

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.

10th February
4th Sunday before Lent

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Wendy Burnhams
and Revd Lynn Power

9.30am

Parish Communion - Holy Rood

Led by Revd Joy Windsor

10.30am

ATC Sunday - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield
and Clive Anderson

Parish Communion - All Saints

Led by Wendy Burnhams
and Revd Lynn Power

6.30pm

Evening Worship - St Lawrence

Collect Prayer

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

The Book of Ruth

Ruth 1 (Page)

Luke 5:1-11 (Page)

Also at All Saints:
1 Corinthians 15:1-11



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Dear Reader

Thank you to everyone who has heard the January appeal to Renew our Giving across the Parish. I am aware that that in many ways it is a big ask but do encourage you to now make your response prayerfully and generously. Some people have already indicated that they are going to increase their financial giving - I and members of the PCC are enormously grateful to you. In all the churches there are the Renewing our Giving response forms where you are asked to indicate how much you will increase your weekly giving and by what means. It is beneficial to our ongoing budget setting and planning our ministry and mission that the PCC and Finance Team have information on what income is likely to be over the next months. I ask you to please complete one of these forms and return it either to the St Lawrence Vicarage or The Parish Office and hand it to a Churchwarden after a service. So far the forms that have been returned show that we will increase our giving by approximately £100 per week - that is great news already.

So much is happening. We shortlisted this week for the Associate Vicar post and we will be interviewing on 28th February and 1st March. Please keep this in your prayers.

Today we welcome the Air Training Corps to the 10.30am service in St Lawrence Church along with members of The Butts Church and their minister Revd Clive Anderson who is their chaplain. We continue in our Evening Worship the Talking Jesus course - we are on session 2 - it is not too late to join in. Tomorrow at 7pm we will read another four chapters of Luke's Gospel and pray together in Holybourne Church - all welcome.

Best wishes, Andrew



Please remember to support our local food bank Alton Foodbank is currently asking for long life milk and fruit juice, breakfast cereal bars and sponge pudding. They currently have a surplus of soup, baked beans, pasta and rice, and sanitary products so would kindly ask people **not** to donate any of these items at present. *“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 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 11th	Psalm 30	1 Chronicles 28.1-10	John 15.1-11
Tuesday 12th	Psalm 36	1 Chronicles 28.11-end	John 15.12-17
Weds 13th	Psalm 34	1 Chronicles 29.1-9	John 15.18-end
Thurs 14th	Psalm 37	1 Chronicles 29.10-20	John 16.1-15
Friday 15th	Psalm 31	1 Chronicles 29.21-end	John 16.16-22
Saturday 16th	Psalm 42	2 Chronicles 1.1-13	John 16.23-end
Sunday 17th		Ruth 2	Luke 6.17-26

Also at All Saints:

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

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.

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.

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 February 2019

We continue with the appointment process for the Associate Vicar for the parish. As we shortlist and interview this month, please pray for God's guidance and for our discernment.

Please pray for the Renewal of Giving in the Parish. Give thanks for all that God has given to us and for our plans for the future. Pray that our giving to the parish finances aligns with our budget plans and also in line with what God is calling us to be and to do.

Pray for the Alton Town Pastors as they minister around the town on Friday and Saturday evenings - they may have good conversations and help people in all sorts of ways. Pray for the coordinating team (Christine Parker, Jane Ballard, Sally Kemp and Howard Wright) and this valuable ministry. They need more volunteers so pray that people may be prompted to help. Pray for the Council of Reference Group for the Town Pastors, chaired by Andrew, that they may strategically help and support this ministry.

The General Synod of the Church of England meets between Wednesday 20th and Saturday 23rd February in London. Pray for those who represent our Diocese as they discuss and support developments for the ongoing life of our church. Pray for Archbishop Justin Welby in his leadership.

Pray for Alton College and especially for Ali Wright as she uses her time to be the College Chaplain. We also pray for the new Kings Arms Project giving more youth provision to the town. We seek God's blessing particularly on Lisa Hillan as she leads this work.

For the local Christians Against Poverty centre based at The Alton Maltings Centre. We pray for Mark Rumsby who co-ordinates its work, the volunteers and those it helps and encourages.

We have committed to being Fairtrade Churches and we support Fairtrade Fortnight (25th February - 10th March). Pray for the producers who grow the products giving thanks for the difference Fairtrade makes to their lives and communities. Pray for our dedication to the cause.



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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:

Judy Butler-Kearney, Alan Winter, 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 :

Rosemary Howarth, John Donaghue, Kathleen Durston, Barbara Gladwin, Charles Wood, Patrick Barton, Joan Hedges. Fredrick Oakley, Phyllis Blundell, Michael Wade, Sheila Betts, Barbara Stent, Marjorie (Margo) Brown, Vera Marchant, Revd Ian Toombs,

Those preparing for Marriage:

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
	7.00pm	Reading & Praying St Luke's Gospel	Holy Rood Church
Tuesday	9.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Borovere
	7.00pm	Mettle Youth Group	44 Vicarage Hill
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
Wednesday	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	10.30am	Communion	Berehurst
	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
	2.15pm	Funeral of Kathleen Durston	All Saints Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline Service	St Lawrence Church
Friday	2.00pm	Book Group 'The Grace Outpouring'	22 Maltings Close
	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
	10.00am	Bell Ringers - Peal Attempt	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
Sunday	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 with Baptism	St Lawrence Church
	4.00pm	GAP Songs of Praise	Alton Methodist Ch
	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

Traidcraft The first Traidcraft stall of 2019 will be on **today** after the 10.30am service at St Lawrence Church. As well as the usual Fair trade food items Jo will have some Sale bargains, including men's and ladies bamboo socks. As from February there will be a Traidcraft stall at St Peter's once a month. Dates will be announced. If you need any fair trade essentials in the meantime call Jo on 07980 371034.

