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

This week’s online worship is available to watch with this link: <https://youtu.be/_ou9Zp9AEpI>

We concentrate on Mothering Sunday as the theme - there is a short quiz in it! We pray for all families and all those who bring love, care and compassion to us. I am grateful to Philippa Penfold, one of our Parish Administrators, for leading our prayers in this service. We send her our congratulations as she became a grandma again about a week ago and we welcome Marnie.

The service is available from early Sunday morning.

This evening at 6pm we hold an informal Evening Service on Zoom. We are beginning a series in these services on the book of Philippians and Andrew begins that with a look at Paul in Philippi in Acts Chapter 16. Do come along - it lasts about 50 minutes and includes some singing, prayers, reading and discussion. The Order of Service is attached.

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

Meeting ID: 857 3988 3699
Passcode: 642862

Robin Lees was in conversation with Gordon and Andrew for Midweek Encouragement this week. He talks passionately about Resurrection Furniture of which he is a trustee, about his magnificent garden and kayak racing. If you missed it do check it out <https://youtu.be/X60feyI19Ho>

All four of our churches are open for Individual Private Prayer from Monday 8th March. The pattern is:
All Saints Church – Monday 2-4pm & Friday 10am-12noon
St Lawrence Church – Tuesday 2-4pm & Saturday 10am-12noon
Church of the Holy Rood – Wednesday 10am-12noon & Saturday 2-4pm
St Peter’s Church – Thursday 2-4pm

Then from 29th March as the ‘Rule of Six’ is reintroduced we will open the church buildings for public worship ensuring all the social distancing and other public health guidelines are in place. We have put together a number of services across all four churches. These are detailed in Parish Matters which is attached and please read the guidance at the beginning of the list.
From then on we will hold midweek and Sunday worship.

In the meantime 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

Deanery Pastoral Reorganisation
The Winchester Diocese is responding to an ongoing financial situation which has been exacerbated by The COVID pandemic. Budget cuts have been made to central office provision, sale of property is taking place and there is to be a reduction in stipendiary (paid) clergy. These reductions are being made in every Deanery with a needed loss of 22 posts.
In the Alton Deanery we will lose two posts to retirement (Revd Ed Pruen & Revd Tony Pears) and therefore each parish/benefice is to be reorganised. The first part of the consultations for this is now taking place which means that PCCs are having meetings with Bishop David and The Archdeacon, Richard Brand. It is proposed that the Parish of the Resurrection is joined by the parishes of Bentworth, Lasham & Shalden. Every reorganisation will make new single parishes with one PCC. Our PCC meets with the Bishop and Archdeacon on Tuesday 23rd March. If anyone wants to make a comment to be considered at this meeting would you please send an email to the Parish Office titled ‘Parish Reorganisation’. We will then collate these. As the consultation process continues we promise to keep everyone informed. I hope that you understand that this needs to be undertaken with a deep commitment to prayer and under the guidance of The Holy Spirit. It also needs a missional approach rather simply an administrative or financial process. Please would you hold The PCC and Ministry Team in your prayers at this time.

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

With love and prayers
Andrew