



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no  
entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of  
others and walk the joyful  
road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise 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

Walking in the Light

### Prayers

**Prayers & Readings:** Monthly prayers and the daily lectionary readings are available in Sunrise and on the parish website. [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk)

**Prayer Cascade.** If you need prayer for any reason please contact [pray4potr@gmail.com](mailto: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 and Ann Duff.

If you or someone you know would like to be included here please let Philippa Penfold know ([office@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:office@potr-alton.co.uk))

**Those who are bereaved – families and friends of** Jacqueline Joyce, Beryl Faulkner, Patricia Christmas, Gillian Wevill, Kathie Baines, Margaret Blackman, Jean Hearne, Ian Mitchell, Brian Porter, Audrey Pink and Lesley Wilson.

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

### **This week's extra Services**

- **Facebook Live Morning Prayer** Weekdays at 9am @POTRAAlton
- **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 including the licensing of Revd Wendy Burnhams

Please see our website [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk) for a full list of church services, news and events for this month.

## **News and notices**

Sadly we heard on Friday morning that **Lesley Wilson** had died at home. Lesley was a faithful member of the parish worshipping at St Lawrence Church and latterly at the Wednesday communion in All Saints Church. She will be greatly missed for cheerful enthusiasm at things like The Monthly Market and for her contribution to many church events and activities. When funeral details are know, we will share them with you.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing all the children then.

**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 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 13<sup>th</sup> April - Alton community centre - between 10.30 and 12.30.** Questions to Sue Hubbard or [altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com](mailto:altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com)

**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](mailto:familykemp@tiscali.co.uk)

**Come and Sing Evensong Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April** at St Lawrence Church. Open to everyone, especially if you enjoy singing but do not wish to join the choir. Music will be provided. **Rehearsal from 3.30pm with Evensong starting at 6pm.** For further information, please contact Tony Willman [tony.willman@mac.com](mailto:tony.willman@mac.com)

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** We are having to change the date of our APCM – and we will let you know. It has to be before the end of 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](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk) and send it back to the Parish Office - [office@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:office@potr-alton.co.uk) Thank you.

**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](mailto: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 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.

**Next Sunday Service 14<sup>th</sup> April  
Doing what is right**

9.15am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter's Church, Beech
9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	Holy Rood Church
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
3pm	<b>Afternoon Worship with tea and cake</b>	All Saints Church
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

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**Admin Update:** The Parish Office will be open Monday to Thursday 9am – 12pm and Friday 11am – 2pm. The Parish Office will be closed Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April (Ellie will be working from home)

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