

# Sunrise

A monthly magazine for the Parish of the Resurrection, Alton



**May 2022**  
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**This month's cover picture is  
Spring at St Peter's**

The Parish of the Resurrection lies within the Winchester Diocese of the Church of England & is in covenant partnership with Alton Methodist Church in the Greater Alton Project

## ***First Thoughts . . .***

It seemed to me that we had a busy Lent, that period that leads to the great celebration of Easter. There were the Lent Lunches with much soup consumed and money raised for the Karamoja Diocesan Training Centre. Thank you so much for all those who contributed to this worthy cause and to the soup making. I believe mushroom soup is very popular! There were the Alton Churches Lent Talks with people gathering at The Maltings to look at the theme 'Serving the King, Serving the Kingdom'. It was fabulous to see people from all the different churches worshipping, learning and praying together. Coffee mornings, afternoon teas, Church@4, Men's Breakfasts, Ladies' Meet & Eat and....

Usually we think of Lent as a slowing down time but perhaps because we were coming out of Covid restrictions and getting back to some sort of normality there was a feeling that we ought to do things. It has also been a busy time for me as there has been two very big projects taking my attention. Two things which I believe are such good news.

Since the Winchester Diocese announced there would be a reduction in clergy paid posts we have been in conversation with the people of the churches of Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden. I must admit I didn't initially see this as good news. I didn't relish the thought of having three more churches to be the vicar of. But it has been a joy to get to know these church communities. I'm sure they probably thought the same about the whole thing but I believe that they are positive too. So where are we in this re-organisation. I have had various meetings with the churchwardens and other office holders and we are now at the stage where Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden will come together as one single parish with one PCC and I will be named as their incumbent (vicar). This new parish will work with us as The Parish of the Resurrection in a new grouping called a 'benefice'. Our Ministry Team with Revd Peter & Ingrid Owen-Jones, who are retired priests living in Medstead, are providing the leadership of services across the seven churches of POTR & BLS. BLS have had to reduce the number of services they have been used to in the past and so has POTR - thank you for all your generosity in allowing this to happen. We have welcomed BLS congregation members to our services and they would be very welcoming of people from POTR joining them. I must put on record my deep thanks to the St Lawrence Church choir for their enthusiasm to provide music for a number of extra evening services. This is good news - the whole re-organisation has been sprinkled with good grace, understanding and wisdom.

Since Lockdown The Butts Church has been homeless - The Butts School has been closed to them for very understandable reasons. To enable them to continue worshipping together when they can we have been allowing them the use of All Saints Church. This seemed a really good and generous thing to do. Ben Burge and Clive Anderson, the Butts Church pastors, have expressed their gratitude to us for sharing our building so readily. As we have altered our service pattern at All Saints it has opened more opportunities for The Butts

Church to use the building and this has led their leadership and ours to enter into serious conversations about how to make this an ongoing permanent sharing agreement. We have taken advice from The Archdeacon and The Diocesan Registrar and have written a 'sharing agreement' whereby The Butts Church will pay for regular use. Again this has been undertaken with enormous grace and understanding and we have reached a very good and open working relationship and sharing arrangement. When the agreement is ready for signing we hope to have an act of worship and celebration tea to mark our unity. It is already good to see some Butts Church people at some of our All Saints Services and vice versa. This is a huge step forward and is incredible good news.

I wonder what other good news stories there are around us? I wonder what else takes our time and energy but is worthwhile for the sake of the Kingdom of God and the ongoing flourishing of His Church? These are not always expected or even initially welcomed yet when we follow the call of unity and mission I have to say it is always good news. It also means that The Good News of Jesus Christ is proclaimed.

There is so much joy and rejoicing. For me, I hope May might bring a little bit of respite.

