

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.

4th March
3rd Sunday of Lent

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

8.00am

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd David Hinks

10.30am

GAP Service - All Saints

Led by Revd David Hinks,
Revd Joy Windsor & Margaret Bell

Collect Prayer

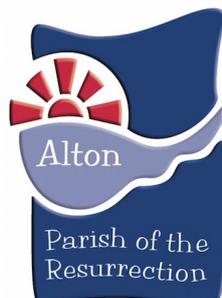
Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Today's Readings

I Corinthians 1: 18-25 (Pg 926)
John 2: 13-22 (Pg 863)
Psalm 19 (Pg 433)

At All Saints and Holy Rood:

Exodus 20: 1-17 (Pg 58)



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Dear Reader

Lent marches on. On reading the introduction to the Lent Season in Common Worship the other day I noticed it said this ‘...the characteristic notes of Lent are self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.’ I wonder how we are getting on with these then? This is a not test and no-one is going to ask you explain yourselves in public but I think it is worth considering prayerfully how we use the season. This is simply a nudge to myself and to you.

I remind you of the Lent Lunches happening every Wednesday in the Galilee Chapel of St Lawrence Church starting at 12.30pm. These are good times to get to know each other, have a simple lunch of soup and a roll, and give to support our brothers and sister of Karamoja.

I also commend to you the Lent Talks - Eye Witness News - being held in The Assembly Rooms every Thursday starting at 7.30pm. A real ecumenical gathering to study the Bible, be together and worship. I am really delighted that so many from our local churches are coming along. This week I will lead the session!

Next Sunday will be Mothering Sunday a traditional opportunity to break the fast of Lent.

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 5th	Psalm 5	Genesis 47.1-27	Hebrews 4.14-5.10
Tuesday 6th	Psalm 9	Genesis 47.28-end 48	Hebrews 5.11-6.12
Wednesday 7th	Psalm 38	Genesis 49.1-32	Hebrews 6.13-end
Thursday 8th	Psalm 56	Genesis 49.33-end 50	Hebrews 7.1-10
Friday 9th	Psalm 22	Exodus 1.1-14	Hebrews 7.11-end
Saturday 10th	Psalm 31	Exodus 1.22-2.10	Hebrews 8
Sunday 11th	Psalm 107,1-3,17-22	1 Ephesians 2.1-10	John 3.14-21

**also at All Saints and Holy Rood: Numbers 21: 4-9*

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.

Thursdays 22nd February, 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd 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.

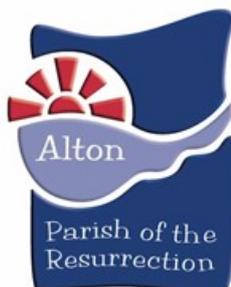
Give thanks for the strong ecumenical mission and ministry which exists across the churches of Alton and District - particularly apparent in the Lent Talks. Please pray for the ministers who meet monthly for fellowship, conversation and prayer.

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).

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

David Young, Norman Stennett, Peter Grace,
Lionel Hiscock, John Duckworth, Arthur
Goddard, Stephen Windsor, Raymond Knight,
Rosemary Fletcher.

Those preparing for Marriage:

Daniel Roynane & Charlotte Smith
Annabel Onslow and Toby Zammit
Nicole Fuller & John O'Connor.

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
	2.30pm	Communion	Brendoncare
	3.00pm	Organist rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	8.00pm	Organ Society Concert	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	10.30am	Communion	The Lawn
Thursday	12.30pm	Lent Lunch	St Lawrence Church
	8.45am	Prayer in the Community	Holybourne Theatre
	9.00am	StL School Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies (Holy Rood)	The Lawn
	3.30pm	Service After School	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	'Eye Witness' Lent Talk	Assembly Rooms
Friday	10.30am	Communion	Willow Court
	1.00pm	Funeral for June Cooke	All Saints Church
	6.15pm	CYC Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Quarter Peal by Peter Jordan's Band	All Saints Church
Saturday	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.00am	SRCY Band Ringers Peal Attempt	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
	9.30am	Parish Communion	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

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

Traidcraft Jo will be selling a range of Traidcraft products after this weeks GAP service in All Saints Church. She will also be taking Easter orders, including for The Real Easter Egg. If you miss her on Sunday you can contact her on 01420 87680 for a copy of the latest catalogue or to place an order.

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.



Organ Society Concert - Tuesday 6th March at St Lawrence Church. David Hall from Salisbury Cathedral will be the organist for the evening. Tickets are £10 on the door.

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



Specialist Respite Care Could you support a family who has a child with disabilities? Providing regular and on going care for children with a range of physical needs, including physical disabilities, medical care, learning difficulties and autism. Please visit the website www.hants.gov.uk/specialistrespitcare or telephone 0300 555 1384

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.

Event at Alton Library "The History of the Watercress Line : Over The Alps" on Tuesday 17 April at 7.30pm. Please book in advance as spaces are limited. Booking directly with Alton Library Tel. (01420) 85734

Notices

**Please provide all notices for next weeks Parish Matters by 12noon
on Wednesday 28th February**

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

Ministry Team

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Getting in touch

For enquiries please be in touch with Tori Hewitt, Parish Administrator on
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The office is open Monday 9.30am - 11.30am & Tuesday to Thursday 9am - 3pm