful stall of goodies. There is a 'new' catalogue available for you to have a look at, with some lovely Seasonal items. Please do go to see Jo and re-stock your Fairtrade products.

## Notices



**Resurrection Furniture** We are still trying to build up the numbers of volunteers to run the shop, to help with collection and delivery and to do other, often non-strenuous, tasks. Please phone Robin Lees 86665 to offer help.

**Lunchtime Organ Concerts at St Lawrence Church** - our next concert will be on September 2017 with Rob Goldfinch. Admission is free with a retiring collection to cover expenses and donate to the church. Refreshments will be available before the start from about 12.50 pm. Concerts run from 1.10pm to 1.45 pm. For further details contact Tony Willman Email: [tony.willman@mac.com](mailto:tony.willman@mac.com), Mobile: 07928 516052, Home: 01420 543628, Web: [www.altonorgansociety.co.uk](http://www.altonorgansociety.co.uk)



**Ride & Stride 2017** - Volunteers to take part in this year's annual Ride and Stride event, taking place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September in aid of the Hampshire & Islands Historic Churches Trust. If you can ride a bicycle or walk a few miles and would like to take part in this enjoyable experience please contact Tim Codling on 80388 for further details.

***Please ensure ALL notices are in the office by 12noon on Wednesday.***



## Jigfest 2017



What a tremendous event again this year. After a year of people contributing made up puzzles, and an amazing team preparing for the festival, we grossed £4822.15 with about £260 expenses, so comparable with last year. We had 478 paying visitors, who bought more than 540 puzzles. However, I would want to say that the festival is so much more than the money raised, as important as that is. This is a brilliant community event, both for the church members who made it happen, and for those who came in to meet with them. It was lovely to see many bring their children who enjoyed the play area. It was wonderful to see families enjoying the event and sharing stories about how doing a puzzle together unites the generations. Or how one carer brought her charge along to sit in the ambience of St Lawrence, as she loves doing puzzles.

I want to say a special thanks to Jane Lees for looking after the banking, to Julie Hinks for arranging the rotas and taking on the catering, to Steve Thompson for being with me every day controlling the stock and cardboard, to Tony Willman, for coordinating the music, Peter Bell and Anthea for the heritage puzzles and Gwen & Lesley for the Tombola. Thanks too, to the 'heavy-lifters', the team who prepared the church before and after the event. Of course I would like to thank those of you who were cashiers, welcomers, jigsaw assistants, breakers and packers, door entry takers, the Pod catering team (inc. cake-bakers), the musicians who came to play the organ & piano, and finally everyone who made up the puzzles. You are all amazing!

Let's not forget this is all to the glory of God!

With my warmest appreciation, prayers and blessings,

David

**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 payments 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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**Associate Vicar:** Revd David Hinks  
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Tel. 83458 Day off: Monday

**Curate:** Revd Chris Bradish:  
Email: [revchrisbradish@gmail.com](mailto:revchrisbradish@gmail.com)  
Tel. 84969 Day off: Friday

**Curate:** Revd Joy Windsor  
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**Assistant Priest:** Revd Ian Toombs  
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**Assistant Priest:** Revd Lynn Power  
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**Assistant Priest:** Revd Martin East  
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#### **Licensed Lay Ministers:**

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Tel. 86063

#### **Anna Chaplains:**

Debbie Thrower, Rachel Sturt  
Tel. 83234

#### **Pastoral Visiting:**

Peta Sutherland  
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### **Getting in touch**

For enquiries please be in touch with Tori Hewitt, Parish Administrator on  
01420 83234 or [potr.alton@btinternet.com](mailto:potr.alton@btinternet.com)

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