*With love  
Andrew*



## Bible Readings for the month of May 2022

Taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Easter 3

Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing Seeking God in grief **Nehemiah 1 John 21.1-19**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Psalm 139	Proverbs 4: 10 - 18	James 1: 1 - 12
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Psalm 98	Exodus 20: 1 - 21	Luke 1: 26 - 38
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 105	Exodus 24	Luke 1: 39 - 56
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 136	Exodus 25: 1 - 22	Luke 1: 57 - end
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 107	Exodus 28: 1 - 4a, 29 - 38	Luke 2: 1 - 20
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 110	Exodus 29: 1 - 9	Luke 2: 21 - 40

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Easter 4

Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing An agent of change **Nehemiah 2 John 10.22-30**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 103	Exodus 32: 1 - 14	Luke 2: 41 - end
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 139	Exodus 32: 15 - 34	Luke 3: 1 - 14
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 135	Exodus 33	Luke 3: 15 - 22
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 118	Exodus 34: 1 - 10, 27 - end	Luke 4: 1 - 13
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 33	Exodus 35: 20 - 36: 7	Luke 4: 14 - 30
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 16	1 Samuel 2: 27 - 35	Acts 2: 37 - end

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Easter 5

Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing Faithfully working together **Nehemiah 2:11-3:22 John 13.31-35**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 145	Numbers 9: 15 - end, 10: 33 - end	Luke 4: 38 - end
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 19	Numbers 11: 1 - 33	Luke 5: 1 - 11
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 30	Numbers 12	Luke 5: 12 - 26
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 57	Numbers 13: 1 - 3, 17 - end	Luke 5: 27 - end
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 138	Numbers 14: 1 - 25	Luke 6: 1 - 11
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Psalm 146	Numbers 14: 26 - end	Luke 6: 12 - 26

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Easter 6

Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing Opposition comes **Nehemiah 4 John 5.1-9**

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Psalm 65	Numbers 16: 1 - 35	Luke 6: 27 - 38
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 126	Numbers 16: 36 - end	Luke 6: 39 - end
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 132	Numbers 17: 1 - 11	Luke 7: 1 - 10
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 110	Isaiah 52: 7 - end	Hebrews 7:{11-25} 26 - end
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 81	Numbers 20: 1 - 13	Luke 7: 11 - 17
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 47	Numbers 21: 4 - 9	Luke 7: 18 - 35

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Easter 7

Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing The Word brings revival **Nehemiah 8: 1-18 John 17.20-26**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 93	Numbers 22: 1 - 35	Luke 7: 36 - end
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Psalm 85	1 Samuel 2: 1 - 10	Mark 3: 31 - end



1 May	Seeking God in grief	Nehemiah 1
8 May	An agent of change	Nehemiah 2
15 May	Faithful working together	Nehemiah 2:11 - 3:22
22 May	Opposition comes	Nehemiah 4
29 May	The Word brings revival	Nehemiah 8:1 – 18
5 June	We need God's Holy Spirit	Nehemiah 13

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**Sundays 10.30am - 11.30am  
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## ***News from All Saints***

We're continuing to enjoy our Wednesday morning Communion Service each week and also our monthly Sunday morning Communion Service and monthly Afternoon Worship, with good numbers of folk at each of these. During our afternoon service in April we heard from Elaine Brown how her life with the Lord has been full of surprises, taking her to places she would never have imagined she would be. Elaine is a Licensed Lay Minister and will be reauthorized by Bishop David at St Lawrence on 24th April. We're looking forward to Elaine's ministry among us as she begins to preach and lead our church services.

During Holy Week it was lovely to see so many folk from across the parish joining us for Compline. This peaceful, reflective service was much appreciated by those who came.

*Rev Wendy Burnhams*

## ***News from Alton Methodist Church***

Fundraising for Mercy Ships, our chosen charity of the year, has made a good start with a well-attended coffee morning and a concert of reflective music on Good Friday, given by Alton Choral Society. Thank you for all the generous donations.

### **Sunday Services in May:-**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 10.00am, morning worship and Lighthouse

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am, morning worship.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am, Holy Communion and Lighthouse

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 10.00am, morning worship.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10.00am, morning worship.

Our Lighthouse group for children meets twice a month during the morning service. New children always welcome.

For further information about Alton Methodist Church, please visit [www.altonmethodist.org](http://www.altonmethodist.org).

### **May events include our May Market on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 12 noon.**

Come and browse our stalls of plants, books, cakes, bric-a-brac and art. Then take a break with coffee and cake. All welcome. Admission free.

We have received £40 for the Anna Chaplaincy Fund from ink cartridge recycling.

At a recent afternoon service at Holy Rood Church, one of our church family members shared her thoughts on her favourite hymn which is

## **“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

She says “I’ve chosen this hymn for two reasons, partly personal and partly because I admire the quality of the writing.

I love the sea, rivers, lakes and water generally, and have strong family connections to all this. My father’s brother Harold was a doctor in the navy and died at sea quite young. His son ran a business next to Christchurch Bridge in Dorset, designing and selling boats, and was one of the last boatbuilders to use wood. His son, in turn, took over the business, making it three generations, and it only closed recently. My father rowed for his college, as did each of my cousins, my third cousin rowing for Great Britain in the last Olympics. I hope this doesn’t sound boastful – but as you can see I am rooted in everything maritime. I do not row, and can barely swim, but enjoy being on the sea, or even just looking at it, in all its moods and mightiness.

This moodiness and majesty are so well conveyed in the hymn, with its skilful use of verbs and adjectives; “foaming, restless, submissive”, so that from the first line we feel drawn in, and the last two lines of each verse emphasise the sea’s power. And there is the strong rhythm of the tune to support this. But in the final two lines calmness comes, when the author thanks God in “glad hymns of praise from land and sea”.

If you feel you’re suffering from the brickbats that life throws at you, I suggest you sing this hymn.”

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!

- 1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm does bind the restless wave,  
Who bids the mighty ocean deep  
Its own appointed limits keep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.
- 2 O Saviour, whose almighty word  
The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep,  
And calm amid the rage did sleep;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.
- 3 O Holy Spirit, who did brood  
Upon the waters dark and rude,  
And bid their angry tumult cease,  
And give for wild confusion peace;  
O hear us when we cry to Thee  
For those in peril on the sea.

- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
Your children shield in danger's hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,  
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;  
Thus, evermore shall rise to Thee  
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

## ***Latest News from St Lawrence Monthly Market***

The Monthly Market on April 2nd had a great buzz, and was very successful. We had lots of new faces. We made nearly £700. So a big Thank You to everyone who came and supported it, buying and donating things.

I spoke to one lady who came to the sale for the first time, and she was amazed at how much she enjoyed it all. She bought plants, jam, rhubarb, apple crumble, lemon drizzle cake, books, crockery, and a puzzle, and of course had a cup of tea and a bacon buttie. She had never heard about The Monthly Market until she read an article in Round & About. Another lady bought a tiny little statue of The Virgin Mary, 2" tall, and was thrilled with it and plans to send it to a friend in Africa. So we can find new homes for most things, even as far away as Africa.

Come along to the next Monthly Market on 7th May, 9.00 to 12.30 pm at The Parish Centre and join us. You can donate anything you no longer need/require/have no room for, contact me at [joydigges@gmail.com](mailto:joydigges@gmail.com) or phone Clive on 01420 86064. We are happy to take most things, even odd bits of jewellery, broken, odd earrings, etc. Old cameras, old LPs, fabrics, curtains, endless list.. if unsure just email me or phone Clive. We try to RECYCLE everything.

We look forward to seeing you on 7th May.

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## **All Saints Hard of Hearing Group**

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### **Knitters Anonymous**

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*Knitters Anonymous*



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### **Becoming Quiet**

In whispered prayer as the long day ends,  
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where attentive ears attune to hear  
the softest footsteps as God draws near.  
A verse from a poem by Anne Holland



## ***May's Update from the Anna Chaplain***

I can't believe I have been here for 2 months already. The time has flown past and I have enjoyed every minute!

April was a slightly strange month as I contracted the dreaded Covid so was unable to come to work for a week but thankfully I am fully recovered and have since been attending a variety of coffee mornings, lunch clubs and different activity groups.

I have also started leading communion services in care homes and independent living homes around Alton. It has been a real privilege to be able to offer communion to the residents for the first time since lockdown and they also seem pleased to see us back!

I am very excited by the number of volunteer Anna Friends who have come forward to help me grow the Anna Chaplaincy ministry in Alton. I am hoping you will see our presence increase over the next few months and would like to invite anyone who feels prompted to explore the possibility of becoming an Anna Friend to email me on [annachaplainalton@gmail.com](mailto:annachaplainalton@gmail.com) or call me on 07539 026546 for more information.

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## ***Epistle according to the St Lawrence Church Choir***

Greetings everyone from Elaine's ghost writer covering her absence on family matters. I don't pretend to match her journalistic skills but I shall try and "haunt" all readers!



For many centuries, music has formed an integral part of the liturgy and the Parish of the Resurrection strives to maintain that tradition. The music ranges from plainsong, polyphony to complex comprehensive major works such as Handel's Messiah, Bach's B minor Mass; Requiem's by Fauré, Duruflé and others to Messe Solenne by Louis Vierne. It was the stirring "Kyrie" from the latter that the choir sang both on 2022 Good Friday and Easter Sunday. What makes this such a stunning piece is the loud opening on the Grande Orgue followed by a gentle choir entry building up to a major climax at the end of the piece. Choirs love a challenge and when achieved gives uttermost pleasure both to singers and congregation to share the genius of the composers.

Choral evensong is another key part of the Anglican church and dates back to the 17th century. Each month on the third Sunday, St Lawrence Church sings a choral evensong and the next one will be Sunday 15 May 2022 starting at 6.00 pm when we will be singing the wonderful arrangement of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in B minor by T. Tertius Noble (1867-1953). Surprisingly, this will be the first choral evensong to be sung at St Lawrence Church in 2022. Why? Because as part of the desire to share this musical liturgical experience within the parish including our newcomers - Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden - the choir has sung in two of these churches in 2022. They had previous "away fixtures" singing carol services in December 2021 at Bentworth and Lasham.

The following month, the choir will be singing a choral evensong on Sunday 19 June 2022 which will be an intrinsic part of the Jane Austen/Regency week. You may even spot a chorister dressed like Mr Darcy but without the wet shirt! None of this would be achievable without our talented organist Will Nisbet who, in his own right, will be opening the series of Lunchtime Organ Concerts on Thursday 23 June starting at 1.10 pm. Details are elsewhere in Sunrise.

Watch this space in the June edition when Elaine returns in body as well spirit. Meanwhile, her ghost writer will fade away into the ether.

*Tony*

## ***What's On . . .***

### ***POTR St Lawrence Monthly Market***

**Saturday 7th May 9.00 to 12.30**

In the Parish Centre

Books, Puzzles, Produce, Cakes

### ***Ladies Meet and Eat***

No meeting in May, hopefully summer walks in June, July and August.

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### ***Alton Organ Society Concert***

At St Lawrence 8.00pm

Tuesday 3rd May 2022

Guest organist: Francesca Massey (Rochester Cathedral)

Doors open at 7.30 p.m.



### ***Men's Breakfast***

**Saturday 28th May at 8.30am**

We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne, at 8.30am on Saturday 28th May for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £9. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker (TBC). If you have not attended the breakfast for a while, we would love to see you again. Please reply to Tim Codling by email: [tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone him on 01420 80388 by Wednesday 25th May.

### ***GAP Ladies Lunch***

**25th May, 12.15 for 12.30pm**

The next **GAP Ladies Lunch** will take place on **25th May, 2022**, at the usual time, **12.15 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 along too. But don't forget to book the friend and their main course!

## **All Saints Coffee and Conversation**

**Wednesdays 10.15am to 11.15am**

*for friendship and sharing faith.*

All welcome at any time, come and just enjoy the company and join in the sharing if you wish. Our sharing includes at the moment an overview of Jesus life and also people sharing their their own delights, difficulties and questions.

