



## **Proclaiming the Risen Jesus Steadfast in faith Active in service**

*Come and worship with us or find out about the  
Christian faith - we are a vibrant community of  
four churches in Alton, Holybourne and Beech*

**We are part of the Church of England, Diocese of Winchester and in covenant  
partnership with Alton Methodist Church.**

### **Can you inspire? Do you want to be part of a dynamic team?**

We are looking for a Christian Youth Minister and Chaplain to Alton College (FE College) who can inspire young people and their families to reach their full potential in Jesus Christ and make a difference in the world.

- 37 hours a week, 7 of which will be devoted to Alton College and its chaplaincy needs.
- £23-28,000 depending on qualifications and experience.
- Three year funded post with possible extension

### **Location and character**

Lying at the heart of North East Hampshire, the parish encompasses the market town of Alton and the nearby villages of Beech and Holybourne. Alton has a diverse population of approximately 17,000, with a strong sense of community, and is situated at the end of a commuter line to London Waterloo. It is 10 - 15 miles from the larger towns of Basingstoke to the NW, Farnham to the NE and Winchester to the SW. The parish has a wide socio-economic spectrum with homes ranging from social housing to exclusive dwellings. Many church members play active roles in the variety of groups and organisations within the town. Three recent town mayors have been worshippers and one of the clergy is often invited to be the mayor's chaplain.

### **History**

The Parish of the Resurrection was formed in 2009 by the amalgamation of two existing town parishes and was joined by a third parish in 2010. At the same time a covenant with the local Methodist church was signed. This is called the Greater Alton Project (GAP). The parish is dynamic and forward-looking, with a "can do" ethos. It has a combined Electoral Roll of about 370, covering all ages.

### **The Parish of the Resurrection Ministry Team**

Revd Andrew Micklefield	Vicar
Revd David Hinks	Associate Vicar
Revd Chris Bradish	Curate
Revd Ian Toombs	Assistant Priest
Revd Lynn Power	Assistant Priest & Schools Ministry Co-ordinator
Revd Rachel Sturt	Assistant Priest & Anna Chaplain
Mrs Debbie Thrower	Licensed Lay Minister & Anna Chaplain
Mrs Margaret Bell	Licensed Lay Minister
Mrs Tori Hewitt	Parish Administrator
Mrs Joy Windsor	Ordinand, to be Self-Supporting Curate in July 2017
Mrs Lisa Bewick	Ordinand



Rev David Hinks and Rev Keith Underhill at a recent Confirmation Service



Some of the congregation at the Confirmation Service



Service at St Peter's with Rev. Tyrone Hillary (now left the parish)



Funday Sunday service at Holy Rood with former curate Rev Adam Watson

### **Four churches and congregations**

Within the parish there is commitment to the four churches, each with their own features, advantages and opportunities.

**All Saints.** This church was built in 1874 to serve the growing population of the town. The church building is in a good state of repair and the adjacent hall has been externally refurbished. It has an Anglo-Catholic tradition. Sunday services are at 8.00 and 10.30 am with occasional services during the week. Average congregations are between 20 and 35.

**Holy Rood.** One of the prettiest mediaeval churches in rural England set in a beautiful location in the small village of Holybourne. We are in the midst of planning and fund-raising for 'The Living Space Project' which will re-order the church interior adding kitchen, toilet and removal of pews to give space for events and activities. There is a regular congregation for the 9.15 am Sunday service, which is much larger at the monthly "Funday Sunday" service at 10.30 am. Average congregations are between 20 and 50.

**St Lawrence.** Originally a Norman church which has been extended over the centuries, the most recent addition is a “Pod” comprising kitchen, toilets, small meeting room and store. It has the largest congregation and greatest range of activities across the parish. Services are at 8am and 10.30am. Average congregations are between 90 and 130 adults and children.

**St Peter’s.** The church was originally built as a mission church in 1902 by Commander du Santoy Anstis RN, RNR for the Anglican community of Beech on land donated by him. On three Sundays a month the services are held at 9.15 am and on one Sunday there is an afternoon Songs of Praise. Average congregations are between 20 and 35.



The Covenant Youth Choir makes cakes and then serves and entertains senior citizens at the Golden Afternoon in the Methodist Church



Telling the Christmas story in the St Lawrence Galilee Chapel



**Alton College** is a large sixth form college and is the only post-16 college in rural east Hampshire. The nearest further education colleges are between 10 and 20 miles away in Guildford, Basingstoke and Farnborough. There is considerable competition for post-16 places among the Hampshire colleges. There are no maintained secondary schools with sixth form provision within 20 miles of the college

The college mission is to provide high-quality education and training in an inclusive, supportive and challenging environment. In broad terms the College serves around 2500 students both students under the age of 18 and adults.

Since 2010 there has been chaplaincy provided by the Parish of the Resurrection in relationship with the College. Up to this point the Chaplain has been a stand alone one day a week post funded initially equally between the parish and the college. More recently the parish has been the sole funder and now we wish to appoint a Youth Minister who devotes 7 hours per week to the college chaplaincy. This is a new way of working but one we hope and pray makes more sense and links the ministry in the parish and with local schools more directly with students at the college. For more information see [www.altoncollege.ac.uk](http://www.altoncollege.ac.uk)



## **The Greater Alton Project (GAP)**

“Anglicans and Methodists journeying together”

On the 10th July 2007, the first meeting of representatives from the three parishes serving Alton and surrounding areas was held to discuss the joining of the parishes into a single parish, as the result of the diminishing number of candidates for ministry. At the meeting were also representatives from the Alton Methodist Church.

It became obvious from the outset that there was an enthusiasm, for a merger of the three Anglican parishes. There was equal commitment to close working between Anglicans and Methodists.



Alton Methodist Church

On Advent Sunday 2009, the project came to fruition and two of the three parishes that had served Alton, Beech and Holybourne combined to form a new parish, called ‘The Parish of the Resurrection, Alton’ and, at the same time, all three signed a covenant partnership with Alton Methodist Church to provide mission and ministry to Alton and the surrounding area.

We have gone from strength to strength in our partnership and it has opened many opportunities for ministry and mission.