

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.

20th May
Day of Pentecost

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd David Hinks

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Martin East

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd David Hinks

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

4pm

Reflective Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Joy Windsor &
Revd Rachel Sturt

6.30pm

Evening Prayer - St Lawrence

and Revd Martin East

Collect Prayer

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children
with the gift of faith,
revive your church
with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

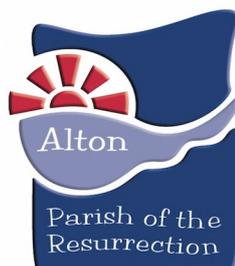
Today's Readings

Pentecost

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2: 1-21 p.885
John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-15 p.878

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:
Ezekiel 37:1-14 p.704



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Dear Reader,

Today is the celebration of the Day of Pentecost. The disciples joyfully received the The Holy Spirit, and were empowered to be the witnesses of the Good News of Jesus Christ . We read that 3000 were added to their number that day and as we read on in Acts many more came to faith following that day. We have been praying this past week as part of 'Thy Kingdom Come' that we may have the same gift of the Spirit to witness. Prayer and the gift of The Holy Spirit are the crux of how we operate in our mission and ministry. Let's see what happens with us and in us as the days go forward. We have expectation for what God will do in us and through us. We pray 'Come Holy Spirit' and 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

David and Julie's farewell service is on Sunday 3rd June. We shall meet at All Saints for a Communion service 10.30am that day, followed by drinks and a finger buffet, when we will present our gifts and express our thanks for their ministry in the parish. Everyone is invited. If you can offer something to the finger buffet that would be greatly appreciated. We shall be making a monetary collection for gifts to David and Julie and please would you put your contribution in a sealed and marked envelope and give it to a Churchwarden.

Please continue to pray for those of us on pilgrimage to The Holy Land - today we will be celebrating Pentecost in St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem.

Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank. We need UHT milk, sponge puddings and tinned Spaghetti (children like shapes)

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.

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There are envelopes available for one-off gifts.

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 the Parish Administrator 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 21st	Psalm 126	Joshua 1	Luke 9:18-27
Tuesday 22nd	Psalm 132	Joshua 2	Luke 9:28-36
Wednesday 23rd	Psalm 119	Joshua 3	Luke 9:37-50
Thursday 24th	Psalm 143	Joshua 4:1-5:1	Luke 9:51-end
Friday 25th	Psalm 144	Joshua 5:2-end	Luke 10:1-16
Saturday 26th	Psalm 147	Joshua 6:1-20	Luke 10:17-24
Sunday 27th		Isaiah 6:1-8	John 3:1-17

**also at All Saints and Holy Rood:*

Romans 8:12-17

Discipleship Groups

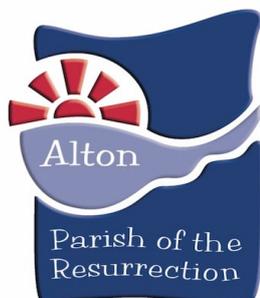
There are a number of discipleship groups meeting across the parish. They are open for anyone to attend - it doesn't matter which church you normally attend or where you live, simply contact the leader before turning up. If you would like to host or lead another one, then please contact Andrew or David.

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

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



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Praying in May 2018

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called the Church of England to prayer for evangelism during the time from Ascension to Pentecost this year - 'Thy Kingdom Come'. At its heart is the evangelisation of the nation - praying for more people to know the love and grace of Jesus. Pray for the Archbishops, the Church of England, our Parish and those who you dearly want to receive the gift of faith.

We give thanks for the recent success of the Ecumenical Lent Talks focussing on the Eyewitness Account of the Gospel of Mark. We pray for those who attended week by week and engaged with the topics and discussions. We pray for the regular discipleship groups which meet across the parish and our development of teaching and learning in our Five Year Plan.

Following our APCM would you please pray for those recently elected as Churchwardens and members of the PCC. We pray also for those who represent us on Deanery Synod and particularly for our new Area Dean, Revd Brian Pritchard.

We pray for the young people of our parish - for the FROG and METTLE groups and Covenant Youth Choir. Pray for those who attend and those who lead - Ali Wright, Emma Daniels, Robin & Sally Kemp, Joy Windsor, Faye Mylward, Annelise Handley & Alison Stickland .

Pray for the young people's growth in faith and love for Jesus.

Pray for those who are going on the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land between the 15th and 24th May. Pray for their safety, health and enjoyment but also how all their eyes may be opened as they journey in the footsteps of Jesus.

We are looking forward to the completion of The Living Space Project in The Church of the Holy Rood - pray for the contractors as they finish, for the cleaning and tidying that will take place and that we will be bold in the use of this newly reordered building.

Pray for the launch of Church@4 in St Lawrence School on 6th May, that people will be attracted to attend and worship with us. Also continue to pray for the Holybourne Church@4 which meets on the 4th Sundays.

It is Pray for Schools Fortnight from 10th-24th May. Uphold all our local schools in prayer and for the education and nurture the students and pupils receive.

Karamoja: Give thanks for the early rains, which has enabled the planting of crops. Pray too for the students returning in the next 2 weeks for the new session.

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:

Malcolm, Jeremy, Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill, Neil, Margaret Morley, Imogen and family, Ian Toombs, Simon May, Vincent, Jacob and Joshua (twins), and Brian Dawe.

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Pat Smith, Dorothy Nock, Gladys Tubb, Elizabeth Bellamy, John Bradshaw, Andrew Gilbert, Sidney Mortara, Donald Chandler, David Young, Norman Stennett, Stephen Windsor, Edward Knight, June Cooke, John Stent, Violet Moreland, Gillian Newman, Ruby Arrowsmith, June MacDonald, Margaret Knight

Those preparing for Marriage:

Bobby Williams & Lucy Shepherd
Daniel Smith & Chloe Pretious
James Dorsett & Ruth Pratt

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
	8.00pm	Cantique Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	2.00pm	Funeral Gillian Mary Newman	Holy Rood Church
Wednesday	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	9.30am	Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
Thursday	11.00am	Funeral Margaret Isobel Knight	Holy Rood Church
	8.45am	Prayer in the Community	Alton Methodist Chrch
	9.00am	StL School Collective Worship	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies at Holy Rood	The Lawn
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
Friday	8.00pm	Compline Prayer Service	St Lawrence Church
	4.00pm	Covenant Training Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	Covenant Youth Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	8.30 am	Men's Breakfast	White Hart Holyborne
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.00am	GAP Big Meal	All Saints Hall
Sunday	2.00pm	Wedding	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Beech
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	High Mass	All Saints Church
	4.00pm	Church@4	Andrews Endowed Sch
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church

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



Church of the Holy Rood - Living Space Project The decision has been made to suspend Sunday services in The Church of the Holy Rood from now until the end of May. The Living Space Project is at a crucial stage and pew removal and other building work means that it won't be possible to hold services safely and well. We are very much looking forward to the new-looking church and the completion of the project - it is going really well. I encourage those who would normally attend services in Holybourne to attend service in other churches of the parish!

Notices

Parish Administrator & Communications Officer

The Parish of the Resurrection, Alton has a vacancy a Parish Administrator & Communications Officer. Full details of the role are available on the parish website www.potr-alton.co.uk. The post is for 25 hours a week and a job share would be considered. If interested, please send a CV and a covering letter explaining your interest in, and suitability for the role to the Vicar, The Parish Centre, Vicarage Hill, Alton GU34 2BW.

T@3 Bring a friend along to T@3 at 3pm **TODAY** in All Saints Church hall. Enjoy a chat over a cup of tea and home-made cakes. All welcome.

Men's Breakfast Men of the parish will be meeting for a full English breakfast at the White Hart in Holybourne on Saturday 26th May at 8.30am. The cost is £8 per person and newcomers are always welcome. If you would like to join us please contact Tim Codling on tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk or 01420 80388 by Wednesday 23rd May.

Need Prayer?

For yourself, your family, a problem situation? The PRAYER CASCADE has been newly set up for everyone in all our churches. It is really easy to use. Just email, in confidence, pray4potr@gmail.com with brief details. A prayer team from this parish will pray regularly for each request for up to a month. If you don't have email, complete a prayer request card which will be available soon at the back of your church. Julie Howe and Alison Parr, the co-ordinators, will be visiting all the churches shortly to explain more and answer any questions. But don't wait till then to use the Prayer Cascade! Its in operation now!

Chapterhouse Theatre Company present ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN at WHITE HART HOLYBOURNE on Saturday 16th June.

Five Year Plan Please send your feedback, questions, comments to potr.fiveyearplan@gmail.com - or leave in the Five Year Plan box in each church.

Hard of Hearing diary There is an error in the May edition of Sunrise. It should read - Tuesday 22nd May, Fond Memories of Alton with Helen Jesty, 2pm in All Saints church hall.

The Gap BIG meal New Date: Morning coffee has been moved to the 26th May 10 till 12 at All Saints. It would be good to see you all there.

Furniture Sale A few weeks ago, two tapestries by Ewold Kroner, given to the furniture sale (& spotted as being a little more valuable than the normal soft furnishings) were sold at auction, raising £420. Thanks to the generosity of Hannams Auctioneers Limited, no buyer's premium was charged so the full amount has been paid into parish fabric fund.

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 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 the Parish Administrator on
01420 83234 or potr.alton@btinternet.com

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