

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.

18th March
5th Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Rt Revd Dom Giles Hill OSB

8.00am

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

10.30am

Lighthouse Service - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Chris Bradish
and Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

High Mass - All Saints

Led by Revd David Hinks

6.30pm

Choral Evensong - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Joy Windsor
and Revd Andrew Micklefield

Collect Prayer

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries
of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our
Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

Hebrews 5: 5-10 (Pg 973)

John 12: 20-33 (Pg 875)

Psalm 51: 1-13 (Pg 452)

At All Saints and Holy Rood:

Jeremiah 31: 31-34 (Pg 642)



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Dear Reader

We continue our pilgrimage through Lent. Another reminder that Lent Lunches continues on Wednesdays at 12.30pm in St Lawrence Church and that the Lent Talks also on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in The Assembly Rooms. Both are proving very successful.

It is some time away but our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is being held on Sunday 29th April at St Lawrence Church. We will hold the meeting at 9.45am and worship altogether as The Parish of the Resurrection at 10.30am. This is an opportunity to review the achievements of the parish in the last year, to pray together, to see our financial position and to elect Churchwardens and members of the PCC amongst other things. It is an important morning, so please put the date into your diaries. This year instead of putting together a large book of reports Joy Windsor is putting together an exhibition which will be hosted in St Lawrence Church covering all aspects of our parish life. She has already asked the various teams/groups and activities to provide information. The exhibition will be open for the whole of the week before and there will be the encouragement to visit before the APCM itself. More details will be available after Easter.

Before the APCM we have the chance of updating our Electoral Roll (membership list) and if you are not on it and wish to be then there are forms available in all the churches and on the website (www.potr-alton.co.uk). All completed forms need to be handed back to the Parish Office or to Andrew in plenty of time. We like to have a true record of those who see themselves as worshipping members of our parish.

Please also take Holy Week postcards so that you know what the services are that week and please also deliver them to others.

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 19th	Psalm 25	Isaiah 11.1-10	Matthew 13.54-end
Tuesday 20th	Psalm 35	Exodus 8.20-end	Hebrews 11.32-12.2
Wednesday 21st	Psalm 55	Exodus 9.1-12	Hebrews 12.3-13
Thursday 22nd	Psalm 40	Exodus 9.13-end	Hebrews 12.14-end
Friday 23rd	Psalm 22	Exodus 10	Hebrews 13.1-16
Saturday 24th	Psalm 23	Exodus 11	Hebrews 13.17-end
Sunday 25th	Psalm 31.9-16	Philippians 2.5-11	Mark 14.1-end of 15

**also at All Saints and Holy Rood: Isaiah 50.4-9a*

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 0773666650 or email: ellieelder@gmail.com

Wednesday; Pilgrim Group: at All Saints. On the 3rd Wednesday of each month after the communion service, from 10.15am until 11.15am

Housegroup: 7.45pm for a prompt 8pm start. At Thelma's, 1 New Barn Lane. For 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



Lent Talks 2018

Eye Witness News - a series through the Gospel of Mark

Your are invited to 5 sessions on the big themes of The Gospel according to Mark being held at the Alton Assembly Rooms from 7.30pm until 9pm. Refreshments will be served.

Held on Thursdays 22nd March and the final session on Thursday 29th March.

Please bring a friend along.

There are invitation cards in each of our churches.

Praying in March 2018

For the discipline of Lent. Pray that we would all take steps to listen to God, centre our lives on the example of Jesus and be led by the gifts of The Holy Spirit. We pray for our Lent Talks 'Eyewitness News...' meeting on Thursday evenings and for our Lent Lunches on Wednesday lunchtimes that they will be times of learning and fellowship.

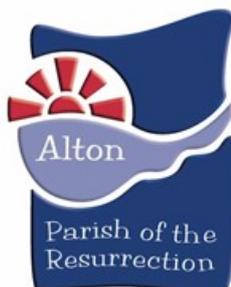
Give thanks for the strong ecumenical mission and ministry which exists across the churches of Alton and District - particularly apparent in the Lent Talks. Please pray for the ministers who meet monthly for fellowship, conversation and prayer.

For Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School, Holybourne. For all the pupils, the staff and Headteacher Maria Lloyd, the governors and their links with the Parish. Pray especially for the new Church@4 service taking place on the 4th Sunday of each month.

For St Lawrence CE Primary School, for the successful completion of the classroom build and for all the links we have with the pupils and staff. Pray especially for the Service After School which takes place each month.

For the Diocese of Winchester - for the School of Mission and its work with training and resourcing clergy, LLMs and those who are in training for licensed ministry.

For the Alton Foodbank and its many volunteers who provide essential food and goods to those who in need in our town. We pray for John Jacobs as he leads and co-ordinates this valuable ministry on behalf of our local churches.



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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, Margaret
Morley, Imogen and family, Ian Toombs, Judy
Phillips, Simon May, Vincent, Jacob and Joshua
(twins), and Brian Dawe.

