

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.

6th January 2019
Epiphany

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Holy Communion - All Saints

Led by Revd Joy Windsor
and Margaret Bell

9.15am

Morning Worship - St Peter's

Led by Debbie Thrower

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

10.30am

Communion with Baptism - All Saints

Led by Revd Joy Windsor
and Margaret Bell

3.30pm

Baptism - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

4.00pm

Church @ 4 - St Lawrence School

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield and Team

6.30pm

Choral Evensong - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

Collect Prayer

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

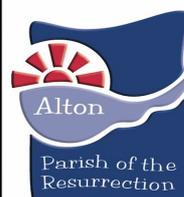
Renewal of Giving The Gifts of the Wise

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Also at All Saints and Holy Rood:

Isaiah 60: 1-6



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Dear Reader

I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed New Year. We had a wonderful Christmas across the Parish and I thank all of you for the parts you played in welcoming people, organising services, making lovely music, serving refreshments, decorating the churches with flowers and ensuring that the life and vibrancy of the parish was so evident.

As we set out into 2019 we do so with confidence that God has much in store for us. We press ahead in earnest with our Five Year Plan, with the challenge to grow and develop as churches faithfully and boldly serving Jesus and as people full of The Holy Spirit fired up for mission and ministry. Our first major task as we go forward is around our stewardship - our giving - as we get all of our resources in order to fulfil our plans. We will be using January to remind ourselves of God's amazing generosity to us and how we need to respond. Please read the 'Renewing of Giving' booklet carefully and prayerfully. It clearly sets out our hope and how we can achieve it. We need to grow our regular financial giving to the parish by £20,000 per year - it is really possible! And we need to grow our volunteering - what can you give to help us realise our plans and dreams?

As we do this, I need to say a huge thank you to the Finance & Admin Committee members who have invested heavily into this work with me, without them this would not be possible. Also, on your behalf, I need to thank Elizabeth Dain for all the years of work she has volunteered as Gift Aid Secretary. She now retires from this role with our gratitude for excellent work done. Tim Sturt has volunteered to take on this role under a new title of Donations Co-ordinator, thank you Tim very much indeed. He can be contacted via the Church Office.

Every blessing Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank. A BIG thank you to everyone who has supported us this year. We have been overwhelmed by the help received by the churches and the people of Alton, especially recently. Currently the warehouse is full, and we do not need supplies at present.

“Don't come to church empty handed”

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

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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 Tim Sturt, 01252 710968, t.sturt@btopenworld.com, and he 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 7th	Psalm 99	Isaiah 63.7-end	1 John 3
Tuesday 8th	Psalm 46	Isaiah 64	1 John 4.7-end
Weds 9th	Psalm 148	Isaiah 65.1-16	1 John 5.1-12
Thurs 10th	Psalm 149	Isaiah 65.17-end	1 John 5.13-end
Friday 11th	Psalm 150	Isaiah 66.1-11	2 John
Saturday 12th	Psalm 96	Isaiah 66.12-23	3 John
Sunday 13th		Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3.15-17,21-22

**Also at All Saints & Holy Rood:
Isaiah 43.1-7**

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. 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: Emmaus Housegroup. Meeting bi-monthly at Pilgrim Cottage, 44 Vicarage Hill at 9.30am. **The next meeting will be on the 8th January 2018**

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

Wednesday Housegroup. 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. Next meeting will be on **Wednesday 9th January 2019.**

Thursday; LYFE Group 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 January 2019

As we begin this new year let us pray for our Parish of the Resurrection and for our faithful following of Jesus Christ. We commit to God our Vision Statement: **Proclaiming the Risen Jesus; Steadfast in faith; Active in service** and seek the Holy Spirit's leading for how we should minister and work together to fulfil it. We pray 'Come, Holy Spirit into our lives, into our churches, into our parish'.

We commit the 'Renewing our Giving' plan to God. Pray that we will be generous to the ministry and mission of our Parish both financially and in terms of our time and talents.

We remember the older people of our parish. Winter time can be difficult and so we pray for warmth, health and company. We pray for those in residential or nursing homes. As a parish we regularly visit and take communion services at: The Lawn, Marlfield, Brendoncare & Mary Rose Mews, Orchard House, Borovere, Fielders Court, Willow Court and Berehurst and we pray for the residents and staff of these places. Pray also for Debbie Thrower and Rachel Sturt, our Anna Chaplains who particularly minister in these places.

