

# Parish Matters

**30th September  
Trinity 18**

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.

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

**Holy Communion - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

**3.30pm**

**Baptism - Holy Rood**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

**Parish Altogether Service  
at Beech Village Hall**

**Tea @ 5.00pm**

**followed by Communion Service**

**@ 6.00pm**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

## Collect Prayer

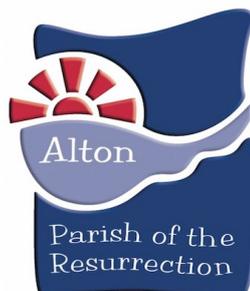
God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation  
which is given through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Today's Readings

### ***Harvest Thanksgiving***

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luke 12: 16-30



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Dear Reader

We have just come to the end of a preaching series based on the four areas within our Five Year Plan. We are at an exciting time as a parish as we consider the four areas of growth - growing disciples, growing community, growing younger, growing structures. The PCC have set up a new committee (The Five Year Plan Steering Group) to oversee the implementation of this plan chaired by Elspeth Mackeggie Gurney. There will be regular updates as we move forward and there will be many ways in which others will be drawn in, but do please offer if you have some gift or skill which you think will help or you wish to volunteer to get involved.

Over the next four weeks we are going to look together at the very early church as described in Acts Chapter 2. Clearly and deliberately they were 'Simply devoted to': the apostles teaching; fellowship; the breaking of bread and prayer. This is another way of grounding and embedding our plans, keeping our hearts and minds on the most important things as church together.

We are celebrating harvest today, remembering our friends in Karamoja and collecting for Alton Foodbank. Over the next two weeks we will also keep our harvest theme alongside the above. Our Services over the next two Sundays will have harvest content and we will continue our Foodbank collections. Please be generous!

Andrew



**Please remember to support our local food bank.** We urgently need the following food items— tinned pies; sponge puddings; pasta sauce; tinned carrots . **We do not need** sanitary products (please don't give any more as we have too many to store); tinned sardines; baked beans; tinned tomatoes; soup; pasta.

***“Don't come to church empty handed”***

**All donations to be placed in the Foodbank basket in church.**

**Parish Giving Scheme** 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 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. There are envelopes available for one-off gifts.

**Just Text Giving** 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.



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## **Bible Readings for the week**

*taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily*

|                     |                          |                         |                       |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Monday 1st</b>   | <b>Psalm 80</b>          | <b>2 Kings 5</b>        | <b>Acts 26.1-23</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 2nd</b>  | <b>Psalm 89.1-18</b>     | <b>2 Kings 6.1-23</b>   | <b>Acts 26.24-end</b> |
| <b>Weds 3rd</b>     | <b>Psalm 119.105-128</b> | <b>2 Kings 9.1-16</b>   | <b>Acts 27.1-26</b>   |
| <b>Thurs 4th</b>    | <b>Psalm 92</b>          | <b>2 Kings 9.17-end</b> | <b>Acts 27.27-end</b> |
| <b>Friday 5th</b>   | <b>Psalm 88</b>          | <b>2 Kings 12.1-19</b>  | <b>Acts 28.1-16</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 6th</b> | <b>Psalm 97</b>          | <b>2 Kings 17.1-23</b>  | <b>Acts 28.17-end</b> |
| <b>Sunday 7th</b>   |                          | <b>Acts 2: 42-47</b>    | <b>Mark 10: 2-16</b>  |

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

**Genesis 2: 18-24**

### **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.

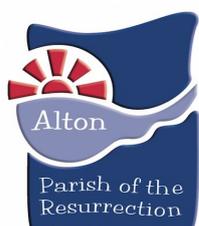
**Monday;** Oasis (formerly Young Mum's Home Group.) Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: [ellielder@gmail.com](mailto:ellielder@gmail.com)

**Tuesday:** New Housegroup (name to be decided). Meeting bi-monthly at Pilgrim Cottage, 44 Vicarage Hill at 9.30am. The next meeting will be on the 9th October

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

Wednesday Housegroup are looking at The Ten Commandments. We meet at 7.45 for 8pm start usually at 62 Anstey Road. For more information call Margaret and Peter on 86063 or Robin and Sally on 769802.

**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](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)



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## Praying in October 2018

As we celebrate Harvest Festival we pray in thanksgiving for the gifts which God bestows upon the earth and its people. We recognise that for parts of the world there has been famine, uncertain weather conditions or the results of war and unrest which means they are hungry and lacking in the most basic food and provision. We pray especially for our link Diocese in Karamoja, Uganda.

We pray for the Alton Foodbank and all those who work and volunteer there. We give thanks for all the generous donations made and for those who rely on its presence in our town. In turn, we ask for God's generosity in us to rise up and support this vital work.

We recently appointed Keren Brake to the 8 hour a week GAP position of Schools Ministry Co-ordinator. Her work is to build and maintain relationships with all our local primary schools, taking Collective Worships, helping with RE curriculums, offering activities within our church buildings, leading Service After Schools and the like. Please pray for her in this vital area of ministry, seeking God's hand upon all that she does for the Kingdom.

There are a number of people from our churches who take Collective Worships (assemblies) in our local schools. We pray particularly for those in the 'Open the Book' teams and their commitment to sharing Bible stories with the children. We also pray for the staff and others who teach and care for the children of our parish.

We pray for The Library Club, T@3, The Jigsaw Afternoons, The Hard of Hearing Club, our time spent in the many residential homes and the other activities which gather older people together. We pray for our Anna Chaplains and those who work alongside them.

We pray for those who represent us on Deanery Synod - Peter & Margaret Bell, Elspeth Gurney, Lisa Hillan and Tori Hewitt. We also pray for the monthly church leaders meeting. We pray for unity amongst all local churches and for ideas and energy to work together on important areas of mission and ministry.



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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:**

Joan Cheeseman, 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:**

Helen Bradley, Mandy Murrell, Patricia Figgins, Peter Sperring, Winifred Cottrell, Rosemary Malcolm, Shirley Ann Calton, Janice Moorey, Doris Harvey,

**Those preparing for Marriage:**

Adam Allaway & Kirsten Hawkes  
Neil Metcalfe & Lindsey Pierce  
Michael Peet & Kirsty Coombes

**Prayer Cascade.** Need Prayer for any reason? Just email, in confidence to pray4potr@gmail.com or complete a prayer request card available in all our churches. A prayer team from this parish will pray regularly for each request for up to a month.

## Diary for the week

**Morning Prayer is said at 8.45am Monday - Friday in St Lawrence, excluding Thursday when Prayers are said in Holybourne Church at 8.40am.**

|           |                              |                                    |                       |
|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday    | 9.30am                       | Harvest for Teddies                | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 7.00pm                       | Meet & Eat for women of the parish | Alton House Hotel     |
| Tuesday   | 10.45am                      | Communion                          | Borovere              |
|           | 2.00pm                       | Organ practice (Martin Baker)      | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 2.30pm                       | Communion                          | Brendoncare           |
|           | 7.00pm                       | Mettle Youth Group (14-19 yrs)     | 44 Vicarage Hill      |
|           | 7.30pm                       | Bell Ringing Practice              | All Saints Church     |
|           | 8.00pm                       | Alton Organ Society Concert        | St Lawrence Church    |
| Wednesday | 9.30am                       | Parish Midweek Communion           | All Saints Church     |
|           | 10.30am                      | Communion                          | The Lawn              |
| Thursday  | 9.30am                       | Teddies Toddler Group              | Holy Rood Church      |
|           | 10.30am                      | Communion                          | Mary Rose Mews        |
|           | 7.30pm                       | Bell Ringing Practice              | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 8.00pm                       | Compline Prayer Service            | St Lawrence Church    |
| Friday    | 10.30am                      | Communion                          | Willow Court          |
|           | 11.00am                      | Funeral of Winifred Cottrell       | Holy Rood Church      |
|           | 5.00pm                       | Covenant Training Choir practice   | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 6.15pm                       | Covenant Youth Choir practice      | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 7.30pm                       | Choir Practice                     | St Lawrence Church    |
| Saturday  | 9.00am                       | Community Market                   | The Parish Centre     |
|           | 9.45am                       | Prayer Group                       | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 10.30am                      | Bell Ringers Learners & Improvers  | Holy Rood Church      |
|           | 6.00pm                       | Alton Community Choir rehearsal    | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 7.30pm                       | Alton Community Choir Concert      | St Lawrence Church    |
| Sunday    | 8.00am                       | BCP Communion                      | St Lawrence Church    |
|           | 8.00am                       | CW Communion                       | All Saints Church     |
|           | 9.15am                       | Morning Worship                    | St Peter's Church     |
|           | 9.30pm                       | Parish Communion                   | Holy Rood Church      |
|           | 10.30am                      | Parish Communion                   | All Saints Church     |
|           | 4.00pm                       | Church @ 4                         | St Lawrence CE School |
|           | 6.30pm                       | Choral Evensong                    | St Lawrence Church    |
| 6.30pm    | FROG Youth Group (10-13 yrs) | The Parish Centre                  |                       |

