



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 28th January

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends
of the earth and your
messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform
us by the good news of
everlasting life 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 - Revelation

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 Wendy Smith.

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 Roger Tibble, Leo Hill, George Littlewood, Gerald Peters, Gwen Pettigrew, Barry Williamson, Robin Haw, Audrey Heffernan, Patricia Wood, Jacqueline Joyce and Beryl Faulkner.

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

Parish of the Resurrection Quiz at Holyrood Church, Holybourne on **Friday 16th February 6.00 pm** for a prompt start at 6.30 pm. The cost of the quiz is £12.50 per person. A fish and Chip supper and a glass of prosecco is included in the cost. You can have up to 8 people in your team. Last year's quiz with quiz master Rosemary (back by popular demand) was well supported and proved to be a resounding success. To sign up please email Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver keithnorman@btinternet.com or call 01420 542135

Lent is coming During Lent Christians come together from our different churches in Alton to share in worship and fellowship whilst exploring different themes within the Christian faith. This year the five-week Lent Course will be based on Acts 2.42-47 under the heading: **The Early Church Shaping Us Today**. Bishop Philip will be our first speaker. Other speakers will be confirmed nearer the time. The Lent Course is held at The Maltings (Harvest Church) starting on **Thursday 29th February**. Arrive at 7.15 for refreshments, and a start at 7.30pm. We will finish each of the evenings before 9pm.

Lent Lunches The Lent Lunches which are held annually at Holybourne Church will commence on **Wednesday 21st February** and will go on through Lent for five weeks. No need to book in, just come along and enjoy good food and

good company. Time: 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm. For each lunch 3 soups will be available, and they are served with a bread roll and soft drinks and afterwards tea or coffee and cake and/or fruit. Donations are welcome as all proceeds go to Karamoja, Uganda to provide ministry support in Karamoja Diocese.

Resurrection Furniture is recruiting Our charity is led by six trustees. Following Ruth Randall's retirement, we are looking to recruit a trustee for the specific role of Honorary Secretary to organise our meetings and be the main link with other organisations including the Charity Commission. The duties will be to arrange meetings, take minutes, deal with correspondence and RF policies and the like. We meet around six times per year and all trustees are also volunteers in some capacity. For further information and a job description please go to our website www.resurrectionfurniture.co.uk. If this role interests you, please speak to either John Hubbard john.mkh@outlook.com or Robin Lees j.lees558@btinternet.com in the first instance.

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

Cleaners at St Lawrence Church We are desperately in need of some cleaning help at St Lawrence, so perhaps you might be able to lend a hand. We usually do the basics on a Monday morning after Teddies but anytime that fits would be a bonus. 07976958042/ lizmgriff@hotmail.com if you can help.

Confirmation Service Bishop David will be 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.

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.

"A Simple Faith ..." - speaker event on Sat 24th February, 10am, Quaker Meeting House, Alton. Kate McNally, the author of "A Simple Faith in a Complicated World" will be teaching at an event being hosted by the Quakers on **Saturday 24th February**. Everyone in POTR is invited. Kate is a tutor, author and psychologist and will be talking about how stripping back our faith enables us to reach a deeper spiritual life. The Quaker Meeting House (almost opposite St Lawrence) will be open for coffee from 10am with things kicking off at 10.30am, and finishing in time for a bring and share lunch. If you have any

queries please email Helen Walters (churchwarden at Holy Rood) on helenwalters@doctors.org.uk

Next Sunday Service 4th February. Candlemas

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	POTR Altogether Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Lasham
10am	Communion Service	St Peter & St Paul, Shalden

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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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