Welcome to all the information from The Parish of the Resurrection for this Sunday, 22nd November.

Worship
As you will be aware church buildings are again closed for public worship. Our online worship can be found with this link and I encourage you to watch.

<https://youtu.be/Mi0zWnA-YJE>

Sunday evening at 6pm there is an Evening Service on Zoom for all who want to attend. This is led by a small group of people and this week the theme is Psalm 19 - A Psalm for Advent. The Order of Service which you will need is attached and the Zoom invitation is:

Topic: POTR Zoom Evening Service
Time: Nov 22, 2020 18:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87925017356?pwd=NzIwRHRZZnljaGU4WiszdktYU1ZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 879 2501 7356
Passcode: 970520

Prayer
It is really good that the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have not called us to a month of lockdown but to a month of prayer. It is vital that we commit our world and its people to God and his care at this time. There are set topics for each day of the week and some special prayers. In Parish Matters you can see the daily pattern and intentions and we aim to remind people via social media as well. Please light candles in your front windows at 6pm each evening and say a prayer - I suggest that you simply say The Lord’s Prayer.

Living Advent Calendar
We are thinking carefully and creatively about the ways in which we can celebrate Advent and Christmas this year. One idea is to create a Living Advent Calendar. How do you do that I hear you say? Well there is an explanatory leaflet attached but simply the idea is that 24 different homes host a Christmas/seasonal window through the 24 days before Christmas and people are invited to go and see it.

Here is a link to some ideas which might help you to be inspired:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?q=Advent%20window%20ideas&rs=srs&b_id=BCTZcQPtAlx5AAAAAAAAAADyO2v5XT3mFeCwhhkj0_38_UAK-2nDieOPUEg0wlnPyMZXwNmPx7Sr0cp53BqqiJc&source_id=MjLj3cMD>

Would you like to host a window? See the instructions and book your window with Ellie in The Parish Office. I believe this will be a wonderful witness to our community so let’s get behind it.

Attachments
I attach this week’s Parish Matters; the Methodist Service sheet; the Town Council edition of The Altonian, The Order of Service for Sunday evening’s Zoom service and the Living Advent Calendar information.

Next Sunday is Advent Sunday as we begin the church’s preparation for Christmas. We will have a special Advent Service for next Sunday evening - we would normally hold an Advent Carol Service. The St Lawrence Choir were able before Lockdown to record some fantastic music for us (thank you so much all of you) and we will send out the online link for the service as usual so that you can watch from 6pm. The focus of this service will be ‘For those who sit in darkness’ based on readings from the prophet Isaiah. Of course our hope is that we move through the darkness of the situations in which we find ourselves to the glorious inextinguishable light of Jesus Christ who has come into the world. Let us hold on to this hope constantly as we ‘Proclaim the Risen Jesus, are Steadfast in Faith and Active in Service’.

With love and prayers
Andrew