

# 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 August**  
**Trinity 10**

## Today's Services

**8.00am**

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

Led by Revd Martin East  
and Margaret Bell

**10.30am**

### **Parish Communion - St Peter's**

Led by Revd Martin East  
and Margaret Bell

## Collect Prayer

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be  
persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never  
to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers  
before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

## Today's Readings

***Can we be set free from bondage?***

Isaiah 58: 9b-14 (Page 601 )

Luke 13: 10-17 (Page 848 )

***Also at All Saints***

Hebrews 12: 18-29 (Page 979 )



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Dear Reader

Today we are on the last of our 'Step Back for August' Sundays. It has been good to move around the parish to all our churches this month - I hope you have enjoyed it all. Next Sunday we get back into rhythm but please do remember that there will be a 10.30am Communion Service in St Lawrence with The Lighthouse Children's Ministry included as well. Usually the first Sunday would have included St Lawrence Church@4 but this is moving to the 3rd Sunday for the future - we hope it will work well in that slot. I have put an article into Sunrise explaining all the changes we are making to the monthly service pattern.

Going forward we are reintroducing a 'focal ministry' system now that The Ministry Team is more settled again. Gordon and Martin will be focally responsible for Holybourne, Lynn and Margaret for Beech, Rachel and Andrew for All Saints, Andrew and Joy for St Lawrence. That means these members of the Ministry Team will have strategic and pastoral oversight yet always relating back to our regular team meetings and in particular to me as the Vicar. We hope and pray this will enable and encourage growth and stability. Please note this does not mean these members of The Ministry Team will always take services in their focal churches - we want to be present across the whole parish as much as possible.

Are we enjoying The Jigsaw Festival? It continues today and tomorrow. Please support it and invite people along. Thank you to all those who have worked hard this week to put it all together and to those who have volunteered over this weekend.

Andrew



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**Please remember to support our local food bank** The Alton Foodbank is running low on the following products (as at 15th August) UHT milk, Fruit Juice (long life), Tinned and Instant Potatoes, Tinned Fruit, Sponge Puddings, Biscuits, Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Toilet Rolls  
*"Don't come to church empty handed"*

**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.

## **Bible Readings for the week**

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

<b>Monday 26th</b>	<b>Psalm 71</b>	<b>Jeremiah 41</b>	<b>Mark 2.23-3.6</b>
<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	<b>Psalm 73</b>	<b>Jeremiah 42</b>	<b>Mark 3.7-19a</b>
<b>Weds 28th</b>	<b>Psalm 77</b>	<b>Jeremiah 43</b>	<b>Mark 3.19b-end</b>
<b>Thurs 29th</b>	<b>Psalm 78.1-39</b>	<b>Jeremiah 44.1-14</b>	<b>Mark 4.1-20</b>
<b>Friday 30th</b>	<b>Psalm 55</b>	<b>Jeremiah 44.15-end</b>	<b>Mark 4.21-34</b>
<b>Saturday 31st</b>	<b>Psalm 76</b>	<b>Jeremiah 45</b>	<b>Mark 4.35-end</b>
<b>Sunday 1st</b>		<b>Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16</b>	<b>Luke 14.1,7-14</b>

**Also at All Saints:**

**Proverbs 26.6-7**

### ***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](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—meeting every Wednesday at 7.45pm at 62 Anstey Road, Alton. 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](mailto:lizmgriff@hotmail.com)



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## Praying in August 2019

We give thanks for the valuable ministry undertaken by our Parish Pastoral Visitors. Pray that those who are visited and shown love will be encouraged by their words, prayers and time. Many of those visited are lonely, grieving, poorly or housebound - lift them to God for healing, comfort and peace.

We pray for our children's ministry. The Lighthouse meets in Alton Methodist Church and St Lawrence Church. We pray for its further development and growth as we see more families and children at our worship and events. Also pray for The Teddies toddler groups which meet at The Church of the Holy Rood and St Lawrence as they grow and nurture young children and parents.

We pray for Ali Wright, our Youth Minister and Chaplain to Alton College. We pray for her ministry with FROG, METTLE and other opportunities for young people. We thank God especially for the work she has been able to do in Amery Hill and Eggars Secondary Schools. We especially pray for our young people who are going to Soul Survivor during the summer holiday - pray that they worship, pray and get to know Jesus more.

Pray for the forthcoming Jigsaw Puzzle Festival. Particularly pray for those who are organising it. This is a fantastic community event and so we ask that God will help us to further our vision of being 'active in service' and 'proclaiming the Risen Jesus'.

We have had the privilege of many baptisms and weddings in the parish recently - and there are more to come. Pray for these opportunities to meet and welcome these people, that we will convey our faith well and that they will encounter God through the services and relationships we build.

We pray for Alton Methodist Church and our ongoing relationship and ministry together. We thank God for Philip Simpkins their minister and those who serve with in him leading their church.

We are planning and preparing for two exciting courses in the autumn. There will be an Alpha Course and a Parenting for Faith course. Please pray for those who are getting involved in all the preparations and most importantly that people will come. Please pray for those who you could invite to come along and explore faith with us - maybe you would come with them.



