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A monthly magazine for the Parish of the Resurrection, Alton



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Details of Sunday services for the month can be found on the back cover. You will find that there is a variety of services intended to meet the needs of people of many different ages and backgrounds. You are welcome to worship with us.

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This month's cover picture is

Robin in Holy Rood

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First Thoughts . . .

The year was 2012. The place was the magnificent opening ceremony of the Olympic Games in London. For many, the highlight was the Queen's surprise appearance in a James Bond spoof sketch alongside Daniel Craig, who is seen arriving at Buckingham Palace and is escorted to Her Majesty, who is sitting writing at her desk. She greets him by saying "Good evening, Mr Bond" and the pair walk through the palace corridors alongside the corgis to a waiting helicopter. They then fly across London to the Olympic Park, where the Queen appears to 'parachute' out of the helicopter onto the ground below. Moments after she walks out into the stadium to take her seat alongside Prince Philip to rapturous applause.

Very few people knew in advance about the part the Queen would play in the opening ceremony - not even some of her family members. In his autobiography, Lord Coe, chairman of the London Olympics organising committee, reveals that when they saw the Queen seemingly leap out of the helicopter, Princes William and Harry both shouted, "Go, Granny!"

The Queen's dressmaker and confidante Angela Kelly revealed in a book that the Queen was keen on a speaking part. She wrote: "There are few occasions on which Her Majesty will agree to break protocol, but in 2011 when film director Danny Boyle approached the Royal Household, he had a request to make that we simply could not refuse. ...Within minutes, I was ...delivering the good news to Danny - I think he almost fell off his chair when I said that the Queen's only stipulation was that she could deliver that iconic line: 'Good evening, Mr Bond...'



What makes this scene so memorable is that it seems so out of character. The Queen's hallmark has been her steady leadership over so many years – special effects and short-lived stunts never were her style. During her long reign she has advised 14 prime ministers. And while Winston Churchill seems to have been her favourite (on his resignation she wrote to him that no subsequent PM could "hold the place of my first prime minister"), they all appreciated her listening ear,

impartiality and advice.

The Queen sees public and voluntary service as one of the most important elements of her work. The Queen has links - as Royal Patron or President - with over 600 charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service organisations. Over the last few she completed nearly 300 public engagements per year. And when she meets the public she gives her full attention to each of them, just as to the Prime Minister, or “Mr Bond”.

Her dedication to serving her nation and the Commonwealth is one of the deepest sources of the affection of so many people around the world. We admire her steadiness and dedication to the role she took on as a young woman. Her impact has been made over many years and countless acts of joyful duty and service.

There is a lesson here for all of us. Our legacy may not be great acts of heroism or buildings that bear our name. But it can be many small acts of love and service, if we allow Jesus, the Servant King, to equip and shape our lives day by day. That is what the Queen has consistently done throughout her reign. Her steady faith in God has been the source of her strength.

In her Christmas speech in 2002 she said: “I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.”

As we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, we can join in with words from Psalm 100. I am sure it will be sung many times over this jubilee celebration time.

All people that on earth do dwell

Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.

Serve him with joy, his praises tell.

Come now before him and rejoice!

