

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.

**11th November
Remembrance Sunday**

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Lynn Power

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Lynn Power

10.45am

Remembrance Service - The Cairn

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

2.00pm

Act of Remembrance - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

followed by time (until 5pm) to pray, reflect and think using some simple installations.

6.00pm

Reflective Remembrance - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

followed immediately by the lighting of a beacon in the churchyard with Last Post and the bells being rung

Collect Prayer

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars
shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace
of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

War and Peace: Not revenge but reconciliation!

Genesis 3:22 - 4:16 (Page 3)

Luke 23:13-34 (Page 859)

*Also at All Saints & Holy Rood:
Hebrews 9:24-28 (Page 976)*



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Dear Reader

On this day, when we honour those who have fought for our country and our freedom, it's hard to find the words to express just what they have given each and every one of us.

I like the following quotes — some speaking to heal a nation, others trying to make sense of the impossible events that had just occurred.

‘As we express our gratitude we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.’
John F. Kennedy

‘The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them.’
Czeslaw Milosz

‘Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again; though lovers be lost love shall not; and death shall have no dominion.’
Dylan Thomas

Remembrance Day isn't just about war and those we've lost, but about ideals and what we stand for. It's about respecting our past and looking hopefully forward, and more than anything, thanking those who have served. We do this through and with Jesus who truly served as the sacrifice for us - "greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13

Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank. The Alton Foodbank is starting to get ready for Christmas. The warehouse is full of all essential foods thanks to the generosity of the town. We are now collecting some more special Christmas items such as mince pies, Christmas cake, box of biscuits, children's selection box, box of chocolates, large chocolate bars (150/200g), snacks and nibbles, Christmas crackers, sugar, UHT milk, fruit juice, shampoo, deodorant. **“Don't come to church empty handed”**
All donations to be placed in the Foodbank basket in church.

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A better way to encourage giving in your 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, 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.

Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 12th	Psalm 20	Daniel 4.19-end	Revelation 5
Tuesday 13th	Psalm 21	Daniel 5:1-12	Revelation 6
Weds 14th	Psalm 23	Daniel 5:13-end	Revelation 7.1-4.9-end
Thurs 15th	Psalm 26	Daniel 6	Revelation 8
Friday 16th	Psalm 32	Daniel 7.1-14	Revelation 9.1-12
Saturday 17th	Psalm 33	Daniel 7.15-end	Revelation 9.13-end
Sunday 18th		Genesis 4.19-24	Matthew 5.43-48 and 18.15-22

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:
Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25

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: ellieelder@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 20th November.**

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

Wednesday Housegroup are not meeting so that people can attend the Thursday 'Talks for Remembrance' at the Methodist Church. We normally 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



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Praying in November 2018

We pray for the leadership of the Church of England, and in particular for The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu who has recently announced his retirement. We pray for them within the worldwide Anglican Communion - for our unity, witness and integrity in the Gospel.

We pray for the significant work amongst young people and children at Treloars College and School. We pray for all who study, teach, provide care and live there. We give thanks for Lynn Power's ministry as Chaplain and her dedication to the lives of the people there. Pray for the growth in faith amongst the young people and staff.

We thank God for our Remembrance Talks which happen on 1st, 8th and 15th November at Alton Methodist Church. We ask for wisdom and guidance for Clive Anderson, Andrew Micklefield and Dave Crees as they speak to us. May we all be prepared to understand the complexities of Scripture, world experiences and how we live out our Christian faith.

We continue to remember the ministry and mission of the Diocese of Karamoja in Uganda. We sponsor students in the Diocesan College. We pray for their studies and for their families they have left behind. We also pray for those in our Deanery who form the Karamoja Link Committee.

As a parish we shall be celebrating Christ the King on Sunday 25th November and it has become practice also as Stewardship Sunday. We pray for our giving of time, talents and money for the work of God's kingdom expressed here through our four churches and our unity as one parish. May we all know the extent of God's love for us in Jesus and give generously in return.

We have our Services of Remembrance this month, and we continue to remember those who have died in war and armed action. We pray for peace in our world, for governments and aid agencies promoting justice and mercy, for those called to service in the forces, for envoys who travel to dangerous places seeking conversation of peace.

We are seeking the appointment of a new Associate Minister for the Parish working with Bishop David and our Archdeacon, Richard Brand. Please pray for those who will be finishing the paperwork and those who will be involved in the selection, discerning and appointment process. Pray that we will know God's will and purposes for us and for those who apply.



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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:

Jean Mann, Joan Hedges, Barbara Turk, Joan Cheeseman,
Jeremy, Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill,
Neil, Imogen and family, Ian Toombs, Jacob and
Joshua (twins)

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Simon May, Reginald Aldhous, David Savage,
Grace Hammond, David Hurley, Margaret
Morley, Jill Frampton, Jennifer Blackman, Sally
Garner, Helen Bradley, Mandy Murrell, Patricia Figgins,
Peter Sperring,

Those preparing for Marriage:

Carey and Lorne Robertson (Blessing)
George Harding and Georgina Caddy

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 8.30am.

