



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 April

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your
love for the world
and the wonder of your risen
life: give us compassion
and courage to risk
ourselves for those we
serve, to the glory of God
the Father
Amen

Eco Church Prayer for April

At this time of new life, we praise
you for the power of your
creation. The bodily resurrection
of Christ proclaims the promised
re-creation of the universe.
In the renewal of the natural
world, in the blossom of trees and
the birth of animals, help us to
celebrate your many gifts of
springing hope and fresh
beginnings. Amen

Welcome to today's service

Living in love

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, Faye Ellen Compton, Ann Duff and Tony Marchant.

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 Margaret Blackman, Jean Hearne, Ian Mitchell, Brian Porter, Audrey Pink, Joyce March, Lesley Wilson and Ben Cooper.

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

This week's extra Services

- **Facebook Live Morning Prayer** Weekdays at 9am @POTRAAlton
- **Teddies** toddler group in St Lawrence Church Monday at 9.30am
- **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.
- **Teddies** toddler group in Holyrood Church 9.45am on Wednesday
- **Holy Communion** at All Saints at 10am on Wednesday
- **Glow** afterschool group for school years 3 to 6 Thursdays at 3.15 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

Children & Primary Schools Worker We are actively seeking a Children & Primary Schools Worker for the Parish of the Resurrection. Please see our website for a Job Description and Person Specification www.potr-alton.co.uk/job-vacancy-children-primary-schools-worker/

Martha left us in the summer of 2023 and we have now reflected and put together a new role which we hope will give someone the ideal opportunity to grow our ministry amongst children in particular alongside their families and local primary schools.

We need someone to lead and inspire these and also to introduce us to new ideas and where God is leading.

Informal Evening Worship at 6.00pm at St Lawrence on Sunday 28th April will have a special focus on the need for individual and for the Church's corporate repentance, to which everyone is warmly invited.

St Lawrence Church Coffee Morning Friday 3rd May at 10.30am. Come and catch up with Carol, Mo and Jane and other friends over a cup of tea, coffee and lots of cake. Everyone is welcome along.

Ascension Day Service Thursday 9th May at 7,30pm, St Lawrence Church. We join together as a parish to celebrate Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) Wednesday 22nd May. 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.

Anna Chaplaincy Spring Event You are invited to the Anna Chaplaincy Spring Event on **Wednesday 22nd May** at The Alton Methodist Church from 2pm - 4pm. Come and enjoy a hand massage, some spring crafts, a touch of shopping and a delicious homemade afternoon tea. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

Lifts to St. Lawrence Church I am writing this hoping that it will encourage some of you regular St Lawrence church-goers to lend a hand. Or a car as it happens! I know we have several worshippers who are unable to make the journey without help. Some are more fortunate and are brought to Church regularly, but I am hearing about others who can't make it. Perhaps you can help by offering to collect and drop off. Or maybe you know someone who would like a lift to a service. All offers taken - hoping to hear from you! Clare Kirby Tel. 01420 544735 Email royncclare65@gmail.com

Fresh start Course If you have a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, drinking, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, drugs, etc but is now spoiling your daily living - why not try a course called Fresh Start. It's free and completely confidential. See <https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start>. The next course will start with an Introduction session on **Tuesday 30th April 2024**, 10:30am-12:00, at Alton Maltings, led by Trevor and Ann. Register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or freshstart@harvestchurch.uk.

Alton Foodbank Thank you for your continuing support. If you would like to donate this April, they are in need of the following; tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, sponged puddings (longlife), tinned tomatoes, tinned spaghetti, baked beans. They currently have good supplies of soup. Thank you so much.

Sunday 5th May A heads up that the morning service will be a service for both POTR and Alton Methodist Church being held at **The Methodist Church at 10am**. The guest speaker is Revd David Hinchliffe, District Chair (sort of like a Bishop) and the service led by Andrew Micklefield. There will be Lighthouse Children's Groups.

**Next Sunday Services 5th May
Conquering the world**

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	GAP Service	Alton Methodist Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Lasham
10am	Communion Service	<i>St Peter & St Paul's, Shalden</i>

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