Welcome to this week’s news and information.

Our Sunday online worship is based on John Chapter 15 verses 9-17. Gordon Randall leads this service and I speak on the passage and all is interspersed with songs, hymns and prayers.

It can be accessed with this link from early Sunday morning
<https://youtu.be/L5LIHKxO5og>

Also today we have a Church@4 service which Martha Lloyd is leading and this week is by Zoom. The theme is Doubting Thomas. You can access this with the log in details available from Martha - martha@potr-alton.co.uk

We also have the Evening Informal Service on Zoom at 6pm. We will look at the next chapter of the book of Philippians - we are now on Chapter 4. Please join us with the Zoom information:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85739883699?pwd=YUN2czUrVXNZQU1nWEVVK3NXaVU4dz09>
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. I am sure you are aware that bookings are now through the churchwardens.

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)

From Monday 17th May along with other relaxing of restrictions we will be opening All Saints, St Lawrence and The Church of the Holy Rood for Private Prayer every day. We will still have COVID safe guidance in place but hope that will bring good news to many.

During the week we will continue with Morning Prayer on Facebook at 9am from Monday to Friday and we have our Saturday Zoom Prayers as usual at 10am and we look forward to that time together.

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
The Order of Service for the Evening Informal Service

This Thursday we celebrate Ascension Day which marks the beginning of a time of prayer known as ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. I will write separately about the opportunities for prayer between Thursday and the Day of Pentecost. We aim to have a time of daily prayer out in our parish community and also a couple of prayer walks. It is remarkably good to join with what the original disciples were doing - praying for the gift of the Holy Spirit. As we make that prayer ourselves we also pray and commit ourselves to being witnesses to the Lord Jesus and for people to come to know Him themselves.

With love and prayers
Andrew