



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 14th January

Second Sunday of Epiphany

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through
past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Eco Church Prayer for January

In the manifestation of Christ, you
use the things of the earth to reveal
your glory.
As we take gold from the ground,
make frankincense and myrrh
from the gum of trees,
and turn grapes and water into
wine, grant us wisdom to use the
resources of the earth for the good
of all creation. Amen

Welcome to today's service New Year Sermon Series – New Year - Refocus

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, Charlotte, Jenny Thompson, Sarah Broadbent, Sally Stoodley, Dennis Milns, Alex Cannon, Paddy Mendham, Jill, Jenny Lawrence, Judith Shadey, Ben, David, Barry Edwards and Beryl Faulkner.

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 Elizabeth Crow, Carol Murrell, Pearl Dorey, Roger Tibble, Leo Hill, George Littlewood, Gwen Pettigrew, Barry Williamson and Robin Haw

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
- **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** afterschool group for children in years 3 to 6. St Lawrence Church Thursdays at 3.15pm
- **Lighthouse** Sunday mornings for children aged 0 – 11 in the Parish Centre at 10.30am

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

Sunday Evening Prayer As part of our Sunday evening programme the 2nd Sunday of the month is a Parish time of prayer. So this Sunday (14th January) you are encouraged to come to St Lawrence Church at 6pm where we will pray for our parish and the life of the church as well as world events. It would be great to be a good number.

Curious about Faith? We have a new Alpha course which started on **Monday 8th January** at Alton Maltings brought to you by Alton Churches. The evening will start at 7pm with a free meal, followed by a video and chance to chat and ask questions about faith. It's free of charge so why not come and check it out? For more information email alptonplusalpha@gmail.com. Not too late to join up!

Associate Vicar Appointment Last week, in our services, we announced the following really good news! Thank you to everyone who prayed for and contributed to the recent interviews for a new Associate Vicar. We are pleased to be able to tell you that Revd David Chattell, currently Rector of Farleigh, Candover and Wield, has been offered and has accepted the post of Associate Vicar in this parish.

This appointment is subject to statutory checks and clearances before it can be made formal, but we can now look forward to a licensing service on Monday 18th March 2023 at 7.30pm which will be led the Bishop of Winchester. David, his wife Ruth and their children will move to the Holybourne Vicarage towards the end of February and David will begin his ministry with us straight after Easter. Ruth is an LLM so will be licensed to the parish as well. We are delighted with David's appointment - God is good!

Gwen Pettigrew Many of the St Lawrence congregation will remember Gwen who worshipped with us for many years. She recently died aged 103 at The Lawn Care Home. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held on Monday **15th January at 12.30pm in St Lawrence Church**. Everyone is welcome.

Alton Walking Church for Men the new timetable for 2024 is now available. They have new pubs and areas to explore this year. The first one is on Wednesday 28th February at 10.30am at the Flower Pots in Cheriton. Each walk will take about 90 minutes with time to pray and reflect followed by a light bite in the pub. Contact Robin on 07957 653403 or email him on familykemp@tiscali.co.uk

Men's Breakfast We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 27th January** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker. 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 24th January**

Confirmation Service Bishop Philip will coming to the POTR service at 10.30am on Sunday 3rd March to baptise and confirm. There are already some names to go forward but if you or someone you know would like to be confirmed then do please speak to Andrew. It is always very good to celebrate people's faith and commitment to Jesus.

GLOW After School Club Every Thursday during term time between 3.15 and 4.30pm we run an after school club for Keystage 2 (7-11 year olds) in St Lawrence Church. We have a number of regular attenders and others who would like to join. To make this possible we need some more people to help out. It doesn't have to be every week but to join the rota. If you would like to then please speak to Robin or Sally Kemp - familykemp@tiscali.co.uk

Lent is coming It only just seems we have celebrated Christmas! We will be running our Alton Churches Lent Sessions again on Thursday evenings starting on **29th February**. Bishop Philip will be our first guest speaker. The theme for this year is '**The Early Church Shaping Us Today**'. Please put this into your diaries now.

Alton Foodbank Thank you for all your donations in 2023. If you would like to donate this January, they are in need of the following tinned meat (pies,

stewing steak, hot dogs etc.), tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned custard, long life sponge puddings, tinned or instant potato and tinned rice pudding. They currently have good supplies of soup and pasta.

Next Sunday Service 21st January. New Year - Restart

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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 |
| 4pm | Church@4 | Parish Centre |
| 6pm | Choral Evensong | St Lawrence Church |
| 10am | Communion Service | <i>St Mary's, Lasham</i> |
| 6pm | Evensong | <i>St Peter & St Peter, Shalden</i> |

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**The Parish Office (in All Saints Church Hall) will be open Monday to Friday
between 9am – 12pm.**

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