

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.

25th November
Sunday before Advent

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Lynn Power and Margaret Bell

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Lynn Power and Margaret Bell

High Mass - All Saints

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

4.00pm

Christingle - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

6.30pm

Evening Worship- St Lawrence

Speaker: Graham Howe on the topic 'War'

Collect Prayer

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth
the fruit of good works, may by
you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

War and Peace: Welcome to the Future

Isaiah 25: 6-9 (Page 568)

Matthew 18: 15-22 (Page 799)

Also at All Saints & Holy Rood:

James 5: 13-16 (Page 983)



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Dear Reader

There are so many things to look forward to which are coming up really soon.

This afternoon in Church@4 in Holybourne Church we celebrate with a Christingle Service.

Saturday 1st December is Santa Run day and there are various teams entering but the most important is Ali, Rachel and Andrew. Please sponsor us as we support Homestart.

Sunday 2nd December is the Yuletide Festival in the High Street. We will have stall to promote our activities. Please see Peter Bell if you can help.

Sunday 2nd December there will be Church@4 in St Lawrence School with a theme of 'The King is Coming'

Sunday 2nd December 6.30pm, we have a GAP Advent Carol Service in **St Lawrence Church**. We will be joined by our friends from Alton Methodist Church for a service of readings, congregational Advent hymns and anthems from the choir.

The weekend of **8th/9th December** we hold our successful **Christmas Tree Festival** - do come along and help and support and bring your friends. Alongside this there will be a **Christmas Fair on the Saturday from 10am-4pm** in The Parish Centre.

Sunday 9th December, 4.30pm as the Tree Festival ends we will hold a Christingle Service in St Lawrence Church

We have printed the Christmas Service postcards and they are ready to deliver along with a copy of the Christmas Hope magazine' There will be copies at the back of the churches. Can you please take a bundle and deliver to your neighbours and into other streets as we encourage others to worship this Christmas with us? It is important that we spread the Good News.

With blessings, 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 26th	Psalm 96	Isaiah 40.1-11	Revelation 14.1-13
Tuesday 27th	Psalm 97	Isaiah 40.12-26	Revelation 14.14-end 15
Weds 28th	Psalm 112	Isaiah 40.27-41.7	Revelation 16.1-11
Thurs 29th	Psalm 125	Isaiah 41.8-20	Revelation 16.12-end
Friday 30th	Psalm 47	Ezekiel 47.1-12	John 12.20-32
Saturday 1st	Psalm 145	Isaiah 42.10-17	Revelation 18
Sunday 2nd		Jeremiah 33:14-16	Luke 2:8-20

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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.

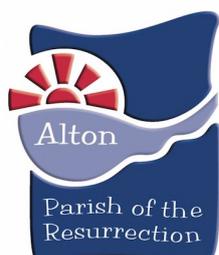
Monday; Oasis (formerly Young Mum's Home Group.) Meeting every other Monday at Sally Kemp's house, 44 Vicarage Hill, Alton. For further info please contact Ellie Elder on 07736666650 or email: ellieelder@gmail.com

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 4th December.**

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 more 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:

Juila Poole, 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 :

Andrew George, Angela Collins, Jean Mann,
Geraldine Harrington, Susan Thorne, Simon May,
Reginald Aldhous, David Savage, Grace
Hammond, David Hurley, Margaret Morley, Jill
Frampton, Jennifer Blackman, Sally Garner, Helen
Bradley,

Those preparing for Marriage:

George Harding and Georgina Caddy
John Cornell and Hannah Lucas

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
	11.00am	Service of the Word	Marlfield
	7.00pm	Readers and Intercessors Training	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice for Christmas	Holy Rood Church
Tuesday	9.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.00pm	Readers and Intercessors Training	Holy Rood Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	8.30pm	Quintet Practice	St Lawrence Church
	Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion
10.30am		Communion	The Lawn
5.00pm		Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.30am	Teddies Group	Holy Rood Church
	2.30pm	Readers and Intercessors Training	All Saints Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline	St Lawrence Church
Friday	5.00pm	Covenant Training Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	6.15pm	Covenant Youth Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.00pm	Beetle Drive	All Saints Church Hall
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
Saturday	9.00am	Community Market	Parish Centre
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Beginners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	3.00pm	Hard of Hearing Christmas Service	All Saints Church
Sunday	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	CW Communion	All Saints Church
	9.15am	Morning Worship	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.00-4.00	POTR Stall at Yuletide Festival	Alton Town Centre
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	4.00pm	Church @ 4	St Lawrence School
	6.30pm	Advent Carol Service	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

Notices

URGENT: Wanted POP UP Gazebo: We are looking for a 9 or 10 foot (3x3m) pop up gazebo for the church stall at the Yuletide festival. If you can lend us one (or know someone who can) please contact Peter Bell urgently (86063).

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

TOMBOLA.....If you can donate new items (including anything chocolate) for the Tombola at the Christmas Tree Festival, please leave them in the Parish Office, or hand to Elaine Cook or Jenny Thompson. Thank you.