Barbara Small's 95th birthday. Barbara will be 'At Home' on **12th February** from 12-3pm at 42 Spitalfields. She would love to see all her old friends. Drinks and nibbles provided.

New Book Club A small group will be informally discussing the book, "The Grace Outpouring" on **Fridays 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.

Pancakes in the Park GAP are again giving away pancakes at the annual town pancake races on **Tuesday 19th February**. Please come and help to serve them or just join in the fun. If wet in parish centre.

Pray-ers Together The next Pray-ers Together will take place on **Friday 22nd February** in Alton Methodist Church at 8pm.

GAP Ladies Lunch The next Gap Ladies Lunch will take place at the Alton House Hotel on **Wednesday 27 February**, anytime from 12 noon onwards. Newcomers will be very welcome. NB Norma Duke has very kindly undertaken to let the hotel know about numbers, so please let her know if you would like to come. Her contact details are 01420 84722 or 07814204926

'Thank you' Elizabeth Dain would like to thank everyone who sent good wishes and prayers which she appreciated greatly. She is home, recovering well and hopes to be out and about in a week or so.

NOTICES

Renewing our Giving Thank you for your prayers and thinking about your giving to the Parish. As you know we are asking for everyone to consider another £3 a week in order for us to fulfil our vision and what God is calling us to do. The PCC would like to know the impact of our Renewing of Giving and ask you to complete a Renewing of Giving promise card - you will receive one at our services today and next week.

Opportunities to Volunteer Have you thought about?

- servers and communion assistants for St Lawrence
- helping input data to new software in the Parish Office
- funeral, baptism and wedding verger
- Being a person who gathers advertising for Sunrise Magazine
- joining a cleaning rota
- joining the flower arrangers rota
- being prepared to read the Bible in services
- helping to operate the Audio Visual system in St Lawrence Church on Sundays
- driving people to church on Sundays
- supporting the Saturday Community Market which happens once a month
- joining the team of volunteers who support Ali with the FROG youth group - she really needs more!

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

Sponsorship sought Do you own or work for an Alton based community spirited business who could sponsor a three month trial of a community bus for Wooteys and Eastbrooke estates? We need £1,800. If there are any charities or individuals who are willing to donate that would be great too. Contact: Robert Saunders 01420 82669.

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Which Way Now? Is God calling you to something new? If you'd like to find out more about Ordination or Lay Ministry please come along to a Vocations Morning on **Saturday 9th March** 9.30am to 12.00 at St Mary's, Andover, or **Saturday 6th April**, 9.30am to 12.00 at St Mary's Southampton.

For more information or to let them know you would like to come, please email Lynda.Mumford@winchester.anglican.org.

Paying of Invoices, Receipts and Fees We have put some new arrangements in place regarding the finances of the Parish. Andrew Russell is the Parish Treasurer with oversight of the budget and accounts. Tori Hewitt is the Book-keeper making sure all records are kept accurately and in a form for examination. Carole James, one of our Parish Administrators, is dealing with the payment of all bills, receipts, invoices and fees. If you need something to be paid from parish funds it will need to be passed to Carole in the Parish Office or by email to potr.accounts@btinternet.com She will firstly seek authorisation and then make the payment either by BACS to your account or by cheque.

Upcoming ID Group Programme Events

Sunday 10th February The second of the Talking Jesus Course as part of Evening Worship - St Lawrence Church, 6.30-7.30pm

Monday 11th February Reading and Praying the Gospel of Luke; 7pm
Holybourne Church

Friday 15th February Book Group 'The Grace Outpouring' 2pm, 22 Maltings Close

Sunday 24th February 'Talking Jesus' (as part of Evening Worship) 6.30pm St Lawrence Church



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G.A.P.

“Songs of Praise”

Sunday 17th February

4p.m.

Alton Methodist Church

**Join us for an afternoon of worship through words and music,
with members from both congregations choosing their
favourite hymns.**

Guest Organist: Revd. Andrew Micklefield.

Offerings to be donated to Anna Chaplaincy Fund.

Refreshments served after the service.



Alton's Traditional Pancake Race Tuesday 19th February 10.45am, Public Gardens



£1.00

Per entrant

Races for Children & Teams

Grab your Frying Pans and don your Aprons

For Flipping Good Fun at Alton's Pancake Race

£5.00

Per Team

Registration Opens 10.45am - Races Start 11.30am

Categories: Preschool, 5-7yrs, 8-11yrs, 12-16yrs & TEAMS (up to 8 people)

**Prizes for Race Winners
and Best Fancy Dress**

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**FREE HOT PANCAKES
from 11am - Midday**

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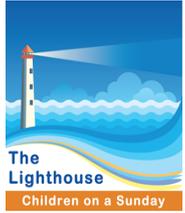
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**Please provide all notices for next weeks Parish Matters
by 12noon on Wednesday . Thank you**

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)
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

Vicar: *Revd Andrew Micklefield*
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Assistant Priest: *Revd Martin East*
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Getting in touch

For enquiries please be in touch with the Parish Administrator on
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Prayer Cascade email: pray4potr@gmail.com
The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm