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/Zz66M-vCHQQ>
Led by Gordon Randall; Reading by Jean Marchant; Prayers by Martin East and talk by Andrew Micklefield.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Passiontide. It is a turning point in Jesus’ ministry as he sets his face towards Jerusalem and his enemies. He knows that this is what he came for, to die for the sins of the world, but that doesn’t make it easy, especially as his disciples don’t really seem to have grasped this. Through this season of Passiontide we journey alongside Jesus with next Sunday (Palm Sunday) marking the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, followed later that week by the last supper (Maundy Thursday) and then the crucifixion (Good Friday) before we come to the joy of the resurrection (Easter Day). Details of all our forthcoming services are detailed below.

Today: Church@4 by Zoom - ‘Jesus the Provider’ - a short informal service for all Meeting ID: 819 4137 1951 Passcode: POTR1234
For the craft you will need:cardboard, foil, scissors, pens/paints/decoration, string, pencil

Palm Sunday: Youtube Service available
Church@4: “Palm Sunday Praise via Zoom
Meeting ID: 819 4137 1951 Passcode: POTR1234
6pm - Evening Service via Zoom
Meeting ID: 857 3988 3699 Passcode: 642862

Tuesday of Holy Week, 7pm - Communion Service at St Lawrence Church
Wednesday of Holy Week, 9.30am - Communion Service at All Saints Church
Maundy Thursday, 2pm - Communion Service at St Peter’s Church
Good Friday, 9.30am - Service at Church of the Holy Rood
12pm - Service at All Saints Church
2.15pm - Service at St Lawrence Church
Easter Sunday: Family Youtube Service
9.15am - Easter Day Communion - St Peter’s Church
9.30am - Easter Day Communion - Church of the Holy Rood
10.30am - Easter Day Communion - All Saints Church
10.30am - Easter Day Communion - St Lawrence Church

All services in church buildings will follow strict COVID guidance and you will need to book your place with the Parish Office - potr.alton@btinternet.com

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

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

And a reminder to listen to BBC Radio 4 Sunday Worship, March 21, Passion Sunday, 8.10am to 8.50am: ‘The Lost Years.’ Led by our very own Debbie Thrower as we mark the anniversary of the first lockdown. The service will talk of the work of Anna Chaplaincy as well. The preacher is Very Revd Catherine Ogle - Dean of Winchester Cathedral, with the Act of Remembrance led by The Archbishop of York and the reading by Canon Richard Fisher of The Bible Reading Fellowship.

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
- The Church@4 invitation with instructions for the craft making

With love and prayers
Andrew