Welcome! Here we are at the 3rd Sunday of Advent which means Christmas is just around the corner. This email gives you all the information for Sunday 13th December and more.

Worship
We continue to offer online worship alongside the services in church. I encourage you to watch this week’s online service which is led by me and the talk is given by Gordon Randall.

<https://youtu.be/FXXuL_u7TTo>

We also have a Sunday Evening Zoom Service at 6pm with the theme of ‘Meeting with Jesus at Christmas’. You will need the following Zoom details to join us. The Order of Service is attached.

Topic: POTR Evening Service
Time: Dec 13, 2020 18:00 London

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83508080136?pwd=VjJDN0hobm9NVUpQYktpRmpuSHovQT09>

Meeting ID: 835 0808 0136
Passcode: 209304

Parish Christmas Appeal
After discussion with the Churchwardens it has been decided that we ask you to support The Kings Arms Youth Project here in Alton this Christmas. We are already in partnership with them in various ways but mainly through the work of our Youth/Children/Family Worker, Martha Lloyd. Many of you will know about it and the new centre at the bottom of Vicarage Hill is nearly complete. It needs flooring and carpeting and they are in need of raising approximately £3500. It would be wonderful if we as a parish could make this happen in the next few weeks. To donate please visit their JustGiving page
<https://justgiving.com/campaign/thekingsarmsalton> or if you prefer do drop a cash donation to St Lawrence Vicarage. Please also pray for the work of The Kings Arms and for the young people of our community.

Living Advent Calendar I hope many of you are enjoying the window displays that are being offered as we build up through the 24 days of this season. We are all invited to go and have a look. Here is a link to the Google Map which shows you the trail by day.
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/edit?mid=1qt_vwIH2NFC1y31RUBGE-WBDo_I5uIXR&usp=sharing>

There is also an attachment with the list of places to look for each day. Please go for a stroll around each day and admire the Christmas messages which different people have put together. Do take photos and share them on social media especially Facebook and Twitter tagging the Parish of the Resurrection. Do enjoy this wonderful creative Advent presence.

Thank yous
We are really grateful that we had the opportunity to have stalls at the Alton Yuletide Market on Saturday for both The Parish and Resurrection Furniture. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped us with this important presence and being ‘active in service’.
Thank you to all those who came to the Zoom Christingle Services last Sunday - a fantastic number of people attended. Particular thanks to Martha for leading the services so very well.

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

Next Sunday we will offer an online Carol Service (Nine Lessons & Carols) which has been recorded by various members of our parish community and all the music by the St Lawrence Church Choir. By the way we now have a CD available of the choir singing Advent and Christmas music. If you would like a copy they are available at Resurrection Furniture or from Tony Willman - tony.willman@me.com or 01420 543628 - a bargain at £5. It is a wonderful recording and of very high quality. Do make sure you have a copy and it also makes a good present for people.

As we now head towards Christmas let us steadfastly prepare for the celebration of Jesus Christ coming into the world. God loves us so much it is worth coming faithfully, joyfully and triumphantly to bow down and adore him.

Love and prayers
Andrew