

# 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.

**7th April**  
**5th Sunday of Lent**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

### **Holy Communion - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

### **Holy Communion - All Saints**

Led by Revd Lynn Power

**9.15am**

### **Morning Prayer - St Peter's**

Led by Revd Lynn Power

**9.30am**

### **Parish Communion - Holy Rood**

Led by Revd Rachel Sturt

**10.30am**

### **Parish Communion - All Saints**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield  
& Robert Saunders

**4.00pm**

### **Church @ 4 - St Lawrence School**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield & Team

**6.30pm**

### **Choral Evensong - St Lawrence**

Led by Revd Andrew Micklefield

## Collect Prayer

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries  
of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's  
blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Today's Readings

### ***Psalms for Lent*** ***God restores our joy***

Psalm 126 (Page 499)  
John 12:1-8 (Page 874 )

***Also at All Saints:***  
Philippians 3:4b-14 (Page 954)



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Dear Reader

We are fast approaching Holy Week and Easter and our great celebration of the Risen Lord Jesus. There are Holy Week and Easter postcards available for distribution - please would you take some for your friends and neighbours and deliver around your local roads. To go with our postcards we have some Easter Hope Magazines which are to be delivered with them. All available in the churches. The services are listed below for you now.

Monday 15th April	8pm	Compline	Holybourne Church
Tuesday 16th April	8pm	Compline	Holybourne Church
Wednesday 17th April	8pm	Compline	Holybourne Church
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Final Lent Talk & Shared Communion	Alton Methodist Church
Good Friday	10.30am	Shared Ecumenical Service	St Lawrence Church
	2pm	Readings & Music for The Last Hour	St Lawrence Church
Easter Day	6am	Dawn Service with breakfast	Old Park Farm, Abbey Road, Beech
	8am	Holy Communion	St Lawrence & All Saints Church
	9.15am	Easter Communion	St Peter's Church, Beech
	9.30am	Easter Communion	Holybourne Church
	10.30am	Easter Communion	St Lawrence & All Saints Church



**Please remember to support our local food bank** Alton Foodbank is currently asking for long sponge puddings, instant mash, tinned potatoes, sugar, size 4 and above nappies. They currently have a surplus of baked beans, soup, sanitary towels, and vegetarian products (kidney beans etc.) and tinned fish 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](mailto: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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## **Bible Readings for the week**

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

<b>Monday 8th</b>	<b>Psalm 73</b>	<b>Jeremiah 21.1-10</b>	<b>John 11.28-44</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th</b>	<b>Psalm 35</b>	<b>Jeremiah 22.1-5,13-19</b>	<b>John 11.45-end</b>
<b>Weds 10th</b>	<b>Psalm 55</b>	<b>Jeremiah 22.20-23.8</b>	<b>John 12.1-11</b>
<b>Thurs 11h</b>	<b>Psalm 40</b>	<b>Jeremiah 23.9-32</b>	<b>John 12.12-19</b>
<b>Friday 12th</b>	<b>Psalm 22</b>	<b>Jeremiah 24</b>	<b>John 12.20-36a</b>
<b>Saturday 13th</b>	<b>Psalm 23</b>	<b>Jeremiah 25.1-14</b>	<b>John 12.36b-end</b>
<b>Sunday 14th</b>		<b>Philippians 2.5-11</b>	<b>Luke 23.1-49</b>

**Also at All Saints:  
Isaiah 50.4-9a**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)



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## Praying in April 2019

We celebrate Easter this month and we thank God that He raised Jesus from the dead. Pray that we would, as individuals and as a parish, remain excited and energised by the resurrection of Jesus. Pray that those who attend Holy Week and Easter services for the first time or renew their connection with our churches will continue to worship, pray and become disciples with us.

We give thanks for the overwhelming success of the Ecumenical Lent Course focusing on The Lord's Prayer. We pray for those who have attended week by week and engaged with the topics and discussions. Please also pray for the town ministers who meet together to think and discern how we grow together further in our unity and witness.

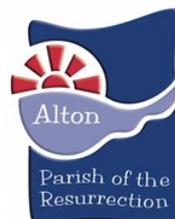
Pray for the forthcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 28th April and for the exhibition of parish life which will precede it. We will celebrate the ways in which God is working in our parish life and pray for his guidance and wisdom as we go forward this coming year.

Pray for the Hard of Hearing Group and for the ways in which it reaches out to a wide variety of people in our community.

We pray for schools - their pupils and staff - across our parish. We give thanks for the involvement we have with them as local churches. We pray for all the Collective Worship that take place, for our Open the Book teams, for the two Service After Schools, for the work that Keren Brake does as the Schools Ministry Co-ordinator, those who serve as governors, for Ali Wright as she ministers in Eggars and Amery.