Monday	9.30am	Teddies Group	St Lawrence Church
	12.30pm	Beech Lunch Club	Beech Village Hall
Tuesday	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	8.30pm	Quintet Practice	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	10.30am	Communion	Berehurst
	10.30am	Communion	The Lawn
	10.30am	Communion	Fielders Court
	2.00pm	Alton Organ Society AGM	St Lawrence Church
	3.00pm	Service after School	All Saints Church
Thursday	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Teddies Group	Holy Rood Church
	2.00pm	Memorial Service for Jill Frampton	St Lawrence Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Remembrance Talk	Methodist Church
Friday	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Communion	Willow Court
	5.00pm	Covenant Training Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	Covenant Youth Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Beginners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
Sunday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	CW Communion	All Saints Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	3.30pm	Baptism	St Lawrence Church
	4.30pm	Reflective Communion	All Saints Church
6.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Lawrence Church	
	6.30pm	FROG Youth Group (10-13 yrs)	Parish Centre

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

'Celebration of Christmas in Song and Word' on **Sunday 16th December** at 6.30pm at Holy Rood, Holybourne. Our regular 'pop-up' choir, which is open to all-comers, will be taking part. If you would like to sing, please contact Karen Pepper for further details and rehearsal dates: Email: karen.pepper2@btinternet.com

Third Thursday Coffee Morning on **15th November** from 10am in the Meeting Place at the back of All Saints Church. Mon will be bringing a jigsaw for us to complete over coffee. Come and try out the comfy sofa!

Notices

Christmas Day Lunch If you would like to donate something towards the Christmas Day Lunch being organised by the parish, there are now pink envelopes at the back of all the churches clearly marked for the Christmas Day Lunch. Please use these (and Gift Aid your donation if possible). If Gift Aid cannot be claimed on your donation, then you do not need to complete the details - just cross out the declaration and put the date in the appropriate place. We are very grateful for all such gifts.

Beetle Drive at All Saints Church Hall, Queens Road, Alton, GU34 1HU. **Friday 30th November** 7pm start. Admission £3.50 to include refreshments. All enquiries to Mon Spiers on 01420 86313. Proceeds will be going to the Hampshire Tortoise Rescue.

Calling All Angels! Please can you bring any knitted Angels, for the GAP project, to the Parish Office, or the Methodist church or leave them at the back of All Saints church, whichever is easier. Many thanks! Kate Dando

Lifts to church There are a couple of people who would appreciate a lift to St. Lawrence for the 10.30am service on a regular basis. If you could offer to help please contact Pippa Mills pippa.mills@btinternet.com

Mince Pies Once again the GAP churches will be distributing mince pies to commuters at Alton Railway Station on **Monday 10th December 2018**. Commuters will receive a small bag containing a mince pie, a napkin printed with a Christmas greeting and a flyer detailing the Christmas Services in all our churches. We are planning for donations of shop bought mince pies which should be taken to any of the GAP churches by lunch time on Sunday 9th December. If any of you would like to help bag them up on the afternoon of Sunday 9th December there will be a working party to do this during that afternoon at 4 Windmill Hill after 2pm. Tea, coffee and mulled wine will be provided.

On the morning of Monday 10th December we will distribute them between 6am and 8.30am. We hope to organise two shifts of distributors, one from 6am to 7.30am and one from 7.15am to 8.30am (or until the mince pies have run out!) If you are willing to be involved with packing or distributing, please speak to Sarah Broadbent (01420 85247) Saraheadbent@aol.com.

Christmas Tree Festival Saturday and Sunday 8th and 9th December and Christmas Market in The Parish Center, Saturday 8th December

MAKERS AND BAKERS.....Calling all makers and bakers of Christmas gifts, decorations and produce for The Market. Please prepare what you can, jams, chutneys, cakes sweets, table decorations (all clearly labelled with ingredients). We look forward to receiving your kind offerings on Saturday morning from 8.15 am, and if not convenient we will collect from your house on the Friday .

HELPERS PLEASE for our Christmas Weekendif you have a two hour slot on Saturday between 10 and 4 to help with the market in the Parish Centre or the Christmas Tree Festival in The Church, also on Sunday 12-4 pm in the church, please contact Elaine or Sarah. Elaine Cook 01420 83495 and Sarah Neish 07761033031 or 01420 565696

RAP. Would you like to actively contribute to church services? We are holding a number of sessions for all people already involved or interested in becoming involved in Reading the Bible And leading Prayers to share good practice and encourage each other in this important ministry. St Lawrence **26th November** at 7pm, Holy Rood **27th November** at 7pm, All Saints **29th November** at 2.30pm and St Peter's after Morning Worship **2nd December**. For more information contact Margaret Bell.

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
Church of the Holy Rood
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