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

David Young, Norman Stennett, Peter Grace,
Lionel Hiscock, John Duckworth, Arthur
Goddard, Stephen Windsor, Edward Knight,
Rosemary Fletcher., June Cooke, John Stent,
Violet Moreland, Annie McBride Read,

Those preparing for Marriage:

Annabel Onslow and Toby Zammit
Nicole Fuller & John O'Connor
Ashley Kennard & Olabisi Eni-Olotu

Diary for the week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.45am Monday - Friday in St Lawrence, excluding Thursday when Prayers are said in the community.

Monday	9.30am	Teddies	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	11.00am	Alton College Concert Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	7.30pm	Alton College Easter Concert	St Lawrence Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Midweek Communion with study	All Saints Church
	10.30am	Communion	The Lawn
	12.30pm	Lent Lunch	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	8.45am	Prayer in the Community	Community Hospital
	9.00am	StL School Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies (Holy Rood)	The Lawn
	10.00am	Mothers Union Communion	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	'Eye Witness' Lent Talk	Assembly Rooms
Friday	11.00am	Anstey Junior School Easter Service	St Lawrence Church
	1.00pm	Wedding Vow Renewal	St Lawrence Church
	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
Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	High Mass	All Saints Church
	4.00pm	Church @ 4	Andrews' Endowed School
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church

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

PASSION OF JESUS This play will be acted out on Good Friday 30th March 2018 at Trafalgar Square. It is produced and played by the Wintershall company of players. At the same time they will be making it available over the Internet via "Live Streaming" and we are planning to receive this and show it at the Parish Centre. Two showings are to be screened; at 12 noon and again at 3:15pm. The programme lasts for about 90 minutes. We can cater for an audience up to 80 people. If you are interested there will be a list for you to indicate which time you would come. This is an experiment and hopefully will be repeated at other times for similar events. There will be more information nearer to the date.

Any questions, please email me at dennis_milns@hotmail.co.uk or call on 01420 85656

Notices

T@3 has now reached its 1st Birthday on Sunday 18th March. Do come and join us at 3pm in All Saints Hall for a chat over homemade cakes and a cup of tea. All welcome!

Traidcraft The next Traidcraft stall will be held on Palm Sunday, 25th March. Jo will have some Easter Eggs and cards available but to avoid disappointment you can call Jo on 01420 87680 to pre order your Easter gifts.

Women's World Day of Prayer was postponed from 2nd March due to the snow and will now take place at Alton Methodist Church on Friday 23rd March at 2pm - all welcome.

Hard of Hearing a reminder to all members and friends that we shall be celebrating the 19th Birthday of the Hard of Hearing Group in All Saints church hall on Tuesday 27th March from 2pm, with a cake and invited guests. If you have ever had any involvement with the group we would love to see you!

Lent Lunches will be held in St Lawrence church this year, due to the work currently going on in the Church of the Holy Rood. Please come along for home-made soup, a different selection every week. On Wednesdays from 21st February until 28th March (Holy Week), from 12.30pm. Donations will be collected for our students in Karamoja.

Easter Lilies at All Saints 2018 Some people like to make a donation towards Easter Lilies in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such a donation, please give it to Gwen Norkett. Thank you

Easter Flowers in the Parish Churches Each year our lovely flower ladies volunteer to create beautiful flower displays for us to appreciate; be it in memory of our loved ones or to enjoy God's beautiful creations at such a special time. If you would like to make a donation towards these flowers, please use the bowl/plate provided or an envelope detailing that you would like the donation to go towards flowers. Thank you

W? is organised by a team of people with a passion for worshipping God. It is an ecumenical event aimed at anyone who enjoys praising God with music and song in a contemporary setting. The next event will be held at Alton Maltings Centre, Alton. On Saturday 31st March, 7:30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm with drinks and cakes) Free Entry. For An evening of praise & worship, with a rock edge. Please join us in worship of our amazing God. Flyers can be found in the church, do take a few and invite your friends. For more information contact Matt and Hannah Wettone: matt@wettone.com or hannah@wettone.com

Covenant Youth Training Choir – learn to sing with us on Fridays at St Lawrence Church, 5pm to 6pm. Train to sing with the main choir (11-18 years), Study for the RSCM 'Voice for Life' Awards, Learn to read music; develop your talent! Songs to sing and friends to be made... And all for no membership fee or audition. From Friday 20th April. Contact: cycalton@gmail.com or 07730 168291

Wanted: Adult volunteers to assist with CYC training choir and CYC. Singers to help with supporting young voices (each Friday in term-time). Librarian to assist with music archive (once or twice a term). Administrative/publicity support (behind the scenes). Fundraising assistant to raise extra funds for tours etc. Please contact Rev. Joy Windsor 07730 168291.

Christmas Day Lunch Following the success of the Christmas Day lunch we are now planning an afternoon tea in the Parish Centre on Monday 28 May. John and Janet Ogden will be leading the organisation but need volunteers to help plan and run the tea. If you would like to help out in any way please contact Janet on jntpeel@googlemail.com or 0789 4076792 or John on johnogden1973@googlemail.com or 07981 016938. We will need cake bakers, sandwich makers, entertainment providers and servers/washer uppers.

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 Tori Hewitt in 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 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
The Lawn, Holybourne



For stories, crafts, singing, prayers

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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