We pray for the ongoing Brexit negotiations and discussions. 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:**

Hazel Buck, 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 :**

Lilian Cooper, Graham Stratford, Valerie Palmer, Vera Jones, June Fisher, Alan Winter, Judy Butler-Kearney, Brenda Chalk, Peteris Anspoks, Alfred Young,

**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.**

<b>Monday</b>	9.30am	Teddies Toddler Group	St Lawrence Church
	1.00pm	Funeral of Judy Butler-Kearney	All Saints Church
	12.30am	Beech Lunch Club	Beech Village Hall
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Holy Rood Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00-12	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Communion	Borovere
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	12.30pm	Lent Lunch	Holy Rood Church
	5.00pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
<b>Thursday</b>	4.30pm	Organ Practice	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Holy Rood Church
	7.15pm	Choir Practice	Holy Rood Church
	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Lent Talk - The Lord's Prayer	Methodist Church
<b>Friday</b>	12.30pm	Wedding - Stephanie Morrison & Sam Panther	Holy Rood Church
	5.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Choir Practice	St Lawrence Church
<b>Saturday</b>	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	1.00pm	Wedding Nichola Skelton & Christopher Wylam	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am	Communion BCP	St Lawrence Church
	9.15am	Parish Communion	St Peter's Church
	9.30am	Parish Communion	Holy Rood Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	All Saints Church
	10.30am	Parish Communion	St Lawrence Church
	2.00pm	Bell ringing Full Peal	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church

**For more information please go to our web site [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk)**

## Notices

We will hold our **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** on **Sunday 28th April 2019** in St Lawrence Church. This is an important event for the parish as we review the past year and look forward. It is also the occasion where we receive the financial accounts, elect churchwardens and members of the PCC, and receive other reports. As last year we will hold an exhibition of reports on the life of the parish. This will be in The Galilee Chapel, being set up during the day on 20th April and then available for the week before the meeting. Separate Vicar's report and Finance papers will be made available as well. On the 28th we will begin with breakfast in The Parish Centre from 8.30am, the meeting will begin at 9.30am and then we will worship together at 10.30am. There will be no other morning services in the parish that day. There will be Church@4 in Holybourne and Evening Worship at St Lawrence.

**Traidcraft** There will be a stall at St Peter's Beech after Morning Worship on **Sunday 7th April** and at St Lawrence Church after 10.30am Parish Communion on Palm Sunday, **14th April**. Jo will have Easter gifts and cards for sale on 14th April at St Lawrence but to avoid disappointment you can call her (01420 87680) to order your Easter Eggs, ready to collect on Palm Sunday.

**Holybourne crochet group** is having a break from crochet on **Wednesday 10th April** when they have been invited to make felted eggs with Sarah Bowyer. There are a few spaces available so if you fancy having a go, please contact Anthea Bailey (82657 or [antheabailey@btopenworld.com](mailto:antheabailey@btopenworld.com)) for more details. We will start by 10am and then move on to the church for the last Lent Lunch.

**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Remember, if you don't feel that you can walk you can always sponsor a friend!

**The Children's Society Spring Box Opening and Coffee Morning** For all All Saints Church box holders. Please come and have your box emptied and contents counted, **Saturday 27th April**, 10am to noon. Even if it doesn't need emptying this time, please come to join us for coffee and refreshments. We will be having a raffle as usual. All enquiries to Judith Brown on 01420 82289 or 07745 166466 or email: [judyraynbird@aol.com](mailto:judyraynbird@aol.com).

## NOTICES

**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.

**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.

**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 July**. 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](http://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](mailto:jonesc5597@gmail.com) or 07759163217 with any offers. Yours in Christ,

Adam Trigg and Christopher Jones, St Paul's Church. Chippenham. Wiltshire

**Holybourne Teddy Bear Service** on Thursdays 9.30-10.30am - your help is very welcome please! As you may know, Sylvia has been doing a wonderful job of running Thursday Teddies but is leaving at Easter. Sarah Ebbutt is taking over and would love some help, especially someone to run the craft activity or play the piano. It's term time only and a very relaxed, friendly atmosphere with free tea, coffee and biscuits. If you can help, please contact Sarah on 07519 002693 / 01420 542188 or [sarahebbutt@gmail.com](mailto:sarahebbutt@gmail.com).

**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

**Easter Flowers at St Lawrence Church** Should you wish to make a donation towards Easter flowers, there will be a plate at the back of the church from 7th April.

## 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).
- more volunteers are needed to join the team of the successful Come & Join Us once a term for preschool children at All Saints church, .The next session will be held in May/June.

**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](mailto:elspethmary59@gmail.com). If you have any interest in eco matters, please consider being involved – expertise is not essential.

### **Upcoming ID Group Programme Events**

**Thursday 11th April** Lent Talk, Alton Methodist Church, 7.30pm

**Sunday 14th April** Talking Jesus, Galilee Chapel, St Lawrence Church, 6.30pm

**Thursday 18th April** Lent Talk, Alton Methodist Church, 7.30pm

**Saturday 27th April** Men's Breakfast; White Hart, Holybourne; 8.30am

**Saturday 27th April** Board Game Fun, Parish Centre, 10am-12.00.

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

See you at our

# Lent Lunches

## Holybourne Church



## Home made soups

*Different selection every week*

### Wednesdays

**from 12.30pm**

13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March,  
3<sup>rd</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

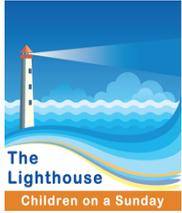


## Notices

**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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**Curate:** *Revd Joy Windsor*  
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**Licensed Lay Ministers:** *Margaret Bell*  
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**Assistant Priest:** *Revd Lynn Power*  
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**Anna Chaplains:** *Debbie Thrower and*  
*Revd Rachel Sturt (Assistant Priest)* Tel. 83234

**Pastoral Visiting:**  
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**Youth Worker:** *Ali Wright,*  
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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](mailto:potr.alton@btinternet.com)  
Prayer Cascade email: [pray4potr@gmail.com](mailto:pray4potr@gmail.com)  
The office is open Monday to Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm