

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.

24th March
Lent 3

Today's Services

8.00am

Holy Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield
& Wendy Burnhams

9.15am

Parish Communion - St Peter's

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

10.30am

Parish Communion - St Lawrence

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield
& Wendy Burnhams

Parish Communion—All Saints

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

4pm

Church@4—Holy Rood

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield & Team

6.30pm

Evening Worship - St Lawrence

Led by the Team

Collect Prayer

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection
we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Today's Readings

Psalms for Lent ***God showers loving kindness***

Psalm 63 (Page 458)
Luke 13:1-9 (Page 848)

Also at All Saints:
1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (Page 931)



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Dear Reader

On Thursday we had our first Lent Talk at Alton Methodist Church - what a fantastic turn out and thank you to Clive Anderson for leading us through the first phrase of The Lord's Prayer. These continue on Thursday evenings for the rest of Lent - please come along and invite a friend to come with you. It such a blessing to share these with other local churches.

Lent Lunches are available every Wednesday during Lent at Holybourne Church, please do go along at 12.30pm for soup and a roll.

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday and a 5th Sunday. It is our normal practice on 5th Sundays to hold an altogether Parish main service at 10.30am. So next Sunday we will worship together at St Lawrence Church. There will be an 8am service at St Lawrence too but no other services will be held in the parish. Please do make the effort to attend - it is important to be together.

Also it is our custom at altogether Parish services to make our collection for Karamoja, our companion link in Uganda, particularly supporting the Diocesan Training College there which trains lay people to lead local churches. The church in Karamoja is growing fast and this training is so important for the future and continued growth. Please come prepared to be generous - we can take cash or use the new 'Tap and Go' machine for debit or credit cards.

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, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat or pies, pasta, 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.

Giving to the Parish The Parish is reliant on the generosity of its worshipping community for all of our ministry and mission. We are extremely 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 and other ways for supporting us. In every service there is a collection, at some services and events we use 'Tap and Go' machines for debit and credit card use, the Parish Office has a card reader for donations, and there is a donate button on the parish website where you can make one off or regular gifts. Thank you in advance for all you can give.

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A better way to encourage giving in your church

Bible Readings for the week

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

Monday 25th	Psalm 111	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Romans 5.12-end
Tuesday 26th	Psalm 9	Jeremiah 11.18-12.6	John 7.53-8.11
Weds 27th	Psalm 38	Jeremiah 13.1-11	John 8.12-30
Thurs 28th	Psalm 56	Jeremiah 14	John 8.31-47
Friday 29th	Psalm 22	Jeremiah 15.10-end	John 8.48-end
Saturday 30th	Psalm 31	Jeremiah 16.10-17.4	John 9.1-17
Sunday 31st		Psalm 32	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Also at All Saints:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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. For more information call Margaret and Peter on 86063 or Robin and Sally on 769802. We are taking a break during Lent and will be attending the Lent Talks at Alton Methodist Church.

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 March 2019

For the discipline of Lent. Pray that we would all take steps to listen to God, centre our lives on the example of Jesus and be led by the gifts of The Holy Spirit. We pray for our Lent course 'Thy Kingdom Come' meeting on Thursday evenings and for our Lent Lunches on Wednesday lunchtimes that they will be times of good learning and fellowship.

Give thanks for the strong ecumenical mission and ministry which exists across the churches of Alton and District - particularly apparent in the Lent Talks. Please pray for the ministers who meet monthly for fellowship, conversation and prayer.

For Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School, Holybourne. For all the pupils, the staff and Headteacher Maria Lloyd, the governors and their links with the Parish.

For the Diocese of Winchester - for the School of Mission and its work with training and resourcing clergy, LLMs, and those who are in training for licensed ministry. We pray especially for Wendy Burnhams from our own parish who is training with the School of Mission for ordination/

For the Alton Foodbank and its many volunteers who provide essential food and goods to those who in need in our town. We pray for Ian Dane as he leads and co-ordinates this valuable ministry on behalf of our local churches.

We pray for the ongoing Brexit negotiations and discussions as we journey towards 29th March. We use the prayer given by The Archbishop of York

God of eternal love and power,
Save our Parliamentary Democracy;
Protect the High Court of Parliament and all its members
From partiality and prejudice;
That they may walk humbly the path of kindness, justice and mercy.
Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good.
The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength,
Therefore we pray earnestly, Father,
send them help from your Holy Place, and be their tower of strength.
Lord, graciously hear us. Amen.



