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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 29th May 2022 The seventh Sunday of Easter

##### This week’s special prayers

**Eco Church Prayer May**

The bodily ascension of Christ reveals the significance of the material world.

As he was exalted to heaven, may we in heart and mind also ascend,

so as to view the environment from

a kingdom perspective. Help us to see the world as you see it and care for the earth because you love it.

Amen

**The collect of the week**

Risen, ascended Lord,

as we rejoice at your triumph,

fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,

that all who are estranged by sin

may find forgiveness and know your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

**Sunday Services 29th May 2022**

**Nehemiah - Rebuilding & Renewing - The Word brings revival**

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| 10.30am | Communion Service for POTR and BLS  | St Lawrence Church |
| 5pm |  Service of Thanksgiving to Celebrate the Completion of the Repairs to the Spire and the Renovation of the Organ | St Peter’s and St Paul’s, Shalden |

**Please note no Lighthouse Groups this week.**

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

**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, Charlotte, Roger Tibble Jenny Thompson, Hazel Buck and Sheila Andrews.

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

**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** Margaret Garrett, Joan Webb, Samual Ayres, Peter Shipp, Doris Maskell, Selina Butcher and David Bown.

**Those preparing for Marriage:** Aiden Purvis and Anneka Gaiger, Tom (Toto) Berger & Henrietta Neish. Joseph and Kim Osborn (WEDDING BLESSING)

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| **This week’s Online and extra Services*** Morning Prayer on Facebook Live **Monday to Friday** at 9am (@potralton)
* Blaze at 6.30pm at the Kings Arms Centre Sunday 22nd May
* St Lawrence Teddies Monday 9.30am at St Lawrence Church
* Holybourne Coffee morning followed by Prayers on Tuesday 10am at Church of the Holy Rood.
* Holybourne Teddies in Holy Rood Church on Wednesday 9.45am
* Holy Communion at All Saints at 10am on Wednesday
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**News and notices**

**APCM News** Thank you to those who came to the APCM on Monday evening. There were 6 nominations for Churchwardens and I really grateful that the following have taken the positions – Helen Walters, Alan Armstrong, Sarah Neish, Angie Briggs, John Vivian and Clive Muller. Much else was shared and the reports are still available on the parish website.

**Eco Church - Churches Count on Nature - Sunday June 12th - Holy Rood Churchyard 2pm to 4 pm** Churches Count on Nature is a unique opportunity for those who love their churchyards and church spaces to take part in the largest ever nature count. 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

**Thy Kingdom Come** The season of praying called Thy Kingdom Come is continuing this week until Pentecost on 5th June. We are planning to pray around our community and there is a timetable available on the website. What a great opportunity to be with each other and committing our locality and its people to God.

**Ladies Meet and Eat Monday 6th June**. We will be meeting in Ruth and Gordon’s garden at Holybourne Vicarage from 6pm, leaving at 6.15pm for walks. Please bring a picnic. The longer walk takes us down to Mill Farm, a walk through the field and back to the vicarage. The other walk is a shorter one to Holy Rood Church and the duck pond. We will all finish in the garden for our picnics and time to catch up with each other. Please contact Lyn on meetandeat@btinternet.com for more information. We look forward to seeing you and let’s pray for sunny weather.

**The Repair Café** in Alton runs on **Saturday 11th June** from 10.30 to 12.30 pm in the Community Centre.  You can bring your items of clothes and textiles, electronics, small electrical equipment and bikes to name but a few items.  Our motto is – REPAIR, RE-USE BUT DON’T REPLACE! (unless you have to) Our team of experienced repairers will be waiting for you.  Call Sue Hubbard on 07759 489315 for more information, or just turn up on the day.  altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com

**Traidcraft**  The June St Lawrence Traidcraft stall will be moving to the second Sunday, **12th June**. If you need any of your favourites in the meantime you can contact Jo, 07980 371034. jo@mcgregorfamily.org.uk.

**Resurrection Furniture** Many thanks to all those who have transformed the new Resurrection Furniture shop on the High Street. The walls and ceiling have been filled, repaired and then painted. What a transformation! A number of people have worked long hours and we are very grateful. There are still tasks to be done, mostly simple carpentry. Please contact Robin Lees 86665 or j.lees558@btinternet.com if you can offer time and any skill.

**Alton Foodbank May update** The Foodbank are starting to see increased demand as they also work to support Ukrainian families who are joining our local community. All donations are gratefully received. Thank you for supporting the Alton foodbank. **Rice (dry), Pasta sauce, Tinned potatoes, Tinned meat (pies, stewing steak, hot dogs), Sponge puddings (long life), Biscuits, Tinned custard, Coffee, UHT milk, Fruit Juice (long life), Hot chocolate, Washing up liquid, Laundry Conditioner, Cleaner spray, Deodorant, Baby wipes.**

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 will be open Monday to Wednesday between 9.30am – 11.30am**

**Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Locations**

***Sunday 29th May*** 6pm Andrews Endowed School, Holybourne

***Monday 30th*** ***May*** 4pm by the Cairn, Alton High Street

***Tuesday 31st May*** 2pm Alton Library

***Wednesday 1st June*** 10.30am The White Hart Pub, Holybourne

***Thursday 2nd June*** 7pm school walk starting at St Lawrence School. Will last about 90 minutes

***Friday 3rd June*** 12pm Alton Community Hospital

***Saturday 4th June*** 10am Zoom Prayers and 12pm Brendoncare