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**Parish Matters**

**Welcome…**

to our weekly edition of Parish Matters – we hope you enjoy catching up with news and prayers from the Parish

**Sunday 25th July 2021 The eighth Sunday after Trinity**

**This week’s Collect Prayer**

Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven

and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,

when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

**Prayers**

**Prayers & Readings**: Monthly prayers and the daily lectionary readings are available in Sunrise and they are available on the parish website.

**Prayer Cascade**. If you need prayer for any reason please contact pray4potr@gmail.com. A prayer team will pray regularly for each request.

Please pray for each person by name.

**Those who are ill and require prayer:** Gwen McGilvray, Gail Bicknell**,** Bethan, Sheena Herbert and family, Rob Davy, Gwen Pettigrew, Penny Carmichael, Barbara Turk and Roger Tibble.

**Other prayer requests**  for the rising cases of COVID; for the Deanery parish reorganisations; for those on the Deanery Synod from our parish – Elspeth Mackeggie Gurney, Matthew Bayliss, Tori Hewitt & Derek Gurney; for the Kings Arms and our partnership work with Alton College; for our Bishops in the Diocese – Tim, David & Debbie

If you or someone you know would like to be included here would you please let Andrew (01420 88794) or Philippa Penfold know (potr.alton@btinternet.com)

**Every Saturday at 10am a Prayer Meeting** is held on Zoom. Do come along.

 <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88678575981?pwd=UzFBb2ZqdTkwQlhsYW95T05TTUtDQT09>

**Meeting ID**: 886 7857 5981 **Passcode:** 014559

**Those who are bereaved – families and friends of** Vera Knight, Sandra Bills, Rosemary Palmer, Douglas Mulcock, Joan Warner, Janet Caines, Muriel Wheeler, Sean Baddeley, Reginal Cuff, Timothy Yates, Denise Medden, Tony Grange-Bennett, Christine Durrant, Frances Nicholson, Margaret Newens, Rosemary Pond, Graham Beagley, Daphne Parish, Janet Tyrrell & William Lilley.

**Proclaiming the Risen Jesus, Steadfast in faith, Active in Service**

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| **This week’s Online and extra Services*** Morning Prayer on Facebook Live **Monday to Friday** at 9am (@potralton)
* Sunday Worship service – on YouTube POTR Alton
* St Lawrence Teddies in St Lawrence Church on Monday at 9.30am
* Holybourne Teddies in Holybourne Church on Wednesday at 9.45am
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**In Church Services**

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| **25th July**9.15am Holy Communion St Peter’s  | **1st August**8am BCP Communion All Saints9.30am Holy Communion All Saints |
| 9.30am Morning Worship Holy Rood |
| 10.30am Morning Worship St Lawrence |
| 10.30am Holy Communion All Saints |

**Updates to Church of England guidelines**

\* we would remind everyone that the Government ‘expects and recommends’ that face coverings be worn in crowded and enclosed settings to protect themselves and others;
\* it is no longer necessary to register attendance at services in advance with the churchwardens;
\* we will continue to display the NHS Track and Trace QR codes for our buildings and recommend that these be used by anyone entering our buildings. If you do not have access to the NHS Track and Trace facility when attending a service then please provide your contact details to a churchwarden so they can contact you in the event of any reported incidents;
\* from 19th July the restrictions of socially distanced seating, and sitting in ‘groups of 6’ will cease – you are welcome to sit where you wish;
\* at St Lawrence Church to assist people who wish to remain socially distanced we will be providing cards to put next to them when sat down, asking people to leave the place next to them free;
\* from 19th July where appropriate we will re-introduce congregational singing inside our buildings but would remind everyone that the Government ‘expects and recommends’ that face coverings be worn at all times;
\* during August the 8 am services will be said with no singing;
\* in the event of reported Covid contamination, we will close the impacted building for 48 hours

Please see our website www.potr-alton.co.uk for a full list of services for this month.

There will also be a Holy Communion every **Wednesday at 9.30am in All Saints Church**.

**News and notices**

**Meet and Eat Monday 2nd August** meeting at 6pm in the car park by Cassandra’s cup and the Greyfriar opposite Jane Austen’s house. Sue Dell has kindly booked for us to walk around the garden at Jane Austen’s house and will give a ten minute presentation. If we have time we will then walk to St. Nicholas Church. Please bring a picnic, there are benches but you may want to being a chair or blanket. If you would like to join us or for more information, please email Lyn Baines meetandeat@btinternet.com

**Forget-me-not Service Wednesday 4th August 2.30** at All Saints followed by tea and entertainment in the church hall at 3.15pm. Everyone welcome but especially suitable for those living with dementia and their families and to remember those who have died of dementia.

**St Lawrence Monthly Market 7th August 9.30am – 12.30am** in the Parish Centre. Lots of puzzles, books, produce and more

**Alton Walking Church for Men Saturday 7th August**. Meet at 2.30pm at the White Hart in Holybourne. A gentle 90 minute walk with time to pause and reflect. Refreshments after at the White Hart. Please contact Robin Kemp familykemp@tiscali.co.uk 07957 653403 for more information.

**Parish Family Celebration Tea Friday 20th August 2.30-4.30 – Save the date!** Taking place at Old Park Farm, Abbey Rd, Beech, Alton GU34 4AP. We are joining together for a summer Parish Tea -everybody welcome. Tea, Sandwiches, Cream tea and cakes, & squash.... Scavenger Hunt and children’s activities. Please ask for a lift if you need one and also please contact Sarah on 01420565696 or sarah.neish@btconnect.com if you are able to help on the day or with baking cakes and biscuits. **Please RSVP to the parish office**. Thank you.

**Save the date – Blaze Camping weekend 20th to 22nd August** Blaze and COGS youth are organising a camping trip to Petersfield. The youth will join in team building activities, cooking and learning about the Bible. Please contact Martha for more information.

More information on all our activities can be found on the Parish website [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk) or by visiting our **Facebook, Instagram and Twitter** pages. Please **like and share our posts** so we can spread the good news of our parish. All notices are also published on the website.

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**The Parish office is open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays between 9am-11am. Please wear facemasks and observe social distancing when visiting.**

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