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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:

Olive Wright, Wendy W, Jenny Thompson (AS),
Frank Wallace, 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 :

Vera Jones, June Fisher, Alan Winter, Judy Butler-
Kearney, Brenda Chalk, Peteris Anspoks, Alfred
Young, Rosemary Howarth, John Donoghue,
Kathleen Durston, Barbara Gladwin, David
Frampton,

Those preparing for Marriage:

Stephanie Morrison & Sam Panther
Nichola Skelton & Christopher Wylam
Wendy Ostler & Stuart Hunt
Naomi Foot & Taylor Bellamy

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 Toddler Group	St Lawrence Church
	11.00am	Service of the Word	Marlfield
	1.30pm	Funeral of Petris Anspoks	St Lawrence Church
Tuesday	all day	Organ tuning	St Lawrence Church
	10.00-12.00	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	8.30-3.00	Schools Easter Activity Day	St Lawrence Church
	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	12.30pm	Lent Lunch	Holy Rood Church
	3.30pm	Organ Practice (Alton College)	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
Thursday	9.30am	Teddies Toddler Group	Holy Rood Church
	10.00am	Mother's Union Communion	St Lawrence Church
	12.00-3.00	Schools Easter Activity Day	Holy Rood Church
	from 12pm	Rehearsal for Alton College Concert	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Alton College Easter Concert	St Lawrence Church
	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Lent Talk - The Lord's Prayer	Methodist Church
Friday	11.00am	Anstey Junior School Easter Service	St Lawrence Church
	12.30pm	Organ Practice (Luminosa concert)	St Lawrence 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	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	The White Hart
	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	from 11.30am	Luminosa Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
	7.30pm	Luminosa Concert	St Lawrence Church
Sunday	8.00am	Communion BCP	St Lawrence Church
	10.30am	GAP Altogether Service for Mothering Sunday	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

Electoral Roll Every six years each parish has to completely rewrite its Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll can be seen as a parish's membership list - those who are regular and committed worshippers and attenders. Everyone has to complete a new form - it is simple and easy. Every week in services throughout March we will have the forms available for you. The easiest and best way is not to leave before you have completed one and returned in the boxes provided. The forms are also available on the parish website www.potr-alton.co.uk and can be completed and returned by email to potr.electoralroll@gmail.com I encourage you to add your name to the electoral roll.

Come and Join Us' activities for Preschool children with their Parents, Grandparents and Carers will be held in All Saints church from 10.15am on **Wednesday 27th March**. Do come and join in.

GAP Ladies Lunch. The next Gap Ladies Lunch will take place at the Alton House Hotel on **Wednesday 27 March**, anytime from 12 noon onwards. Newcomers will be very welcome. Norma Duke has very kindly undertaken to let the hotel know about numbers. If you have not already done so, please let her know if you would like to come. Her contact details are 01420 84722 or 07814204926.

Pray-ers Together The next meeting will take place on **Friday 29th March** at 8pm at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks.

Men's Breakfast We will be meeting at the White Hart, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 30th March** for our usual delicious full English breakfast, all for just £8. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent guest speaker, the Revd John Marrow, curate of St. Andrew's, Farnham, who will be speaking about discipling children and grandchildren. If you have not attended before we would love to see you. Please reply to Tim Codling by email or telephone - 01420 80388 by Wednesday the 27th March.

Luminosa sing Mozart Requiem and Poulenc Gloria in St Lawrence Church on **Saturday 30th March 2019** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50 (under 12s £5), and are available via our website www.luminosamusic.com or from Newbury Building Society in Alton High Street.

Mee☩ and Eat – group for women of the Parish for fun, food and fellowship. The next meeting is on **Monday 1st April at 7pm** - Bring and Share Supper and Flower arranging tips at Holy Rood Church, Holybourne. Do come and join us, look forward to seeing you soon. Please chat to Elspeth Gurney or Lyn Baines or contact lynda.baines@btinternet.com for more details

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Covenant Training and Youth Choirs—Open rehearsal Come and join us for an Open Rehearsal on Friday 5th April—Covenant Training Choir (5pm-6.15pm) or Covenant Youth Choir (6.15pm-7.30pm). Please contact Revd Joy Windsor for further information.