With love and prayers

Andrew

Bible Readings for the month of June 2022

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

Wednesday 1 st	Psalm 29	Numbers 23: 13 - end	Luke 8: 16 - 25
Thursday 2 nd	Psalm 24	Numbers 24	Luke 8: 26 - 39
Friday 3 rd	Psalm 28	Numbers 27: 12 - end	Luke 8: 40 - end
Saturday 4 th	Psalm 43	Numbers 32: 1 - 27	Luke 9: 1 - 17
Sunday 5th Pentecost	Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing We need God's Holy Spirit Nehemiah 13 John 14.8-17		
Monday 6 th	Psalm 126	Joshua 1	Luke 9: 18 - 27
Tuesday 7 th	Psalm 132	Joshua 2	Luke 9: 28 - 36
Wednesday 8 th	Psalm 119: 153 - end	Joshua 3	Luke 9: 37 - 50
Thursday 9 th	Psalm 143	Joshua 4: 1 – 5: 1	Luke 9: 51 - end
Friday 10 th	Psalm 144	Joshua 5: 2 - end	Luke 10: 1 - 16
Saturday 11 th	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 9: 23 - 24	Acts 4: 32 - end
Sunday 12th Trinity Sunday	Generous Living The Feeding of the 5000 Mark 6: 30-44		
Monday 13 th	Psalm 1	Joshua 7: 1 - 15	Luke 10: 25 - 37
Tuesday 14 th	Psalm 5	Joshua 7: 16 – end	Luke 10: 38 - end
Wednesday 15 th	Psalm 119: 1 - 32	Joshua 8: 1 - 29	Luke 11: 1 - 13
Thursday 16 th	Psalm 15	Joshua 8: 30 - end	Luke 11: 14 - 28
Friday 17 th	Psalm 19	Joshua 9: 3 – 26	Luke 11: 29 - 36
Saturday 18 th	Psalm 23	Joshua 10: 1 - 15	Luke 11: 37 - end
Sunday 19th Trinity 1	Generous Living The Way of the Cross Mark 8: 27-38		
Monday 20 th	Psalm 30	Joshua 14	Luke 12: 1 - 12
Tuesday 21 st	Psalm 36	Joshua 21: 43 – 22: 8	Luke 12: 13 - 21
Wednesday 22 nd	Psalm 34	Joshua 22: 9 - end	Luke 12: 22 - 31
Thursday 23 rd	Psalm 37	Joshua 23	Luke 12: 32 - 40
Friday 24 th	Psalm 50	Ecclesiasticus 48: 1 - 10	Luke 3: 1 - 17
Saturday 25 th	Psalm 42	Joshua 24: 29 - end	Luke 12: 49 - end
Sunday 26th Trinity 2	Generous Living The Great Commandment Mark 12: 28-34		
Monday 27 th	Psalm 44	Judges 2	Luke 13: 1 – 9
Tuesday 28 th	Psalm 48	Judges 4: 1 - 23	Luke 13: 10 - 21
Wednesday 29 th	Psalm 71	Isaiah 49: 1 - 6	Acts 11: 1 - 18
Thursday 30 th	Psalm 57	Judges 6: 1 - 24	Luke 14: 1 - 11

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8/05
18.30 **BLAZE**
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13/05
18.00 **BIG SLEEP OUT**
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22/05
18.30 **BLAZE**
Task Master: Feed them All

28/05
18.30 **BLAZE**
Task Master: Jail Break

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Details Coming Soon

Service Pattern Review

In the Parish of the Resurrection and across Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden we established a service pattern from January 2022. Conversation, prayer and discernment was undertaken and the Churchwardens and PCC agreed to its implementation and also that it would be reviewed.

We would like to undertake this review carefully and prayerfully. It would be good to remind ourselves the reasons underlying the establishment of this pattern. Back in 2021 we produced our 'Looking to the Future' plan and this said that in précis:

- ◆ That there would be a varied and sustainable pattern of services across the parish
- ◆ That we were having to include Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden into the pattern with little addition to our existing Ministry Team
- ◆ That we would train and equip more people to be involved in the leadership of services
- ◆ That there would be a reduction in the number of communion services across the parish
- ◆ That there would be a mixed ecology - a range of liturgy, music, timings - chosen for accessibility and appropriateness
- ◆ That there would be a use of sermon themes with use of more discussion, interviews, video clips etc
- ◆ That there would be an intentional focus toward contemporary styles of worship without losing the best of traditional liturgy, music and prayers.
- ◆ That the wellbeing of our Ministry Team is always considered

The PCC would like to receive your constructive feedback and questions. Please would you let your church PCC representative in the first instance have these in a written form (email is fine). These will be collated and reviewed at a PCC meeting in early September and responses made available. There will then be a Parish Conversation to talk together about any further tweaks and changes. September dates for last submissions and the conversation will be made available nearer the time.

I hope this will be a good review process and the PCC looks forward to your contributions.

Andrew

End of an era at St Lawrence CE Primary School



On 7th April, everyone at St Lawrence School said a fond farewell to Mrs Casson, who retired after over 13 years of being our much loved Headteacher.

As a school, we have been very grateful for Dawn's leadership, encouragement and care; transforming our school into the special place it is now. Dawn has touched so many lives - all the pupils that have gone through our school including their parents as well as past staff and governors. We hosted a tea party for her in the school hall with many people from the past coming back to see her.

At our end of term service, we had speeches from the PTA, the governors, children and staff. Here are some lovely quotes from the children:

"You are our school mummy." (YR)

"You are amazing, beautiful and loving." (Y1)

"You will always be in our hearts and thank you for everything you have done for us." (Y2)

"You are as beautiful as the sunflowers we grow. Thank you for everything, especially the yummy doughnuts at Christmas! You always make us smile." (Y3)

"We think you are one of a kind and will always keep shining. We will never forget you." (Y4)

"Thank you for always showing our school values to all of us and for making our school the best it can be." (Y5)

"You have been an inspirational Headteacher; we will have memories forever." (Y6)

As a staff, we have (among many other things) been encouraged, inspired, challenged, developed and cared for by Dawn. She built a family at St Lawrence School of which the strong foundation is our Christian values of Love, Compassion and Respect. She saw what people can be and can achieve, even when they don't see it themselves. Dawn believed in all of us; gave us the freedom to try new ideas and we are all better people for having had her as our leader.

Dawn's legacy is so great, that it **will** last – for far longer than she could imagine and she has no idea of the impact she has had, how many hearts she has touched, what seeds she has sown and our loss is rightly her family's gain.

As a school we are looking to the future and praying for a new Headteacher during this time of change. In the meantime, Fiona Micklefield and Lou Jones are steadying the ship, taking on the roles of Acting Head and Acting Deputy Head respectively as we await the appointment of a new Headteacher. Please continue to pray for us. Thank you.

Fiona Micklefield

Lunchtime Organ Concerts

St Lawrence Church is to feature and host the return of Lunchtime Organ Concerts to be given by local organists. The concerts starts on Thursday 23 June 2022 at 1.10 pm when our own organist, Will Nisbet opens the concert series. His concert is also part of the Jane Austen/Regency week celebrations which will have started with the church choir singing a choral evensong on Sunday 19 June at 6.30 pm. Rumour has it that part of Will's programme is to include a trumpet/organ piece by Purcell. Dates of the whole series are as follows:

23 June 2022 - Will Nisbet

21 July 2022 - Mark Penfold

18 August 2022 - Rob Goldfinch

15 September 2022 - Gerald Marlow

Refreshments will be available at 1230 prior to the start of the concerts at 1.10 pm ending about 1.50 pm. Admission is free with a voluntary retiring collection to cover expenses and donations towards the St Lawrence Church organ restoration fund.

Bring your own picnic, sit back and enjoy organ music performed on this most wonderful instrument. Further details can be found at altonorgansociety.co.uk or by contacting Tony Willman (07928 516052; tony.willman@mac.com)

Knitters Anonymous

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Once more all you industrious knitters out there have come up trumps! Over fifty warm woolly hats were ready to donate to the Deep Sea Fishermen Charity, nine beautifully decorated Fiddlemuffs were given to Dementia Fiendly – Alton, crochet squares from an unfinished craft project made three beautiful blankets and the tiny teddy bears for Bliss, the charity for Prem Babies are starting to be donated. Alongside this there are five bags of the blankets, jumpers, scarves and hats waiting for collection for the refugees both at Calais and the Ukraine. Thank you all! So, what is the Summer Challenge this year you may ask. Gloves please, adult medium and large gloves! A real challenge this time as all those fingers are a bit of a bother aren't they? But please, we have only had a couple of pairs donated recently, so they are really needed. So, any pattern, two needles or four, thick and warm gloves will be gratefully accepted. I have started my first pair! Kate Powell, our new Anna Chaplain, came along to meet us at our last meeting and has started to knit, under the tuition of Evelyn. So why not join her? Any donations of completed items, along with bits and bobs, ribbons and large buttons for Fiddlemuffs and balls of wool to recycle can be left in the box at the back of All Saints Church, or brought to the next meeting in All Saints church hall on Tuesday 21st June, 2pm Thank you all again.



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Kate Dando

Alton Community Cupboard and Alton Clothes Bank.

Alton Community Cupboard is an initiative set-up three years ago to reduce food waste, and is available to all without referral. Situated in Westbrook Walk (next to the Pet Shop), the Cupboard is open Monday to Saturday 11.30am until 1pm, and is managed and run by volunteers. It is stocked solely by donations from local shops, and Alton Allotment Association.

Alton Clothes Bank is also run by volunteers, and is situated at St. Mary's Church, open on Tuesday mornings, from 9.30am until 11.00am.

The Bank is available to all for adult, children's, and baby wear.

Both resources are there for everyone.

June's Update from the Anna Chaplain

It was an honour to be commissioned as Alton's fourth Anna Chaplain by the Bishop of Basingstoke at St Lawrence's Church on 24th April 2022. The Anna Chaplaincy network began in Alton over 10 years ago and there are now over 220 Anna Chaplains around the UK – the growth of which has been spearheaded by Debbie Thrower - the first ever Anna Chaplain. Bishop David declared that Alton should be proud to have pioneered such a valuable ministry and I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as I settle into my new role.

I have been busy leading communion services in care homes, attending a wide variety of activities attended by older people and setting up a group of Anna Friends, who are people called to volunteer their time to serve the older population of Alton. If you feel this might be a ministry God is calling you towards, please do email me for more information on annachaplainalton@gmail.com



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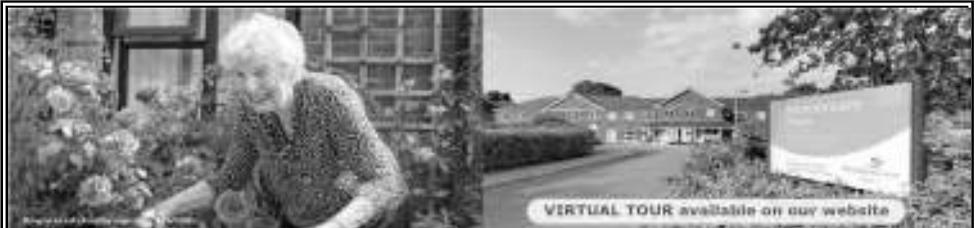
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Services at Alton Methodist Church.

Sun 5th June: 10am Holy Communion and Lighthouse

Sun 12th June: 10am Morning Worship

Sun 19th June: 10am Morning Worship and Lighthouse

Sun 26th June: 10am Morning Worship

Tuesday Traidcraft Coffee Morning

The Anna Chaplaincy fund recently received a £500 donation from the Tuesday Traidcraft Coffee Morning which is held weekly at Alton Methodist Church. Kate Powell received the cheque from Parish of the Resurrection member, Sarah Broadbent. Sarah is one of the regular staff at this ecumenical coffee morning, which is now in its 17th year. All profits are donated to local charities.



A Night at the Opera

Saturday 2nd July at 7.30pm

Come and join us for 'A Night at the Opera' - a selection of operatic music sung by Alton Choral Society and soloists in aid of Naomi House.

Tickets £10 (adults) or £5 (children) available from Alton Secondhand Books, 43 Normandy Street GU34 1DQ. Tel: 01420 89352 (Tues-Sat, 10-5) or from choir members. For more information, please email admin@altonchoral.org.uk.

What's On . . .

POTR St Lawrence Monthly Market

Saturday 4th June 9.00 to 12.30

In the Parish Centre

Books, Puzzles, Produce, Cakes

Lunchtime Organ Concerts

Thursday 23 June at 1.10pm

Will Nisbet

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 25th June



We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne, at 8.30am on **Saturday 25th June** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £9. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, the Rev Ben Burge, who will be talking about his faith, and his role within the Butts Church. 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 or telephone him on 01420 80388 by **Wednesday 22nd June**.

GAP Ladies Lunch

29th June, 12.15 for 12.30pm

The next **GAP Ladies Lunch** will take place on **Wednesday, 29 June, 2022**, at the usual time, **12.15 for 12.30pm**, and place, **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.) This is an excellent way of getting to know more people. 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!

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"

Friday Coffee Morning

Friday 1st July

St Lawrence Church

From Friday 1st July we will be starting monthly Coffee Mornings (first Friday in month), at St.Lawrence Church, from 1030am until 1200am.

The informal sessions are open to everyone, with plenty of cake and conversation.

Please come along, and meet-up with old friends, and make new ones.

Maureen, Jane, and Carol.

Are you receiving the Parish Emails?

Each week we send out a weekly email to everyone on our database to keep you updated on parish news. The emails give details of our weekly services, events, news and prayer updates and are a brilliant way to communicate with you. If you are not receiving these emails but think you should be, please can you let the office know office@potr-alton.co.uk The emails may go into your spam or if you have Gmail they may go into your promotions tab so please can you check these folders. If you are not our database, but would like to be, please also contact the office and we can sign you up.

Many thanks.

Ellie

News from Holy Rood Church, Holybourne

Hello friends!

Highlights of the past month:

Visiting Holybourne Pre-School – at our most recent visit we were able to tell the children the story of Noah’s Ark and God’s ‘rainbow’ promise.

Our weekly Teddies’ meeting – numbers are growing, but more importantly faith and family ‘support’ is growing too.

Spring cleaning the church building – thank you to everyone who came along. What fun we had! Our next ‘team’ job is to polish the wooden floor...

The first session of Shine at Andrews’ Endowed School when over 20 children along with a good number of adults came along to celebrate Jesus as the ‘light of the world’ with songs, prayers, craft and a short talk, not forgetting cake! If this is something you would like to help with in the future please contact Gordon or Martha.

An increasing number of visitors to the church, especially walkers travelling the Pilgrims Way. Recently a group from Carol Outlaw’s previous church stayed overnight in Holybourne before holding a service of Morning Prayer at Holy Rood before continuing their walk towards Winchester. Thank you to everyone who offered overnight hospitality.

Knitted corgis and a knitted ‘bride and groom’! We are so lucky to have such talented crafters within our church family. Watch out for the corgis (thanks Jacqui!) at the Holybourne Jubilee event...and our ‘royal’ scarecrows at the Vicarage and the church!

The wedding of Jon and Tania led by Andrew Micklefield; the knitted ‘bride and groom’ were a gift from Wendy.

Increasing numbers attending our Tuesday coffee mornings including students from Treloars and a small group of adults who live in care in the village. Our team of bakers, and those setting up and running the coffee mornings is growing!

The delivery of some wonderful new chairs, gifted to us by an anonymous donor. Thank you!

Being able to go back into the Lawn Care Home to celebrate Holy Communion; it has been great to see old friends and make new ones too.

Two new homegroups, thanks to Anthea Bailey and Carol Outlaw for hosting. If you are interested in joining please contact Anthea, Carol, me or Gordon...

With best wishes from everyone at Holy Rood, Ruth Randall

Visits to Romania

I am often asked how did this begin, well most unusually.

In the 1990's when changes in regime were occurring all around Eastern Europe Romania was among them. It was found orphanages were not in a good state and funds were raised to help there.

Dr Judith Dalmady, a senior paediatrician from Basingstoke, led several trips. I could have volunteered being a nurse by trade and working weekends, odd nights in a nursing home for profoundly disabled youngsters, I should have but didn't.

There's a pattern here, however God does not give up. Some years later I went to stay in Yorkshire through the Methodist churches bedpost scheme – one could stay 2 or 3 nights with families all over Britain. Different types of accommodation, meals or not, church halls, private homes, were available. It was really to keep your back-packing safe – I had teenagers and was OK with rough/ready. There were some funny incidents.

Anyway in 1988 I stayed privately with a family Krista and I had visited previously through bedposts. Staying with the family was a young lad from an orphanage at Buzau – how he got a Visa I shall never know but I do still have news of him from time to time. I was pretty impressed by the way he intended picking himself up and dusting himself down. I offered him a family holiday for friends if they could just pay for the flights or ferry. I had no idea what I was offering or what this would eventually lead to but of course God did. Emil found a family but the Visa was refused. Later I learnt they would have sold their car because if you had two weeks in Britain, then you could go to other Western Nations as you were trustworthy. They came eventually, paid taxes to work, national insurance, etc. They have British citizenship now.

So would I like to go to them again I had no idea what was ahead. I went taking pens, books, colouring pens, paper for an orphanage – that was the next story. In 2002 I bought my apartment, to date I must have made 50 trips. Recently over 250 Kgs of freight have gone this year with more to follow.

Why didn't I stay with the orphanages well most were having good Western help. As I had worked in what had orthopaedic elderly care facilities and I saw the waste in Britain I change tack. Nursing homes were my way forward and hospitals. God was moving me on.

Over 22 years later I have extensive help within my small patch. The Christian Radio over the last 5/6 years have been very supportive.

God's help has been constant! Also constant has been my work in school. Yes, I fit in Cultural English (a box of Maltesers helps). Staff are very happy for me to come and the students are great.

I am passionately boring about what I do but never mind if you say "pipe down Norma its my time to talk"

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Norma Duke

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Notes from a Jubilee Choir



June is busting out all over all right, with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations coming up for us all to enjoy and as you would expect your choir has their own tribute planned.

On Sunday 5 June 2022 @ 1030 at St Lawrence Church there is a POTR Altogether Jubilee service when we plan to sing "Lord make thy servant Elizabeth" by William Byrd.

Byrd joined Queen Elizabeth's Chapel Royal in 1572, and probably wrote this anthem a few years later. Its text comes from Psalm 21, but has been customized to address Elizabeth by name. Following the queen's death in 1603, the words of the anthem had to be changed to match the name of each succeeding monarch; but since 1952, by pleasing coincidence, Byrd's original text is once again relevant.

On Sunday 19 June at 6.00 pm in St Lawrence Church sees the Jane Austen/Regency week choral evensong with the annual appearance of Mr Darcy. Joyce may be found swooning in her pew. Some of the female choir members may also be doing their best Regency impressions of girls looking for husbands (even if they've already got one!) I can't speak for the men...

On Sunday 26 June 2022 at 6.00pm at Bentworth Church the travelling choir returns for another choral evensong. Its so good to be able to take our music around our benefice and keep the evensong tradition going, a service that would still be familiar to so many through the ages. (The occasional Sunday morning off would be welcome though on double service days!)

70 years is a long time to reign but definitely worth hanging on in there for a trifle! If I can manage 70 years in St Lawrence choir, I'll be 102! And I will expect some kind of pudding!



Elaine Cook

“Eternal Father, strong to save”

The anonymous piece in the May Sunrise titled “Eternal Father, strong to save” stirred admiring thoughts for the choice of such an important hymn. Her involvement with sea matters gave a solid base for choosing the hymn. It stirred a memory and a thought.

In early 1974 the shipbuilding company for which I was responsible was contracted by the RNLI to build a new lifeboat to replace the boat lost in the Penlee disaster. All the crew members had been lost during a rescue operation in atrocious weather conditions. No better example could be found for the power of the sea and the strength of resolve of seamen.

On an earlier occasion I was called to the Dockmasters office when our big tug was called out to rescue a ship without power that was drifting onto the rocks in Cornwall. Our tug captain got a line on board when the ship found power and with no notice from the ship the screw narrowly missed our tug. Our men were cross but it was a hazard to be dealt with by professionals.

The first verse calls up a concern that something has changed.

“Who bids the mighty ocean deep/ its own appointed limits keep” .It has seemed so for Millenia but recent understanding of the way the earth works tells us to rethink that idea. Tsunamis seem to happen too often now when one tectonic plate shifts and forces waves across oceans. We now understand that continents are shifting causing serious change. Iceland is splitting in two and the UK is shifting a little closer to USA each year as the west coast builds up and the east coast erodes seriously.

These phenomena have nothing to do with climate change - we have plenty on our hands coping with that change. We must continue to respect those ‘who go down to the sea in ships’ when there are so many conflicts in the world to distract us

The people who go to sea in lifeboats earn very great respect.

Ian Sutherland

Gill's Shortbread Recipe

This recipe came from my Mum and is very easy and enjoyed by all the family, so is a favourite at our family get togethers. Because it is quite old the measurements are in imperial.

These quantities fit into 2 swiss roll tins (12" x 8 1/2")

1 lb 4 oz plain flour - sifted

Large pinch of salt

6 1/2 oz butter – at room temperature

6 oz baking margarine (in a block)

3 1/2 oz caster sugar

Lightly grease the two tins and pre-heat oven to 145 degrees

Place all the ingredients into a bowl and roughly cut up the butter and margarine. I mix with a food mixture on slow until the mixture becomes like breadcrumbs, then all comes together into a soft dough.

Split the dough into two equal pieces and spread into the tins, pressing into the corners, then using a spatula press it down well and make the surface smooth.

Finally prick all over with a fork also using the fork to decorate the edges.

Place in the oven on two shelves, middle and lower for 20 minutes then turn both trays around and swap on shelves. Cook for a further 18-20 minutes. The shortbread should be very lightly coloured and just shrinking from the edge. Timings may vary with different ovens.

Take shortbread out of the oven and immediately cut into pieces and sprinkle with a little extra castor sugar. Leave in the tins to cool, then store in airtight containers. Keeps well!



Gill Tull

St Peters Church News

And it is good news!! Gratitude for much at St Peters and we pray for those in our congregation who are struggling, please get in touch if help is needed in any way.

May has been a busy month and we have reached our total to repair and repaint St Peters. The idea to help fundraise came out of two items made during lockdown, a patchwork quilt and an Aran jumper, these together with other items kindly donated made up the raffle prizes for a tea held in early May.

A lovely afternoon was enjoyed at Old Park Farm and St Peter's Fabric Fund visibly grew we also received much support from around the Parish, thank you!!!! ...fine weather, much tea and of course much cake and cream tea were consumed - we were truly Blessed ! Heartfelt thanks for " all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above".

We were Humbled and grateful for so much support and hope to start work at St Peters very soon. Thank you to Mon and Grace who ran the raffle and much gratitude to all who contributed in so many ways!!!!

The monthly lunch club was enjoyed by those who came and Kate, Anna Chaplain, was able to spend time talking to many there. Thank you! Please note there will be no lunch club in June.

Thank you to Lynne and Martin who have lead our services this month with good numbers and to those who look after the church both inside and out on an ongoing basis.

You will also be very welcome at our weekly "Beech Coffee and Cake" held in the Village Hall on Friday's 10 am-4 pm - a community project set up in the village six months ago. A warm welcome awaits.

With love and prayers

Sarah





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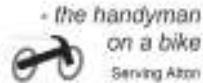


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The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.'

Psalms 24 v 1



We are all aware that the Climate Emergency is worldwide, man-made crisis and often feel powerless. Indeed, the most recent IPCC report said that insufficient progress is being made in the battle against climate change and its devastating effects. So, what can we do?

Take action – however small. *“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” Desmond Tutu*

We are blessed in Alton in having a thriving and energetic action group – Alton Climate Action Network – ACAN for short. POTR's Eco Church works with ACAN whenever possible; for example, AVLAN (Alton & Villages Action for Nature, an offshoot of ACAN) helped with the planting of the wildflower garden, POTR Eco Church was involved in the ACAN vigil held ahead of CoP26 and AVLAN is helping at the forthcoming Churches Count on Nature.

ACAN celebrates its 3rd birthday in June – there is an open meeting on 20th June at the Assembly Rooms where you can find out more & contribute to their plans for creating a liveable future. Do go along and find out what you can do. Look at their website <https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/> to discover more.

Speak truth to power

Jesus set an example of speaking truth to power; for example, the overturning of the tables in the Temple. We too need to speak out on issues of climate change and climate justice – to the Town Council, EHDC and our local MP, to Government ministers. It is only by consistently challenging decisions or making those in authority aware of our concerns can we hope to change things.

Support the Eco Church Team

In the coming months the Eco Church Team is starting work on a project to make St Lawrence churchyard a more environmentally & community friendly space & we are organising a Churches Count on Nature event in the churchyard at Holy Rood – see the advert for this elsewhere in Sunrise.

There is to be another Climate Sunday Service – July 3rd 10.30am in St Lawrence Churchyard at which Billie Anderson of Tearfund will speak.

If you would like to work with the Eco Church Team you would be so welcome – please speak to me – contact details below.

And finally..... please pray - for everyone affected by climate change and suffering climate injustice, for world leaders who make the decisions, for local government, for local action groups (including ACAN & Eco Church) and for all those individuals, striving to do their little bit of good where they are.

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You will be very welcome at this 'citizen science' event to record what animals and plants you see. Experts from Alton Natural History Society will be there to help with identification. Data will then be collated on the biological records hub, the National Biodiversity Network.

Refreshments will be available – hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact Elspeth on 07545310911 or elspethmary59@gmail.com

And Finally . . .

A (Royal) Dog's Life

We dogs, who live with royal folk
Who feel Her Maj's royal stroke;
We like to hear important talk
Of dinner time, and our next walk.

But lately there's been so much rushing
People bowing, people fussing.
Trumpets blare and soldiers shout
What *is* all the noise about?

No-one thinks of corgis' needs
Like, where's our bone, and where's our leads?
We're not allowed a doggy romp
'Midst all the pageantry and pomp!

Adding to our canine woes
They all wear their finest clothes,
So we're all stuck behind closed doors
Lest we might smudge them with our paws.

But things will come to settle down.
It's life, when Mistress wears a crown;
Yes, it will pass, you all will see
This business of the Jubilee.

So, we shall wag our doggy tails!
Be happy, like the Prince of Wales!
We think the Boss has done just fine
Being Queen for all this time!

By Nigel Beeton

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June Services for POTR & BLS

Sunday 5th June Pentecost

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

Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday

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
6pm	Evensong	St Peter & St Paul Shalden

Sunday 19th June Trinity

9.30am	Communion Service	Holy Rood
10.30am	Communion Service	All Saints Church
10.30am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church
6pm	Regency Evensong	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Lasham
10am	Service for Community Festival	St Mary's Bentworth

Sunday 26th June Trinity 2

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 Mary's Church, Bentworth

Every Wednesday:

10.00am	Said Holy Communion	All Saints
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