Anything is allowed, it is very informal and open to anyone to just come and see." No experience necessary ! " led by Rev. Peter Brown and Anne Mason"

## **Are you receiving the Parish Emails?**

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*Many thanks.*

*Ellie*

## **Wild about Nature?**

Put some WOW factor back into your summer walks with Alton Natural History Society. Discover hidden treasures in the local area and learn from experts in the field. The May programme includes:

Sunday 8th May - Meet at St Mary's Church Upper Froyle for Spring wild flowers and plants 10am - 2pm, bring lunch.

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## **News from Holy Rood Church, Holybourne**

### **Hello friends!**

Well, it has certainly been a busy month! We completed our six weeks of Lent Lunches (thank you to everyone who came along; a good amount has been raised for our mission partner, Karamoja), and raised £250 for Ukraine at our coffee mornings during Lent. The 'Meet and Eat' ladies met at Holy Rood for a fascinating talk on bee-keeping in April, after which we had the opportunity to try a range of different honeys and various treats made by members of the group using honey as an ingredient. The children from Holybourne Village Pre-School came to visit the church, and there was an Andrews' Endowed 'whole school' service to celebrate Easter.



At Easter, we celebrated Jesus' resurrection with a service of Holy Communion, and everyone in the congregation was offered not only a knitted daffodil made by members of the 'craft group' but also a crocheted cross made by Wendy.



The church looked amazing having been decorated by our wonderful 'pop up' team, and the cross outside in the churchyard was adorned with flowers and foliage. A good number of children took part in our Easter Trail; prizes included a sticker set of Biblical characters and, of course, a chocolate egg.



Another highlight of the month has to be the visit by a class from Treloars College to our Tuesday Coffee Morning. We were thrilled to receive a homemade card and thank you letter from the students saying how welcome they felt, along with a donation to Ukraine.

Looking ahead, the first wedding of the year will take place soon, and we have a 'Spring Clean' morning booked for Monday 16 May; everyone is welcome to come along and help us give Holy Rood a 'freshen up'. There will be cakes... ;-)  
We are planning a church stall for the Holybourne Jubilee Picnic, along with 'beer and hymns' style singing, and a 'royal' scarecrow for the village Scarecrow Competition.

With best wishes from everyone at Holy Rood,

*Ruth Randall*

## ***All in it together***

In previous Eco Corners, I have covered some of the really big things which need to be done if the World is to achieve net zero by 2050. Many of these can only be achieved by Governments and Big Industry.

However, it is already evident that we are all subject to the effects of climate change. We truly are all in it together and none of us can expect to be isolated from the actions which need to be taken.

So, what can we do to play our part in responsible care for God's creation?

The other day I stumbled across an interesting announcement on the Institution of Mechanical Engineers web page. It said:

The importance of sustainability for the Engineering Industry is more important than ever before. Manufacturing and Engineering Week will include a Net Zero event on 8-9 June at the NEC in Birmingham. One tree will be planted for every visitor who attends!

What a good idea. Trees take years to grow to a size where they become really effective in absorbing Carbon Dioxide. The sooner we start the better and even if, on average, we each only plant one tree, the effect will add up over time.

This has been done before. Those above a certain age may remember the slogan 'Plant a tree for 73' launched in 1973. I wonder what happened to the tree we planted?

*Nigel Hughes*

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## ***Meet and Eat – women’s group for Fun and Fellowship***

Twenty of us met on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Holy Rood Church for a Bee Keeping talk with Lucinda and Bob Yelland. We enjoyed a lovely selection of homemade cakes lots with a honey theme

Lucinda modelled the bee keeping suit, hood and gloves essential clothing for a bee keeper! We were shown photos of various types of bees, wasp and hornets. The European hornet is bigger than the wasp if you see the Asian Hornet contact DEFRA, the Hornet can decimate a hive and will eat the bees. If bees, wasps or hornets come near you, walk away and if there are low hanging branches or trees they will give you good protection from them. Try not to flap your arms or run away, easier for some of us to do than others!

Honey bees pollinate crops without them we wouldn't have coffee, cotton or wine. Some countries have had a lack of bees and pollinate the flowers by hand. The decline of the Honey bee is due to planting the same crops and not rotating them, pesticides, hybrid flowers, climate change and manicured gardens. When you are tempted to mow, think Bees! Leave some wild flowers especially dandelions as bees love them! To make your garden bee friendly choose long lasting plants.