Good Friday - 19th April 2019, Alton Choral Society will be performing Olivet to Calvary. This evocative and reflective piece is a sacred cantata that recalls simply and reverently the scenes which mark the last few days of the Saviour's life on earth, and some of the reflections thereby. Soloists are James Willis and Paul Grey. The performance starts at **6pm** in **Alton Methodist church** and entrance is free.

Easter Parade Sponsored Walk to raise funds for our Anna Chaplain. The Posters, Fliers and Sponsor Forms are now in our churches so please join in this fun fundraising event to be held in Alton Town Gardens on **Easter Monday, 22nd April**. Remember, if you don't feel that you can walk you can always sponsor a friend!

An Evening with Ancora and Friends An eclectic mix of styles and times in music. **Saturday 11th May**, 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Tickets £10 (Under 16's free), available from Wildly Upbeat Printers or telephone Christine Silver (01420 549829) or members of Ancora.

Modern Science affirms the Bible The Margaret Morley Memorial lecture by Sir Colin Humphreys, Professor of Materials Science at Queen Mary University of London. 2.30pm on **Thursday 9th May** at Alton Community Centre.

Pilgrim Walk July 2019 in aid of Open Doors We will be doing this 140 mile sponsored walk in 7 days between the 14th and 21st of July and will arrive in Alton on the 14th. We are walking to raise money for Open Doors, who work in over 60 countries, supplying Bibles, training church leaders, providing practical support and emergency relief, and supporting Christians who suffer for their faith. See www.opendoorsuk.org for details. We would be eternally grateful for any offer of overnight accommodation, dinner or breakfast. We are very flexible and will happily occupy a Church, Church Hall, Home or Chateau for the night. It would be wise to note that the use of washing facilities would be beneficial for all! Please contact us via jonesc5597@gmail.com or 07759163217 with any offers. Yours in Christ, Adam Trigg and Christopher Jones, St Paul's Church. Chippenham. Wiltshire

NOTICES

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!
- help in Resurrection Furniture shop or on the van. Contact Robin Lees (86665).

Eco Church One of the next projects under the Five Year Plan is Eco Church. We are looking to work on making our churches more “green” and working for accreditation.

If you would like to be part of a group working on this, please contact Elspeth Gurney on 07545 310911 or e mail elspethmary59@gmail.com. If you have any interest in eco matters, please consider being involved – expertise is not essential.

Easter Lilies at All Saints 2019 Some people like to make a donation towards Easter lilies in memory of a loved one. If you would like to make such a donation, please give it to Gwen Norkett. Thank you

Upcoming ID Group Programme Events

Sunday 24th March Talking Jesus, Galilee Chapel, St Lawrence Church, 6.30pm

Thursday 28th March Lent Talk, Alton Methodist Church, 7.30pm

Please note: There will be no Compline service at 8pm on Thursdays in St Lawrence Church whilst the Lent Talks are taking place.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be CLOSED on **Tuesday 26th March** due to staff training.

See you at our

Lent Lunches

Holybourne Church



Home made soups

Different selection every week

Wednesdays

from 12.30pm

13th March, 20th March, 27th March,
3rd April, 10th April, 17th April

Donations to The Lighting Project Holybourne Church

Boys & Girls, Mums & Dads, Families & Friends,
Young & Old

*Come along in your Easter Bonnet
and join the*

Easter Parade Sponsored Walk

In aid of the Anna Chaplaincy Fund
for Older People in Alton

11am Easter Monday, 22nd April

Alton Public Gardens

(Walkers may choose between the inner or outer circuit of the
Gardens)

*Bonnets will be judged at 10.45 am by the
Easter Rabbit*

Sponsor Forms can be picked up from All Saints Church,
St Peters Church Beech, Church of the of Holy Rood,
Holybourne, St Lawrence Church
or Alton Methodist Church

Everyone Welcome!

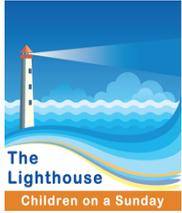


Notices

**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)
10.30am at St Lawrence Parish
Centre
10.45am at Alton Methodist

Church

**Games, crafts, singing, prayers
Everyone is welcome.**

Teddies Toddler Groups

Come to the Teddies
Toddler Groups on
Mondays
9:30am until 10:30am
St Lawrence Church
and
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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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