HELPERS PLEASE for our Christmas Weekendif you have a two hour slot on Saturday between 10am and 4pm 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

Christmas Tree hunt—I would like to borrow a white or silver Christmas Tree to decorate for the Christmas Tree Festival in St Lawrence on December 8th & 9th, after which I will return for you to use yourself. A 4 foot or taller would be best. Please email me if you have a suitable one. Fingers crossed and thank you, Annis annismendham@hotmail.co.uk.

Healing Service—Sunday 25th November, 7pm As part of our ongoing response to our Who Cares? survey, the Church of the Good Shepherd is holding a Healing Service. We will be joined by Wes Sutton, the director of Acorn, a Christian Healing Foundation based in Bordon. Everyone is welcome at this service.

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** **A**nd leading **P**rayers to share good practice and encourage each other in this important ministry.

- * St Lawrence **26th 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.

Hard of Hearing Group—Tuesday 27th November invite you to 'Another Walk through Alton' from the comfort of your seats in All Saints Church Hall, led by local historian Jane Hurst, from at 2pm until approx. 3.45pm .Visitors are most welcome

Notices (cont.)

CYC QUIZ - the ever inventive Sue Dell has come up with a quiz to raise funds for the choir. Buy a copy for £2.50 from Joy or Sue and have a chance of winning chocolate in January, just as the Christmas supply runs out....if you would like to take part and cannot contact us at church, email Joy on revjoywindsor@gmail.com and one will wing its way to you.

Prayers Together—the next Prayers Together will take place on **Friday 30th November** at 8pm at the Baptist Church, Alton.

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.

Santa Run Saturday 1st December Our brave clergy (Andrew Micklefield, Rachel Sturt and Ali Wright) are running in the Santa team race, in aid of Home Start, a charity that helps families in the local area who are experiencing problems. Please support them by sponsoring our fabulous team (forms at the back of St Lawrence) or handing them money! Also come and cheer them on on Saturday 1st December- team race is at 2.15pm along the High Street. If you want to enter yourself go to: weywater.eventsmart.com/events/santa-run-2018/ or you can just sign up on the day.

Annual Hard of Hearing Christmas Service—Saturday 1st December in All Saints church, 3pm, with Lip Speakers and members from the Open the Book Team, followed by light refreshments in the Meeting Space. All welcome!

Alton Organ Society Concert—The next organ concert will take place on **Tuesday 4th December** at 8pm (refreshments from 7.30pm), to be given by local organist Gerald Marlow. Admission is £10 (£60 for all eight organ concerts) which includes a programme. For further details please contact Tony Willman (01420 543628) or email tony.willman@mac.com.

Traidcraft stall— there will be a stall in St Lawrence after the 10.30am communion on **Sunday 9th December**. For those of you who've been following my articles in Sunrise about the future of Traidcraft there is some positive news. Traidcraft are continuing to trade in the New Year but within a new business framework. This will mean that fewer lines will be available, I'll keep you informed when I know more.

Meanwhile I'm keeping stock levels high and have some beautiful Christmas gifts, Christmas cards, advent calendars and some delicious Christmas biscuits and chocolate. So please come and support Traidcraft, it is churches like ours that make the new business model possible. Many thanks, Jo

Notices (cont.)

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.

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) Saraebroadbent@aol.com.

'Come and Join Us' preschool children's group— **Wednesday 12th December** from 10.15am (after the 9.30 service) at All Saints Church.

Christmas Jumper Day—the Parish Office will be raising some money for Save the Children on **Friday 14th December**. Why not pop into the office between 9.30am and 2.30pm and enjoy a mince whilst wearing your best Christmas jumper! All Christmas jumper wearers are invited to donate £2 to Save the Children (the mince pie is free). Prize for the best jumper of the day!

Festive Fare' A Christmas event at Alton Library on **Friday 14 December** from 11.30am – 12.30pm. A forty-five minute seasonal helping of dramatized and entertaining literary readings about Christmas and food – poetry, prose, and play extracts from writers such as Charles Dickens, Thomas Hardy, Edward Thomas, Jane Austen, William Shakespeare and more, ending with a communal Christmas Carol. Compiled and performed by local actress and speaker Rowan Suart

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



**Covenant Youth Choir with
Covenant Training Choir
Present their:**

Giant Christmas Music Fest

**St Lawrence Church, Alton
Saturday 22nd December**

6 pm—Doors open 5.45pm

Adults: £5; Senior Citizens £3;

Children under 16: £2

Available from POTR Office;

Eventbrite & cycalton@gmail.com



**Featuring:
Joe Mylward
Music
and
Zozey**



Christmas Tree
Festival
and market

The title is surrounded by decorative elements including snowflakes and stylized Christmas trees. The trees are green with gold stars on top. The snowflakes are white and grey.

8th & 9th December 2018

at

St Lawrence Church, Alton

10am - 4pm Saturday (festival & market)

12pm - 4pm Sunday (festival only)

followed by family Christingle at 4.30pm on Sunday

festive refreshments

**All donations will go to Christians Against Poverty
and The Alzheimer Society**

contact Elaine Cook on 01420 83495 for details



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, pray-
ers**

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, sing-
ing, 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

Prayer Cascade email: pray4potr@gmail.com

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