Welcome to the Parish of the Resurrection information for this week.

I encourage you to enjoy this week’s online worship which is available to watch with this link: <https://youtu.be/DzXda7uELdA>. The service is available from early Sunday morning.

We continue to look at what it means to be The Parish of the Resurrection - what is our character and what are the characteristics of us as Resurrection people? This week we look at the story in Luke Chapter 7 of the Woman at Nain and the raising to life of her son. This is read to us by Yvonne Wickens and Revd Gordon Randall speaks about it. Sally Kemp leads us in our prayers. Enjoy this time as we come together!

At 6pm on Sunday we will hold an Informal Evening Service on Zoom. We will be looking at being Steadfast in Faith with a short talk, some discussion, worship and prayers. The Order of Service which you will need is attached. Zoom details are:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85739883699?pwd=YUN2czUrVXNZQU1nWEVVK3NXaVU4dz09>

Meeting ID: 857 3988 3699
Passcode: 642862

Church@4 is back for a Pancake Party this coming Tuesday at 4pm. It is Shrove Tuesday. Martha and others will be leading this short family friendly event and everyone is very welcome to join in. Attached is the invitation with the details you need for making the pancakes. You will get chance to make them as part of the event but you might want to be prepared!

Zoom details:
Meeting ID: 819 4137 1951
Passcode: POTR1234

And then we celebrate Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Winchester Cathedral have a number of Livestream services available that day which we point you to.

ASH WEDNESDAY
08.20 - Morning Prayer All are welcome to join us via Zoom

10.00 - Lauds This pre-recorded act of worship will be broadcast via our
service streaming page and social media channels
<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/service-live-stream/>

12.00 - EUCHARIST - followed by Organ Meditation
President: The Bishop of Winchester
Setting: Langlais Missa in simplicitate
All are welcome to join us via Live Stream
<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/service-live-stream/>

17.30 - SOLEMN EUCHARIST
President: The Dean.  Sermon: Canon Roland Riem
Introit: The Lent Prose
Setting: Lassus Missa Je suis déshéritée
Gradual:  Psalm 130
All are welcome to join us via Live Stream
<https://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/service-live-stream/>

And then for Lent we have The Prayer Course - an 8 week exploration of The Lord’s Prayer starting on Thursday 25th February. This will be by Zoom and all the details are on our website <https://potr-alton.co.uk/the-prayer-course/>. To book a place please email prayercourse.potr@gmail.com

I hope you managed to hear John Vivian talk in our Midweek Encouragement this week. He talks very movingly of his life, work, and faith. If you missed it do check it out <https://youtu.be/MUOvz5Uvjyw>

As you will be aware the decision was made to continue to keep our buildings closed for both Sunday services and Private Prayer during February. We still believe that keeping each other safe and away from risk is paramount. This is taken with the deep concern and love that we all have for each other. We will review again for March and hopeful that the COVID situation will be different by then. Please do keep encouraging each other and do keep in touch with phone calls, emails, doorstep visits and be aware of those who need help and assistance

During this week we will also be meeting for Zoom Afternoon Tea on Thursday at 4pm. Be good to catch up with you!
Meeting ID: 851 9676 0975 Passcode: 323046

Attached are:
- Parish Matters (weekly newsletter)
- The Sunday Methodist Worship Sheet
- This week’s Altonian publication from Alton Town Council
- Order of Service for Sunday Evening Service
- Church@4 invitation

This week The car park of The Parish Centre next to St Lawrence Church is being relaid with new tarmac. Therefore there can be no vehicle access at all and I ask you please to park elsewhere.

I have told you about so much - parish life keeps going in so many ways and we are grateful to God and to each other. Please keep each other in your prayers and do also pray for the suppression of COVID-19 and for the eventual easing of restrictions. Our Archbishops have called us to pray each day at 6pm and it is good to join in. As we begin the season of Lent it is right and proper that we focus our attention to the discipline and the joy of prayer. I pray that you will both talk to God and hear from him and receive answers to your requests. Remember God knows us better than we know ourselves and He lives to bless us.

This is St Paul’s prayer for the Ephesians which is also a prayer for the people of Alton, Holybourne and Beech -

‘For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.’

With love and prayers
Andrew