



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 31st March

Easter Day

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of
death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and
hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Eco Church Prayer for March

We thank you for the rhythm
of times and seasons
Make us more aware of our
changing environment, in our
parks and gardens, in the
countryside and by the sea.
Help us to appreciate all that is
special about the present time of
year, and to live our lives in
keeping with the natural order.
Amen

Welcome to today's service Easter Sunday

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, Wendy Smith, Ingrid Owen-Jones and Faye Ellen Compton.

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 Robin Haw, Audrey Heffernan, Patricia Wood, Jacqueline Joyce, Beryl Faulkner, Patricia Christmas, Gillian Wevill, Kathie Baines, Margaret Blackman, Jean Hearne, Ian Mitchell and Brian Porter.

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

This week's extra Services

- **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.
- **Holy Communion** at All Saints at 10am on Wednesday

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

Easter Break Teddies at St Lawrence and Holy Rood along with Lighthouse and Glow are on an Easter break and will return the week of **April 14th**. We look forward to seeing all the children then. **Facebook Live** will be taking a break too and will be back on **Monday 8th April**.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) This year's APCM will be held on **Thursday 18th April**, 7pm in St Lawrence Church Alton. We are beginning to get the papers for this meeting together. One of the first things we need to do is to update The Electoral Roll, which is our membership list. There are over 300 names on this but if you are not on it and want to be, then you need to complete the Electoral Roll form which can be found on our website www.potr-alton.co.uk and send it back to the Parish Office - office@potr-alton.co.uk Thank you.

Holy Rood Spring Clean A huge thank you to the happy but exclusive band of volunteers who came to clean our lovely church on Saturday! We managed quite a lot really but there's loads more that could be done. If anyone feels called to come along another time just let me know and we can arrange another session! carol.outlaw@btinternet.com
Happy Easter Everyone!

Alton Organ Society Concert at St Lawrence Church Tuesday 2nd April
8pm start with refreshments from 7.30pm Gerard Brooks, Professor of Organ at the Royal Academy of Music, will be performing at this week's concert. Admission to the organ concerts is £10 at the door (free admission to full time students under the age of 18)

Alton repair Café Alton Repair Café goes from strength to strength. Last month we saved 84kg from landfill and helped 38 people who brought their items along. So do come with your broken electrical, mechanical, clothing, jewellery, ceramic or maybe even a bike! We will do our best to help you. **Sat 13th april - Alton community centre - between 10.30 and 12.30.** Questions to Sue Hubbard or altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com

Licensing of Revd Wendy Burnhams as Assistant Priest We have been delighted that Wendy has undertaken her curacy within The Parish of the Resurrection - what a loyal, trusted member of our Ministry Team she has become. Officially now Wendy has been 'signed off' from her curacy and the good news is that she will stay with us in The Parish of the Resurrection. To enable that Wendy needs to be formally licensed. The Bishop of Basingstoke, David Williams has agreed to do this during the **10am Communion Service at All Saints on Wednesday 10th April.** It would be good to give Wendy our usual POTR support and everyone is very welcome to attend. Well done Wendy!

Alton Walking Church for Men The next beautiful walk will take place on **Wednesday 17th April** 6.00pm for an evening walk in and around Froyle, meeting at The Hen and Chicken. The 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

The Bereavement Journey Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? The Bereavement Journey is a seven week series of short videos and focussed conversations which provide a safe space for you to process your bereavement and discern your next steps. Topics include attachment; separation and loss; difficult feelings; rites of passage; the impact and pain of bereavement; coping with others; coping with change; moving forward; and an optional session on questions of faith. Friday mornings, 10am - 12 noon, May 3rd - June 21st (no meeting on May 31st) at The Alton Maltings Centre. Suggested voluntary contribution £20.

To book your place, or to find out more about it, please email bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk or phone Wendy Burnhams 07514280362

Alton Foodbank Thank you for your continuing support. If you would like to donate this March, they are in need of the following; tinned spaghetti, rice, pasta, long life milk, long life fruit juice, breakfast cereal, tinned vegetables and tinned custard. They currently have good supplies of soup. Thank you so much.

**Next Sunday Service 7th April
Walking in the Light**

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's, Shalden

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