



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 17th March

The fifth Sunday of Lent

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries
of his passion,
that we may know eternal
peace through the shedding of
our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Lent Sermon Series

Last Words - I am thirsty

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 and Margaret Blackman

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 after school group** for children in years 3 to 6, 3.15pm Thursday in the Galilee Chapel in St Lawrence Church
- **Lighthouse** groups for children. Sundays in the Parish Centre 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

Don't forget to pick up an Easter card from Church with all our upcoming Holy Week & Easter services. Also available from our website.

Church@4 We have our family Church@4 this Sunday in the Parish Centre. Do join us for cake, worship, lots of crafts and singing. We will have hot dogs together after the service. This week we are looking at 'The Journey to Easter'.

Choral Evensong this Sunday at 6pm at St Lawrence Church. The choir will lead us in singing our hymns, with a Magnificat and Nunc Dimitts in B flat by Stanford, responses by Radcliffe and an anthem – Ave Verum by William Byrd. A beautiful service taken from The Book of Common Prayer.

Revd David Chattell We are looking forward to the arrival of our new Associate Vicar - Revd David Chattell. He will be licensed this **Monday 18th March at 7.30pm** in St Lawrence Church Alton. Everyone is very welcome to attend what will be a wonderful service of welcome for David, Ruth and their children. The Bishop of Winchester, Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen will be leading the service. There will be drinks and nibbles after the service.

Lent Lunches The last Holybourne Lent lunches is this Wednesday. Why not come and enjoy some lovely soup and good company? No need to book in, just come along at 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.

Pergolesi's Stabat Mater concert at St Lawrence Church An evening of sublime chamber music, depicting Mary's suffering as Jesus Christ's mother during his crucifixion. **Saturday 23 March 8pm** (7:30pm doors open). This is a fundraising concert in support of Alton Arts Festival - every ticket makes a difference. Soprano, Kristy Swift (Covent Garden, Leipzig Gewandhaus, Wexford Festival). Soprano, Louisa Hunter-Bradley (Opera Australia, Pinchgut Opera, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra) Organ, Robin Walker (Canterbury Cathedral, St Giles-in-the-fields, Badia Fiorentina Florence) £10 adults, £5 students.

Good Friday 29th March Come and listen to the story of Easter as we walk around St Lawrence Churchyard with actors and live animals joining in. Starts at 10am and will be followed by hot cross buns and refreshments. Suitable for all the family.

In the afternoon we have the **Last Hour service** at 2pm in St Lawrence Church. A quiet service of music and meditation.

Men's Breakfast We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 30th March** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, Jerry Janes, whose talk is titled 'The Changing Writing of the First World War.' 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 27th March**

Caretaker/Site manager – St Lawrence C E Primary School, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 2BY – Closing Date: 15 April 2024. We are looking for a positive, dedicated, reliable, well-motivated and practical person to assist with security, safety, cleanliness, grounds maintenance and general maintenance of the school site. Hours are split during the day – 1 hour in the mornings and three in the evenings to coincide with our lettings on three evenings. Hours required are 20 per week on a 52-week contract.

For more information please contact Sue Lintott on 01420 84400 or email S.Lintott@st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk

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 24th March Palm Sunday

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church, Beech
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
6pm	Informal Evening Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Bentworth

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