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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:**

Colin, Ken Littlefield, Gary & Carol Phillips,  
Jenny Thompson (AS), Frank Wallace, Maureen  
Serle, Julia Poole, Barbara Turk, Joan Cheeseman,  
Barbara Small, Tony Ludlow, Ben Stonehill

**Those who are bereaved, Families of :**

Gladys Barber, Vera Legg, Phyllida McCormack,  
Mike Corfe, John Birch, Diana Nicholas,  
Mouneer Wassef, Karen Atkinson, John Jones,  
Patric Worsford,

**Those preparing for Marriage:**

Olivia Davis & Joshua Chalcraft  
Ineke Van Herwijnen & Keith Ritchie  
Sophie Paterson & Ben Stringer  
Sarah & Andrew Dell (Vow Renewal)  
Laura Wilson & Jeremy Connell  
Hayley Hodge & Steven Preston

**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  
and after Tuesday Café in Holy Rood Church at 12.00**

<b>Monday</b>	10.00-4.00	Jigsaw Festival	St Lawrence Church
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00-12.00	Tuesday Café	Holy Rood Church
	10.45am	Communion	Borovere
	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing Practice	All Saints Church
	8.45pm	Quintet Rehearsal	St Lawrence Church
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am	Parish Midweek Communion	All Saints Church
	11.00am	Communion	The Lawn
	12.00pm	GAP Ladies Lunch	Alton House Hotel
	2.00pm	Funeral of Mike Corfe	St Lawrence Church
	7-8pm	Private event	Holy Rood Church
<b>Thursday</b>	7.30pm	Bell ringing practice	St Lawrence Church
	8.00pm	Compline	St Lawrence Church
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	9.45am	Prayer Group	St Lawrence Church
	1.00pm	Wedding	St Lawrence Church
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer	All Saints Church
<b>Sunday</b>	8.00am	Communion	St Lawrence Church
	8.00am	Communion	All Saints Church
	9.15am	Morning Prayer	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
	3.30pm	Baptism	All Saints Church
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong	St Lawrence Church

**Alpha** We are running Alpha sessions for 6 weeks starting on **Thursday 26th September**. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. We will be running Alpha between 7.30pm and 9.15pm in The Parish Centre and will serve puddings and drinks before a talk and discussion. Anyone is very welcome to come along and join us. And we ask that you invite people to come and come along with them. If you are interested there are some invitation cards in all the churches and please let us know by using the [alpha.potr@gmail.com](mailto:alpha.potr@gmail.com) address. This is a fantastic opportunity. Andrew

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

## Notices

**BRF Notes.** The BRF notes for September - December are now available. Your copy is at the church where you normally worship for your collection.

**Pray-ers Together** The next Pray-ers Together will take place on **Friday 30th August** at 8pm in Alton Baptist Church.

**Men's Breakfast.** We will be meeting at the White Hart, Holybourne, at 8.30am on **Saturday 31st August** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £8. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, Captain Suzanne Clark from the Salvation Army. If you have not attended the breakfast for a while we would love to see you again. Please reply to Tim Codling by email: [tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone: 01420 80388 by Wednesday 28th August.

**Holybourne Teddies.** From September Holybourne Teddies will run on a Wednesday morning instead of a Thursday. The first session will be on **Wednesday 11th September** and will continue as such during term time. The time will remain the same as 9.30—10.30am.

**CYC 10th Anniversary Concert** CYC and CTC will be performing at a special 10th Anniversary concert on **Saturday 14th September** in St Lawrence Church at 6.45pm. They will be supported by guest artist Zozëy. Tickets available to purchase on the door. Adults £5, under 18's/Seniors £3.

**Ride & Stride 2019** We as a Parish have been approached again this year by the H&IHCT and asked if we will take part in Ride & Stride on the **14th September**. Unfortunately this is the day that we return from our parish trip to The Seven Churches in Turkey, which means that several of the riders who would normally take part in the event will be unavailable. Therefore we are looking for more volunteers to take part in this year's event, either by riding, striding or acquiring sponsorship. We also need volunteers to welcome and offer refreshments in each of our churches to those taking part on the day. If you can help in any way please contact Sarah Neish – 01420 565696, [sarah.neish@btconnect.com](mailto:sarah.neish@btconnect.com) or Tim Codling – 01420 80388, [tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk).

**The BIG Harvest Supper** The GAP Big Harvest Supper, which takes place in Alton Methodist Church on **Saturday 28th September**, promises to be a great social occasion. A substantial two-course buffet meal will be served, and this will be followed by some light entertainment. It's expected to be popular, and as space is limited, admission will be by ticket only, allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. There's no charge for this event, but cash donations are requested on the night; surplus monies will be passed on to Anna Chaplaincy funds. To obtain your ticket, contact: Parish of the Resurrection – Sarah Neish ([sarah.neish@btconnect.com](mailto:sarah.neish@btconnect.com) or 01420 565696), Alton Methodist Church – David Allan ([oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk](mailto:oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk) or 01420 84739)

## 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 us at



The Lighthouse  
Every Sunday (Term Time)  
10.00am 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

Wednesdays (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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