

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.

29th July
Trinity 9

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

Altogether Parish Communion Church of the Holy Rood

Led by Revd Joy Windsor
and Revd Martin East

Collect Prayer

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the
table of your Son to share this meal
with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal
the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

Old Testament: Genesis 28: 11-18

New Testament: 1 Peter 2: 1-10

Gospel: John 13: 31-35



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Dear Reader

It is wonderful today to be able to worship as a parish altogether in The Church of the Holy Rood. My thanks to Martin and Joy for preparing and leading this service. It is also tremendous that The Living Space Project is complete (well almost anyway). So enjoy the new pews, toilets and kitchen facilities and appreciate the flexibility that the reordering helps us to achieve. I am deeply indebted to the members of the District Church Council of Holybourne and especially to John Hubbard who has helped, in more ways than one, to steer the project. We dedicate the building back to the glory of God and pray that we use it for the growth of the church and the extension of God's kingdom.

Just a couple of reminders. Next **Sunday, 5th August**, there will be no Church@4 in St Lawrence School, so the services at St Lawrence will be an 8am Holy Communion and a 6.30pm Choral Evensong. On **Sunday 26th August**, again there will no Church@4 in Andrews Endowed School but a Songs of Praise in the Church of the Holy Rood instead at 4pm.

Looking even further ahead and a date for your diary, on **30th September** there will be another Parish Altogether Service but this time in Beech Village Hall with tea and cake being served from 4pm and a service at 5pm.

Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank. We need sponge puddings, tinned spaghetti, pasta sauce and chocolate biscuit bars. We still have large stocks of beans, pasta, soup, sardines and tinned tomatoes.

““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 a 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 30th	Psalm 44	I Samuel 19.1-18	Acts 1.1-14
Tuesday 31st	Psalm 48	I Samuel 20.1-17	Acts 1.15-end
Wednesday 1st	Psalm 119.57-80	I Samuel 20.18-end	Acts 2.1-21
Thursday 2nd	Psalm 57	I Samuel 21.1-22.5	Acts 2.22-36
Friday 3rd	Psalm 51	I Samuel 22.6-end	Acts 2.37-end
Saturday 4th	Psalm 68	I Samuel 23	Acts 3.1-10
Sunday 5th		Exodus 16: 2-4,9-15	John 6: 24-35

***also at All Saints and Holy Rood:**

Ephesians 4:1-16

Discipleship Groups

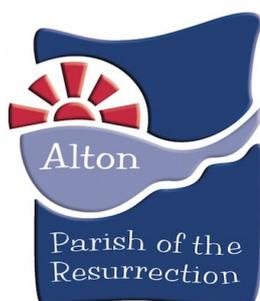
There are a number of discipleship groups meeting across the parish. They are open for anyone to attend - it doesn't matter which church you normally attend or where you live, simply contact the leader before turning up. If you would like to host or lead another one, then please contact Andrew.

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 August 2018

We give thanks for the valuable ministry undertaken by our Parish Pastoral Visitors. Pray that those who are visited and shown love will be encouraged by their words, prayers and time. Many of those visited are lonely, grieving, poorly or housebound - lift them to God for healing, comfort and peace.

We pray for our children's and young people's ministry. The Lighthouse meets across The Church of the Holy Rood, Alton Methodist Church and St Lawrence Church. We pray for its further development and growth as we see more families and children at our worship and events. Also pray for The Teddy Bear toddler groups which meet at The Church of the Holy Rood and St Lawrence as they grow and nurture young children and parents.

We pray for Ali Wright, our Youth Minister and Chaplain to Alton College. She has now completed a full year with us and we are seeing the fruits of her ministry with FROG, METTLE and other opportunities for young people. We thank God especially for the work she has been able to do in Amery Hill and Eggars Secondary Schools.

Pray for the forthcoming Jigsaw Puzzle Festival. Particularly pray for those who are organising it. This is a fantastic community event and so we ask that God will help us to further our vision of being 'active in service' and 'proclaiming the Risen Jesus'.

