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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 12th June 2022 Trinity Sunday

##### This week’s special prayers

**Eco Church Prayer June**

We ask for the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, to know our place in the universe and to play our part in creation.

May the Spirit of truth help us to speak the truth about the earth and its creatures.

Inspire and revitalise those who

care for the environment, and nurture in all people a deeper

engagement with the living world.

Amen

**The collect of the week**

Holy God,

faithful and unchanging:

enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,

and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,

that we may truly worship you,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

**Sunday Services 12th June 2022**

**Generous Living – Feeding the 5000**

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| 9.15am | Communion Service | St Peter’s Church |
| 9.30am | Communion Service | Holy Rood |
| 10.30am | Communion Service  | St Lawrence Church |
| 10.30am | The Lighthouse  | Parish Centre |
| 4pm | Afternoon Worship | All Saints |
| 4pm | Church@4 | St Lawrence Primary School |
| 6pm | Evening Service | St Lawrence Church |

**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** Samual Ayres, Peter Shipp, Doris Maskell, Selina Butcher, David Bown, John Boustead, Stanley Fletcher and Christopher Barlow

**Those preparing for Marriage:** 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**

**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

**Wendy Burnham’s Ordination** Our Assistant Curate, Wendy Burnhams, is being ordained as an Assistant Priest on July 2nd in Winchester Cathedral. It will be a grand occasion with superb choral and organ music, spectacular robes and processions. It will also be a very significant moment in Wendy's life. The service starts at 7pm and is likely to last for 1 hr 30 mins - 1 hr 45 minutes.  If you would like to be there to support her, please contact Wendy to obtain your ticket. Email: wendy@burnhamsfamily.co.uk Mobile: 07514 280 362

**Alton Bereavement Café opening this week.** The café will be welcoming people between 2pm-4pm every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Alton Methodist Church Hall, and between 7.30pm-9.30pm every 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month at the Alton Maltings Centre. Alton Bereavement Cafe is run by local volunteers who have all experienced bereavement at some point in their lives. They are not trained counsellors or medical practitioners, but people who will listen so that others can talk.

The café will offer a safe space for people to share memories of the loved one they have lost, share their feelings and struggles. The cafes are very relaxed with no pressure to talk, everyone is welcome to just be with others. For more information please email: bereavementcafe@potr-alton.co.uk

**Alton Womens’ Refuge** continues to be exceptionally busy. They are very grateful indeed for the exceptionally  generous gifts from the Parish at Christmas and into the New Year and wanted me to thank again each and everyone one who so kindly contributed.
When new families arrive, usually with nothing, they receive a starter pack  of toiletries, shampoo, liquid soap, toothpaste, deodorant, skin care, baby lotion and powder…… If anyone could kindly contribute some of these they would be most welcome. There is a box at St. Lawrence.  Thank you

**The Children’s Society** The St.Lawrence box holders for the Children's Society raised £160 for their funds at a recent box opening. Many thanks from Carol Williams.

**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 June 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. They are need of: Soup, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Tinned meat (pies, stewing steak, hot dogs), Tuna, Sponge puddings (long life), Pasta sauce, UHT milk, Fruit Juice (long life), Cereal, Laundry Conditioner, Sanitary towels / pads

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**

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