



Parish Matters

Welcome...

to our weekly edition of Parish Matters – we hope you enjoy catching up with news and prayers from the Parish.

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ
the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.
Amen

Eco Church Prayer for November

We give thanks for the fruit of the
earth that sustains human life.
May we be good stewards of the
resources you give us
and resist the temptation
to take everything for ourselves.
Give us the grace to live wisely and
generously, by nurturing the world
we occupy and by sharing the
bounty we enjoy.
Amen.

Welcome to today's service

Prayers

Prayers & Readings: Monthly prayers and the daily lectionary readings are available in Sunrise and on the parish website. www.potr-alton.co.uk

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, Gwen Pettigrew, Charlotte, Jenny Thompson, Leo Hill, Sarah Broadbent, Sally Stoodley, Dennis Milns, Alex Cannon, Paddy Mendham, Mike Harding, Jennifer Arnold, Jill, Jenny Lawrence, Judith Shadey and Ben.

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

Those who are bereaved – families and friends of Arlo Rose, Reuben Stubbs, Anthony Stevenson, Ronald Booker, Roger Rowan, Brigit Hayes, Thelma Butland, Eric Pritchett, Douglas Warner, Elizabeth Crow, Carol Murrell, Pearl Dorey and Roger Tibble.

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

This week's extra Services

- **Facebook Live Morning Prayer** Monday to Friday 9am @POTRALton
- **St Lawrence Teddies** Monday morning 9.30am in St Lawrence Church
- **Silence Session** prayer evening at Holy Rood Monday evening at 7.30pm
- **GAP Traidcraft Coffee Morning**, every Tuesday from 10-12 at Alton Methodist Church
- **Holybourne Coffee morning** followed by Prayers on Tuesday 10am-11.45am (Prayers 11:45 am to 12 noon) at Church of the Holy Rood.
- **Holybourne Teddies** in Holybourne Church on Wednesday 9.45am
- **Holy Communion** at All Saints at 10am on Wednesday
- **Glow** after School group for children in school years 3 to 6 Thursdays 3.15pm to 5pm in St Lawrence Church

Please see our website www.potr-alton.co.uk for a full list of church services, news and events for this month.

News and notices

Please note that the Afternoon Worship at Holy Rood held on a 4th Sunday is now on a break for a few months. All our Christmas Services are now on the website and cards will be available in our churches very soon.

Christmas Card Boards - as in previous years there will be boards in each of the churches for your Christmas cards to the rest of the parish. Please consider sending one card to your friends in the church as it saves on the number of cards which have to be recycled so is great for the environment. Boards will be in place from the beginning of December. The Eco Church Team

Pop-Up Carols 2023 on a green space near you. Pop-Up Carols is back – and this year it is even bigger! From the **7th to the 20th of December**, Alton Churches (Parish of the Resurrection, Harvest Church, the Butts Church and the Alton Methodist Church) are hosting a series of caroling events that will bring the festive spirit to your doorstep. These evenings will take place in various green spaces throughout Alton, Beech and Holybourne. Please see our website for dates, times and locations. www.potr-alton.co.uk/pop-up-carols-2023/ You are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Lawrence Church 9th and 10th December. It's only two weeks to go until this year's Christmas Tree Festival. If anyone would like to enter a tree, offer help, donate Festive fare, or a Tombola prize, it would be gratefully accepted.

Please contact Elaine or Carol. Elaine Cook on 07762583821 or Carol Graham on 07743042484.

Warm Winter Community Lunch Alton Town Council are holding a Warm Winter Community Lunch on **Saturday 13th January** from 12-2pm at Alton Assembly Rooms. This will be specifically for older people and invitations will be sent out via different community groups. It will be a great event which will only be so if there are a number of volunteers and I hope that The Parish of the Resurrection will be generous with this. People to help serve the food, be around to talk to the guests, help set up and take down etc would be greatly appreciated. Resurrection Furniture have made a generous donation to help this event. If you can help then please would you let Emily Messenger at Alton Town Council know - events@alton.gov.uk

POTR Advent Window Trail Starting on 1st December leading up to Christmas Eve, an Advent window will be opened each day to reveal a beautiful festive display. The windows will be lit up between 4pm to 7pm for you to go and enjoy! The trail will take you around Alton and Holybourne. To see a list of the locations and an interactive map, please go to our website www.potr-alton.co.uk/potr-advent-windows-2023/

Anna Chaplaincy Christmas Event You are invited to join for an afternoon of Christmas crafts, carol singing, hand massages, nail painting, afternoon tea and shopping at their Christmas Shopping stall. Taking place on **Wednesday 29th November** from 2pm – 4pm at the Alton Methodist Church

St Lawrence Monthly Market The next St Lawrence Monthly Market will be held on **Saturday 2nd December** at 9am in the Parish Centre. There will be the usual bric-a-brac, puzzles, games and yummy bacon sarnies for sale but they will also be having a **tombola**. If you are able to donate a prize, please pass to Clive or Gillian Muller at a St Lawrence service. Many thanks

Meet and Eat – women's group for Fun and Fellowship Our last Meet and Eat for 2023 will be on **Monday 4th December starting at 7pm** in Holy Rood Church. Bring and Share Supper with a Quiz.

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 Repair Café Re-use, repair, recycle.....at Alton Repair Café in the Community Centre on **9th December** from 10.30 to 12.30. Our experienced repairers will help you and advise you about next steps if they can't do it there and then. We have a great track record, so come along and see what it's all about. Textiles, electronics, electrical, pottery, jewellery.... More information

from altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com or ask Sue Hubbard. We are doing our bit for the environment – so how about it?

Alton Foodbank. The Foodbank has been blessed by numerous schools and other organisations who gave their Harvest Collections to them and their warehouse is looking fairly well stocked but they are still in need of tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned vegetables, long life fruit juice, tinned custard, sponge puddings (long life), tinned rice pudding, sanitary towels and tampons

Next Sunday Service 3rd December – Advent Sunday

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	GAP Advent Service	Alton Methodist Church
6pm	Advent Carol Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Lasham
6pm	Service of Light	St Peter & St Paul, Shalden

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at All Saints Church Hall.**

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