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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 9th January 2022 The Baptism of Christ

**This week’s Special Prayers**

**Eco Church prayer January**

Lord God, maker of the heavens and the earth, sustainer and

redeemer of all things, thank you for your creation. We are sorry for

the ways we have damaged your world - through greed, laziness

and arrogance. Please show us how to live here in a way that

honours you and fulfils our mandate to steward this planet.

Thank you for your mercy, grace and patience. Amen

**The collect of the week**

Heavenly Father,

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:

may we recognize him as our Lord

and know ourselves to be your beloved children;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen

**Services Sunday 9th January 2022**

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| 9.15am | Communion Service | St Peter’s, Beech |
| 9.30am | Communion Service | Holy Rood Church, Holybourne |
| 10.30am | Communion Service | St Lawrence Church, Alton |
| 10.30am | The Lighthouse | Parish Centre |
| 4pm | Afternoon Worship | All Saints Church, Alton |
| 4pm | Church@4 All age service | St Lawrence School |
| 6pm | Evening Worship | St Lawrence Church |
| 10am | Communion Service |  St Mary’s, Bentworth |
| 10am | Communion Service | St Peter & Paul, Shalden |

**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:** Bethan, Sheena Herbert and family, Gwen Pettigrew, Penny Carmichael, Barbara Turk, John Threadgold, Tony Marchant, Joan Butterworth and Pauline Willis.

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.

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

**Those who are bereaved – families and friends of** Wendy Brown, Peggy Bruce, Norman Isham, Revd. Anthony Kennedy, Alfred White, Ivor McCaul, Elizabeth Raffan and Kathleen Phillips

**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)
* Blaze Youth Group Sunday 6.30pm at the Kings Arms Centre
* St Lawrence Teddies in St Lawrence Church on Monday at 9.30am
* Youth Alpha Group run by Blaze at the Kings Arms Centre Tuesday 7pm
* Alpha at the Parish Centre on Tuesday at 7.15pm or on Zoom
* Holy Communion Wednesday 10am (**please note new time**) at All Saints Church
* Holybourne Teddies in Holy Rood Church on Wednesday 9.45am
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Please see our website [www.potr-alton.co.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cpotr%5CDropbox%5CParish%20Administrator%20folder%5CParish%20Matters%5CParish%20Matters%202021%5CParish%20Matters%202021%5Cwww.potr-alton.co.uk) for a full list of church services for this month.

**News and notices**

**New office email address** **office@potr-alton.co.uk**

**COVID Precautions** Following the government announcement on 8th December face coverings are mandatory inside our church buildings unless you are exempt. Please keep your facemask on whilst singing. For the protection of others we ask that you consider taking a Lateral Flow Test before attending. We will keep church doors open to allow ventilation so dress warmly. We will not be serving refreshments after our services for the time being.

**Church@4** We are pleased to say that Church@4 is back this Sunday. Unfortunately we cannot serve refreshments but there will still be lots of songs, games, craft and worship. We will be looking at the story of ‘Turning water into wine’. Come along! As with our other services, please can you wear masks (unless exempt) and take a lateral flow test before if possible.

**Informal Evening Service** **Sunday 6pm** For those who would prefer to participate on Zoom here are the link details: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86305150196?pwd=OFM4YjhHWC95R2drZzJFenR6NzV6dz09> **Meeting ID: 863 0515 0196 Passcode: 074858**

**Knitters Anonymous** Come and join Kate at All Saints Church Hall on Tuesday 18th January at 2pm

**GAP Ladies Lunch** The next one will take place on **Wednesday, 26 January, 2022**, at the usual time, **12.15pm for 12.30pm**. This will take place, as before, at the Swan Hotel. If you have not already booked and ordered your main course, please contact Norma Duke on 01420 84722. (Let me know if you need sight of a menu - 01420 89062.) You are very welcome to join us and to invite a friend to come long too. But don't forget to book the friend and their main course

**Men’s Breakfast** We will be meeting again at the White Hart pub in Holybourne at **8.30am on Saturday 29th January** for a delicious ‘full English’ breakfast, all for just £9. Our speaker this month will be Mark Rumsby talking about Martin Luther. Please reply by email to Tim Codling on tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk or telephone him on 01420 80388 by Wednesday 26th January

**Covid-19 Book in the Galilee Chapel at St Lawrence Church** Come and record a personal message about the effect Covid-19 has had on you, your life and family and the hopes you have for a post-pandemic world. This book will be form a piece of social history. The book will be available to write until the end of March 2022. Thank you to Elaine Cook for organising this.

**Alton Foodbank** have been very busy and are in need oftinned custard, tinned rice pudding, tinned vegetables, UHT milk, coffee, chocolate spread, marmite, fruit juice (long life), deodorant, shower gel, shampoo & conditioner, laundry detergent capsules, laundry conditioner, toilet rolls. Please no baked beans, soup, pasta and tinned pulses as we have very good stocks currently.

**Alton Women’s Refuge Christmas Appeal** Sincere thanks from Alton Women’s Refuge for the very kind and generous gifts donated by so many in the Parish, which will help to make Christmas special for the Mothers and children. Peta Sutherland

**Christingle** A big thank you to everyone that attended and helped at this year’s Christingle service. We raised over £100 for The Children’s Society. Brilliant!

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Job Club** After the success of the last sessions, a new course will begin on **18th January at 10am** in the Maltings. Job Club is designed to give jobseekers the tools to find work. This includes CV writing, job hunting, knowing your owns strengths and skills, and interviewing. Like other CAP services, Job Club includes one-to-one coaching and a friendly supportive environment. It is free and open to anyone.

So, if you or anyone you know is struggling to find work and would benefit from the Job Club, please contact Alastair on 07871 635934 or email alastairsmith@capjobclubs.org.

**Coffee Rota – St Lawrence** Are there any willing volunteers to join in this part of our hospitality? If so please speak to Clare Kirby 544735.

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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**Happy New Year**