Pray for our ministry with young people. We give thanks for the ongoing flourishing of the Covenant Youth Choir and particularly the new Covenant Training Choir. We also pray for the FROG & METTLE groups run by Ali – for their growth in number this term.

Please pray for the Ecumenical Ministers Meetings which take place once a month. All the local church ministers attend to discuss common issues, plan events and activities and pray together. Pray for unity of mind and vision.

We pray for Bishop Jonathan as he prepares to leave the Diocese and take up his new post as Dean of York Minster. We pray for him, his wife Christine and the rest of the family. We pray now for the appointment panel which will shortlist and select a new Bishop of Southampton – Andrew is on this.

Pray for Bishop Tim (Bishop of Winchester) who takes study leave from the end of this month until early April. Pray that this will be a refreshing and stimulating time for him as he takes time out in his home in Kenya. We pray for Bishop David as he leads the Diocese during this period.



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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:

Georgina Matthews, Maureen Serle, Julia Poole, Barbara Turk, Joan Cheeseman, Jeremy, Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill, Neil, Jacob and Joshua (twins)

Those who are bereaved, Families of :

Joan Hedges. Fredrick Oakley, Phyllis Blundell, Michael Wade, Sheila Betts, Barbara Stent, Marjorie (Margo) Brown, Vera Marchant, Revd Ian Toombs, Pamela Millard, Linda Tandy,

Those preparing for Marriage:

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
Tuesday	9.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	11.15am	Funeral of Vera Merchant	St Lawrence Church
	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	Fielders Court
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.30am	Teddies Group	Holy Rood Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	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	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Bell Ringers Beginners & Improvers	Holy Rood Church
	3.00-4.15pm	Bell Ringing	St Lawrence Church
	4.15-4.45pm	Service for Bellringers	St Lawrence Church
	5-7pm	Alton & Petersfield Bell Ringers AGM	Parish Centre
	7.15-9pm	Bell Ringing	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
	7.30-8.30pm	Bell Ringing—Quarter Peal	All Saints Church
Epiphany 2 Baptism of Christ	8.00am	BCP Communion	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church

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

Notices

Parking at St Lawrence Vicarage A polite request. There are increasing times when manoeuvring in the Vicarage driveway and access to the house is difficult. Whilst we are happy that members of the parish use the drive for parking, and there are others who have asked our permission, we would ask that consideration is given to where you park please. There have been times recently when we have struggled to get in and out ourselves. Andrew & Fiona

Tour to Turkey Andrew and Clive Anderson are leading a Pilgrimage to Turkey, visiting the The Seven Churches. This will be from Saturday 7th - Saturday 14th September 2019. We will visit Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Ephesus and the Isle of Patmos. The price is £1350 which includes everything apart from lunches each day. Information and a booking form are available from the churches or on the parish website www.potr-alton.co.uk

NEW BOOK CLUB A small group will be informally discussing the book, "The Grace Outpouring" on **Fridays 8, 15 and 22 February at 2pm**. Join like-minded people to see how we as a parish can learn more about blessing others! Please let Alison Parr know if you would like to come. alisonparr152@btinternet.com or see her in church. She has a few copies of the book available at £5.75 each. Venue to be decided once numbers known.

Parish Christmas Lunch Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the Christmas lunch. To those who generously made donations, in cash or in kind and to the fantastic team of volunteers who helped in the preparation for the lunch and on Christmas Day itself. We received so many positive comments from our guests who appreciated the delicious food & drink, the entertainment and the company. Elspeth & Derek Gurney

Parish Giving Scheme Please note that, effective from 1 January onwards, all matters relating to Planned Giving, Gift Aid, special appeals, envelopes, standing orders and PGS etc should be referred to Tim Sturt, 01252 710968, t.sturt@btopenworld.com

Opportunities to Volunteer—Have you thought about:

- being part of a team to edit and update the Parish website
 - being a person who gathers advertising for Sunrise Magazine
 - joining the St Lawrence Choir
 - joining a cleaning rota for one of the churches
 - being prepared to read the Bible in services
 - helping to operate the Audio Visual system in St Lawrence Church regularly
- Do speak to a Member of the Ministry Team. More thoughts next week!



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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
10.45am 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