The Queen Bee lives around 4 years; she has a very dull life. Once she has mated with several drones over a few days she will go to the hive for her life as an egg factory. The drone dies as soon as it mates. Bees can forage in a radius of 3 miles in their life they will produce a 10<sup>th</sup> of a teaspoon of honey. If a honey bee stings you it will die, it can sting a dog or a cat several times. DO NOT use tweezers to pull out the sting it will squeeze more poison into your system. Use a coin or credit card to flick away the sting

The WBC hive was invented by and named after William Broughton Carr in 1890, Lucinda's Great, Great Grandfather.

We were able to try several different types of honey all with natural flavours of heather, thyme, rosemary, eucalyptus and cactus. The cactus honey had an interesting after burn.

There are usually two crops of Holybourne Honey, the Spring crop will be from rapeseed and the 2<sup>nd</sup> crop will be from the gardens of Holybourne.



*Honey Bee (left)*

*WBC Hive (right)*



## **Spotlight – Dave and Gill Tull**

Having been watching POTR services online, Dave and Gill moved to Alton in February 2021 and soon became regular members of the Holy Rood church family. Dave is already my 'go to' when we have a plumbing problem at the church or some tables need moving, and Gill makes amazing cakes. They have been a great support, especially at our regular Tuesday coffee mornings, and it seems like they have been part of the Holy Rood church family for much longer than a year!

Dave and Gill lived in Bordon for many years before moving to Alton; they were heavily involved at St Marks' Church and it seems that Dave had a go at all the roles there including churchwarden and treasurer as well as looking after 'buildings', with Gill heading up the Sunday school, arranging holiday clubs, looking after safeguarding, and health and safety, as well as being involved in the church kitchen and cleaning.

Dave grew up in a Christian home and talks with great fondness of being a server at the church in Wrecclesham. Gill went to Sunday school and youth groups as a child, before 'losing interest' in Christianity for a while before returning to faith when she met Dave. Dave talks about several occasions when he 'just knew' that God has been directing him, particularly when he felt called to become his church treasurer despite having no interest in financial matters. Luckily Gill was on hand and her background in banking came in useful; together they worked out the role and how to support their church in that way.

Dave's sister Jenny is married to Gill's brother Gerald, and that is how the pair met! They have two children, Nikki and Michael, and three grandchildren, Ned, Darcy and Maisie. Gill loves doing a range of crafts, including cross stitch and papercrafts, while Dave enjoys taking photographs (he took the photo of St Lawrence Church on the front of the April Sunrise, for instance). Together they make cards using Dave's photographs which they sell at the community market in Liphook once a month. Having enjoyed taking 'snaps', Dave's love of photography really started when he embarked on a short course at Wisley; the tutor was very encouraging about his work and now Dave sells some of his photographs on an image library. He particularly enjoys taking close up photographs of flowers and often takes photographs when he and Gill are out walking. If you use Facebook you will be able to see many of his shots on there.

On arrival at Holy Rood, Dave and Gill soon realised that they had known Helen Walters from a previous church, and Dave recently worked out that he had been to the same school as Alan and Corinne Armstrong. I wonder if anyone else has a connection?

Thank you, Dave and Gill, for sharing some of your story with us. We are so pleased that you moved to Alton and have made our church your church 'home'.

*Ruth Randall*

## **Eco Church – books!**

### **“L’ is for Lifestyle” by Ruth Valerio**

Perhaps you have read this book? It’s an easy read (just over 200 pages), full of practical tips on how to make wise choices about everyday living. Ruth Valerio, a Christian, well known speaker and author, wrote this book over ten years ago; it works through the alphabet with facts about current issues and suggested ways of sustainable ‘green’ living. It is ideal ‘coffee table’ reading as each chapter is short. ‘P’ covers ‘plastics’, ‘V’ volunteering and ‘K’ for ‘kippers’ for example. The book has been revised and updated since its first issue but the basic premise is the same; a challenge to look at how we could consider our beliefs and lifestyle in the current world when we need to be more careful how we live so as to care for our planet.



The following two books have been recommended by a ‘Green Jean’, a friend from our previous church:

### **“The Joyful Environmentalist” by Isabel Losada**

If you have eco-fatigue this could be the book for you! Subtitled ‘How to Practise without Preaching’ it is about the environment (rather than creation) and is based on solutions rather than problems. I very seldom laugh out loud when reading but I did several times with this book. Dr Rowan Williams described the book as ‘practical and realistic as well as visionary’ and it was not a bit ‘preachy’. Her writing style is conversational and she thinks the book will suit people who spend more time on social media rather than reading and it has short chapters and longer ones. Her aim is to find as many different solutions to eco problems while leaving readers to make up their own minds. My favourite chapter was one of the longer ones which was about planting trees – funny and emotive at the same time. It is a book for dipping into and covers topics such as how we travel, work, shop etc. without preaching but gives facts from which the reader can make choices without feeling guilty. The appendices contain information about some lesser-known groups and charities which is refreshing and Losada’s final comment is ‘Think Globally – Act Joyfully.’ The book makes me want to do just that.

### **“God is Green – Christianity and the Environment” by Ian Bradbury**

Written by the Emeritus Professor of Cultural and Spiritual History at the University of St Andrews, at first sight this book looks like it will be offering a deeply Anglican perspective

– but read on and find out more about common ground with Hindu, Buddhist, Taoist and Pagan faiths. The book, one of over 40 written by Bradbury, has been amended recently and updated in the light of more recent knowledge

about global warming, climate change, loss of biodiversity and pollution of the planet as well as “the wake up call of Covid 19”.

The premise of the book is that the Christian faith is intrinsically green and that Christians have a positive and distinctive contribution to make to healing and saving our threatened planet and conserving the natural environment.

Do we actually need another book about the environment? I would suggest that we do for the following reasons:

- Bradbury is often cited in more recent publications and it is often useful to go back to source.
- It is totally Bible-based and full of wisdom and encouragement.
- It is well referenced from a wide variety of scientific sources based in many countries and theologians from different faiths.
- Unlike some authors he faces head-on the criticisms thrown at Christians that we are responsible for the disaster we are now facing.

The book is current and Bradbury’s thesis is that, instead of facing the climate change crisis with a new theological approach, we simply need to return to the Bible.

The main chapters cover God’s Concern for all Creation, The Dance of Creation, The Fall of Nature, The Cosmic Christ and the Role of Human Beings. Finally, there are some questions to think about. He himself says it is a short book but personally I found it an enjoyable challenge.

The final chapter is full of practical suggestions for greening churches – many of which we already cover through Eco-Church. I suggest that this is a book that many of us should read as it is “A landmark book ... should be the stuff of conversation in every congregation”\* For example, could we celebrate creation better inside church? Could we celebrate creation outside church (outdoor services, making better use of our land)? Bradbury asks many questions – perhaps now is the time for our conversation to begin.

*\*Quoted from the forward by John L Bell, member of the Iona Community and writer of over 300 hymns.*

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Perhaps you have read a book about environmental issues that you have enjoyed and been challenged by? How about writing a review? There are so many publications out there, it is always good to have a recommendation! Perhaps you have heard a ‘green’ podcast you could share, or there is a website you ‘surf’ for creative ideas on how to live more sustainably. Do let us know as we would love to hear from you.

*Ruth Randall on behalf of the Eco Church team*

## *A Prayer for Spring*

*The first tidy of twigs that have fallen  
from storms of Winter and Winds of Autumn*

*First cut of the grass and dig over of borders  
The earth breathes and comes to order*

*Removing weeds and debris  
revealing more of Victorian history*

*Chips of China and pieces of glass  
Come to the surface to remind of this property's past.  
Year after year here  
and 40 have gone  
Treasures still come up to go on and on.  
With bottles and buttons, coins and tiles.  
All telling a story of a different while.  
My collection is vast.*

*Flowers on Rosemary  
The Strawberry's run  
Spiders web strands, sparkle in the sun  
from branch to branch on shrubs they glint  
alongside the Thyme and Mint.*

*Blueberry bush has buds with unfurling leaves  
"Give me a good crop, this year please"  
Crows fly squawking into the Trees.*

*Snowdrops and Crocuses now dying off  
Daffodils for Lent  
before Bluebells take off.  
Violet and Primrose clumps, lovely together.  
They survive all spring weather*

*A Prayer for Spring  
"Lord, thankyou for Spring and all that it's sprung  
Please just give me one more hour of Sun"  
Amen*

*Barbara Taylor-Osborne  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022  
School House Garden (1869)*

## **Coconut Chiffon Tarts**

Here's a recipe from Gillian Muller; the ladies at a recent Meet and Eat enjoyed some of these yummy tarts and thought it would be nice to share the recipe.

Shortcrust Pastry - ready rolled saves a lot of time!

Cut out medium sized jam tart cases and fill with 1/2 teaspoon of jam, your favourite flavour. This should make approx. 12 tarts.

Beat one large egg, mix in 3oz castor sugar and 3oz desiccated coconut. Share the mixture out between the tarts, sealing the edges so the jam does not ooze out the sides.

Bake in a fairly hot oven for approx. 15 - 20 minutes.

Enjoy with your favourite cup of tea/coffee.

If you have a favourite recipe you would like to share please contact Ruth Randall (01420 549567 / [ruthmaryrandall@gmail.com](mailto:ruthmaryrandall@gmail.com))

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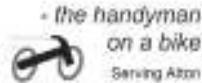


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Did you know about these organisations offering activities for young people?

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The 2nd Alton Company provides a welcoming space for boys in School Year 1 up to College Year 13, with a progressive and exciting programme of activities. There are competitions, craft and games, from the youngest group (Anchors) right through to the oldest, and the Christian ethos runs right through the organisation.

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE)**

Although many choose to take up this challenge through their schools, 2nd Alton BB also offers DofE to boys and girls in School Year 9 and above. This is a programme of personal development with physical, volunteering and skill elements. Expeditions are an important part of DofE, and these are undertaken under the guidance of qualified leaders; they range from explorations in the local area to challenging expeditions in the Welsh hills and Scottish mountains.

### **Girls' Brigade (GB)**

This is the BB's sister organisation, with similar aims and activities. It caters for girls from School Reception year right through to the end of secondary school, and offers friendship, sharing and learning in a safe environment.

### **Young Venturers**

This is a lively group that trains young people in School Years 7 and 8 in navigation, campcraft, cooking and expeditions. In preparation for tackling DofE in Year 9.

All these activities are provided at the Methodist Church in Drayman's Way, and are led by fully trained and DBS checked leaders. Each group would be delighted to welcome new members.

For details, please contact David Allan on 01420 84739 or email him at [oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk](mailto:oldschoolhouse@gmx.co.uk)



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## May Services for POTR & BLS

### Sunday 1st May Easter 3

8am	BCP Holy Communion	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	POTR altogether service	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Bentworth
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Lasham
10am	Communion Service	St Peter & St Paul Shalden

### Sunday 8th May Easter 4

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Communion Service	Holy Rood
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
4pm	Afternoon Worship	All Saints Church
4pm	Church@4	St Lawrence School
6pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Bentworth

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### Sunday 15th May Easter 5

9.30am	Communion Service	Holy Rood
10.30am	Communion Service	All Saints Church
10.30am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church
6pm	Choral Evensong	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Lasham
6pm	Evensong	St Peter & Paul, Shalden

### Sunday 22nd May Easter 6

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
4pm	Afternoon Worship	Holy Rood
4pm	Church@4	St Lawrence School
6pm	Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church
6pm	BLS Together Service	St Peter & St Paul, Shalden

### Thursday 26th May Ascension Day

7.30pm	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
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### Sunday 29th May - NO WB Easter 7

10.30am	Communion Service for POTR & BLS	St Lawrence Church
5pm	Special Celebration Service	St Peter & St Paul Shalden