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

**Floral displays for Harvest Festival** – The flower ladies look forward to decorating the Church—should you wish to contribute towards the cost of the flowers it would be very much appreciated. A plate will be available at the back of the Church after each service for your donations.

**Lynne Sperring and family** would like to thank everyone for their love and support. The cards, flowers and good wishes have been a great comfort at this difficult and sad time.

## Notices

**Mee☩ and Eat** group for women of the Parish for food, fun and fellowship. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 1st October** at the **Alton House Hotel** at **7pm**—pre-order is required for food. Further meetings will take place on Monday 5th November (venue TBC) and Monday 3rd December for a Christmas meal at the Swan Hotel (£5 deposit required by 1st October). Please contact Lyn Baines ([lynda.baines@btinternet.com](mailto:lynda.baines@btinternet.com)) or phone 07986 153132 if you would like to come or for more information.

**Alton Organ Society—Martin Baker (Westminster Cathedral)** - the opening concert of the 2018/19 season will take place on **Tuesday 2nd October at 8pm** (refreshments from 7.30pm) in St Lawrence Church. Tickets £10. For further details contact Tony Wilman ([tony.wilman@mac.com](mailto:tony.wilman@mac.com) or 01420 543628).

**Autumn Charity Concert** with the Alton Community Choir and Basingstoke Hospital Male Voice Choir, in aid of various local charities. **Saturday 6th October at 7.30pm** in **St Lawrence Church**. Tickets £5 available on the door.

**Luminosa 'Come & Sing' Sunday 7th October, Alton Maltings, 1pm**

All singers welcome to take part in this event, the choir and guests will rehearse 1-5pm and perform at 6pm. Tickets: £15 for singers (hire music and refreshments included) and £5 for audience. Contact [boxoffice@luminosa.co](mailto:boxoffice@luminosa.co) for further details and tickets.

**GAP Skittles Evening**—Jolly Farmer, Blacknest, **Saturday 20th October at 6pm**. £12 including supper. Sign up in church or see Tim Codling for more info (80388).

**Guildford Cathedral Choral Evensong**—St Lawrence Church Choir will be singing choral evensong at Guildford Cathedral on **Saturday 3 November 2018 at 5pm**. If we attract 30 or more members of the congregation to attend, we will be permitted to sing one hymn in addition to the usual canticles, responses, psalm and anthem all sung by your choir. Do come and support your choir at Guildford Cathedral.

**"Threads through Revelation"** Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral **daily until October 12th**. A set of 14 giant embroidery panels. Excellent depiction of the vision of John through Chapters 1 to 22 of Revelation. More details are available through the Cathedral website.

**Are you looking to renew your home insurance?** Ecclesiastical Insurance will donate £130 to a nominated Anglican church for each new Ecclesiastical home insurance policy taken out as part of their Trust130 campaign. This offer runs to the end of the year and is open to you, if you do not already insure your home with Ecclesiastical, and to all church workers, volunteers or members of the congregation. To find out more please call 0800 783 0130 quoting TRUST130, or visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130).

**CYC Jam jars**—please can all jam jars for change be brought back in on 14th October.

## 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*

**Calling all Planned Givers** (Envelope Schemes, Standing Orders or Parish Giving Scheme etc ) If you have not yet received your annual letter, please speak to one of the church wardens or contact E A Dain on 01420 89062 / [bsdain@btinternet.com](mailto:bsdain@btinternet.com).

### 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