We have had the privilege of many baptisms and weddings in the parish recently - and there are more to come. Pray for these opportunities to meet and welcome these people, that we will convey our faith well and that they will encounter God through the services and relationships we build.

We pray for Alton Methodist Church and our ongoing relationship and ministry together. We thank God for Philip Simpkins their minister and those who serve with in him leading their church.



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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:

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

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Zara-Olivia Bicknell-Wood, John Webb, Mabel
Newland, Patricia Raine, Valerie Aldous, Robin
Daborn, Jean Gill, Michael & Ida Aimes

Those preparing for Marriage:

Bart Van Herwijnen & Ysella Tremayne (Blessing)
Andrew Cotton & Maria Simons
Adam Walker & May Wallis
Andrew Greenshields & Claire Graham
Oliver Bowles & Emily Reynolds

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	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	9.30am 10.30am	Parish Midweek Communion Communion	All Saints Church The Lawn
Thursday	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Communion Bell Ringing Practice Compline Prayer Service	Mary Rose Mews St Lawrence Church St Lawrence Church
Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	9.00am 9.45am	Community Market Prayer Group	Parish Centre St Lawrence Church
Sunday	8.00am 8.00am 9.15am 9.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	BCP Communion CW Communion Morning Worship Parish Communion Parish Communion Choral Evensong	St Lawrence Church All Saints Church St Peter's Church Holy Rood Church All Saints Church St Lawrence Church

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

Prayer Cascade. Need Prayer for any reason? Just email, in confidence to pray4p-otr@gmail.com or complete a prayer request card. A prayer team from this parish will pray regularly for each request for up to a month.

What is God's plan for you? There will be a Vocations Morning on **Saturday 15th September** at All Saints Church, Odiham. Please see the full information on the notice board.

Teddies at St Lawrence—will continue in St Lawrence Church every Monday from 9.30-10.30am, except for Bank Holiday Monday.

Volunteers needed for FROG, the church youth group held on Sunday evenings for 10-13 year old's. Please speak to Ali Wright if you think you can help.

Notices

Messy Church—Children (3 to 11 years) and parents are invited to come along to a Summer Holiday Messy Church on **Monday 6th August**, 2-4pm at Alton Methodist Church. Games, Crafts, Story-time, Quiz and Refreshments. There is no charge but you must bring a grown-up. Sarah (85247).

Mee[†] and Eat a group for women of the Parish for fun, food and fellowship. Our next meeting will be on **Monday 6th August**, we will meet at 18.00 in the car park of The Swan in Alton for a town walk followed by a meal in The Swan. Details of future meetings will be in Parish Matters or chat to Elspeth or me, hope you can make it. Email lynda.baines@btinternet.com if you would like to come or for more information.

Lunchtime Organ Recitals in St Lawrence. Admission is free with a retiring collection to cover expenses and to donate towards St Lawrence Church organ restoration fund. All concerts start at 13.10 with refreshments available from 12.30.

Thursday 16 August 2018 - Gerald Marlow,
Thursday 20 September 2018 - Stephen Lacey

Tour the British Museum with Revd Clive Anderson from The Butts Church. Clive is a regular tour guide at the British Museum in London and is offering to lead a tour for up to 25 people on **Wednesday 12th September**. Those who toured Greece with us last year might find it particularly interesting. Meet at Alton Station to catch the 8.44am train. We will be finished by 3.45pm having had a stop for lunch somewhere. There is no charge for this other than your train, underground ticket and lunch. Names please to Andrew (andrewmicklefield@gmail.com). Further details nearer the time.

The Annual August Alzheimer's Afternoon Forget-me-not-service will be held on **Friday 24th August** at 2.30pm in All Saints Church. Led by Rev Rachel Sturt and Debbie Thrower, Anna Chaplains for older people, to remember and support families with Dementia. Afterwards, at approximately 3pm, there will be a Fundraising Afternoon Tea with 'Memory Lane Sing-a-long' and a Grand Raffle where all are welcome to join in.

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

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

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The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm