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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 19th June 2022 The First Sunday after Trinity

##### 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**

God of truth,

help us to keep your law of love

and to walk in ways of wisdom,

that we may find true life

in Jesus Christ your Son.

Amen

**Sunday Services 19th June 2022**

**Generous Living – The way of the Cross**

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| 9.30am | Communion Service | Holy Rood Church |
| 10.30am | Communion Service  | All Saints Church |
| 10.30am | Morning Worship | St Lawrence Church |
| 10.30am | The Lighthouse  | Parish Centre |
| 6.30pm | Regency Choral Evensong***Please note the time*** | 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 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, Maisie Pritchard, Stanley Fletcher, Christopher Barlow, Philip Shearman, Hazel Buck and Pamela Annels

**Those preparing for Marriage:** 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 on Sunday
* 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 followed by Coffee & Conversation
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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**

**Blaze Volunteers** Our Blaze youth group is really thriving and our numbers are increasing. This means we need a few more volunteers to help. The group is on every Sunday evening at 6.30pm. If you are able to go on a rota and even help just once a month then that would be a big help. Please contact Martha martha@potr-alton.co.uk if you can help. Thank you

**Eco Church Team - Churches Count on Nature** - thank you to everyone who supported this last Sunday. We were so blessed to be supported by Cathy & Izzy from the Alton Natural History Society & Jenny from AVLAN - the results are being collated & will be published on the website when available.

**Lunchtime Organ Concert – Thursday 23rd June at 1.10pm.** Doors open 12.30pm for refreshments. Free admission with retiring collection to cover expenses and donate towards the organ restoration fund. Will Nisbett will be performing.

**Men's Breakfast** We will be meeting at the White Hart, 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 the Butts Church.

If you have not attended the breakfast for a while or have never attended, we would love to see you. Please reply to Tim Codling by email: - tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk or telephone: 01420 80388 by **Wednesday 22nd June.**

**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

**Meet and Eat – women’s group for Fun and Fellowship -** The next Meet and Eat will be on **Monday 4th July at 6pm**, meeting in Lady Place car park by the entrance of the Public gardens. There will be two walks one around the gardens and the other down to Flood Meadows, down Tanhouse Lane then back to the Public gardens. Those that wish to can then walk to the Ivy House for something to eat and drink. Please do chat to Kathy Norkett at All Saints, Sarah Neish at Beech, Ruth Randall at Holybourne, Elspeth Mackeggie Gurney and Alison Parr at St. Lawrence about the group. If you would like to be added to the distribution list or need any further information just email Lyn Baines at meetandeat@btinternet.com

**Alton Bereavement Café is now open.** 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

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

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