Welcome to this week’s news and information.

Gordon Randall leads this week’s online worship and l speak about the Bible passage John 10: 11-18 which Matthew Bayliss reads for us. We pray that the whole service will be a blessing to you.

It can be accessed with this link from early Sunday morning
<https://youtu.be/xIPd6Z9_lX4>

Also today we have an online Church@4 service which Martha Lloyd is leading. The story is how Mary met the Risen Jesus. I will send a separate email with the resources you need for this. We hope many will come along.

And at 6pm there is the online Informal Service at which we will be particularly looking at Philippians Chapter 3. We are grateful to those who will lead this service and to Graham Howe for speaking at it.

Meeting ID: 857 3988 3699
Passcode: 642862

We are very aware that many of you are now booking places to attend our services in our church buildings. Bookings for these has now been passed to Churchwardens rather than The Parish Office. In future please contact the following people:

St Peter’s – Sarah Neish (sarah.neish@btconnect.com)
St Lawrence – Tim Duddridge (tduddridge@googlemail.com)
All Saints – Angie Briggs (mjbriggsesq@aol.com)
Holy Rood – Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver (keithnorman@btinternet.com)

During the week we will continue with Morning Prayer (9am) and Night Prayer (8pm) on Facebook. We have now taken the decision to not hold Morning Prayer on Sundays as many now attend either online or in the church buildings.

We will have our Saturday Zoom Prayers as usual at 10am on 1st May and we look forward to that time together.

The Online Alpha Course is starting on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm. This is a really good way of people exploring faith and the meaning of life with Jesus. The sessions last between 60 and 75 minutes and each one will start with some sort of ice breaker, a video to introduce the topic, some time in small group for discussion and then a close altogether for prayer. Maybe you haven’t done an Alpha course before, do join us. Maybe you know someone who you could invite and perhaps come with them. Or do you want to send someone some details. If you want to book on then please use the email alpha.potr@gmail.com Please sign up by 30th April.

And there is The Bible Course, again which we will be doing online begins on Thursday 13th May at 7.30pm. This is an 8 week course written by The Bible Society to help people understand the Bible and see the big picture storyline. Each session is made up video clips, discussion and prayer.
1. Introducing the Bible
2. Creation & Covenant
3. Exodus & Promised Land
4. Judges & Kings
5. Exile & Prophets
6. Jesus & the Gospels
7. Acts & The Church
8. Revelation & Review

This will be very useful to those of you who have done Alpha and before and now completed The Prayer Course. To sign up please us the email biblecourse.potr@gmail.com Please sign up by 7th May.

I attach to this email:

Parish Matters, our weekly newsletter
The Methodist Worship at Home sheet
This week’s Town Council edition of the Altonian
Evening Worship Order of Service

This Sunday is often called ‘Good Shepherd’ Sunday as our Bible reading today is about Jesus saying ‘I am the good shepherd’. I hope with me that you are confident to say that The Lord is my Shepherd. God is our good guide and we are called to follow him and obey him.

With love and prayers
Andrew