

Sunrise

A monthly magazine for the Parish of the Resurrection, Alton



June 2024

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First Thoughts . . .

Dear Friends

Blazing June? Perhaps, but my forecasting is not up to three weeks ahead! We are in the season of Village fetes, sports days, holidays taken and planned. The Trooping of the colour, Father's Day, racing at Ascot, tennis at Wimbledon, Cricket matches, to say nothing of our local wine walks and open gardens. Those with birthdays in June will have an anniversary to celebrate and there might be a wedding too adding even more events to be celebrated this month. Let's hope it stays fine for all those evening BBQs!

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens, a time to be born and a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:1) The ancient writer goes on to list thirteen other activities and seasons in life that fit in between the first that he mentions! We could add in all of June's activities and many more things that make us so busy.

The Bible speaks of another season, a time when it is "time to seek the Lord, while He may be found, to call on Him while He is near." (Isaiah 55:6,7). When might this be? Given that we are busy folk, what time do we have to give to God? Should He be a priority? What happens if we do not give our attention to God? The time to seek God, to worship God is now. Psalm 95, the Venite in the Prayer Book, exhorts us to worship God *now*, "Today, if you will hear His voice... let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker... he is our God... we the people of His pasture... the sheep of His hand."

Jesus knew that there are many competing interests in the human heart for our worship and told the parable of the farmer who sowed seed on various soils. Amongst the less fertile areas was the weed and thorn patch that choked out the tender shoots.

The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but *all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life*. And so they never grow into maturity. And the seeds that fell on the good soil represent good-hearted people who hear God's word, cling to it, and patiently produce a huge harvest. Luke 8: 5-15.

Jesus warns that we may be so absorbed in other things that his teaching about God's kingdom and the gospel may be lost to us and although we have heard them, perhaps many times, we have not understood and the *"message is crowded out by the cares and riches and pleasures of this life"*.

Let us find the time, let it be this season in which we stop and think more about life and God, to enquire further and reflect on whether we really have understood what Jesus came for. May I encourage you to come to a church and join us in the worship of God? To read the Bible and find that God speaks through his

word, for He has time for us! We would love to welcome you to any of our churches for worship and I do look forward to meeting you soon.

*Every blessing.
David*



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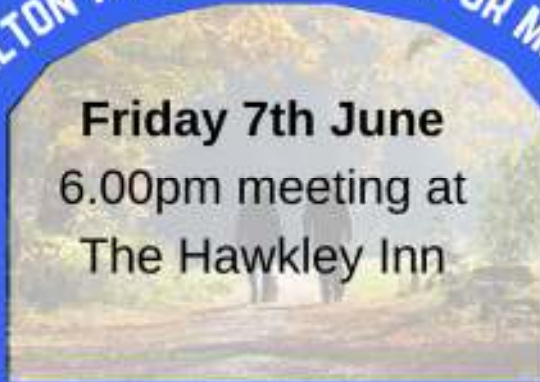
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Bible Readings for the month of June 2024

Taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily

Saturday 1 st	Psalm 23	Joshua 10: 1 -15	Luke 11: 37 - end
Sunday 2nd Trinity 1	Returning to God with Jonah - The six signs Jonah 1: 1-5 Mark 2:23 - 3:6		
Monday 3 rd	Psalm 30	Joshua 14	Luke 12: 1 - 122
Tuesday 4 th	Psalm 36	Joshua 21: 43 – 22: 8	Luke 12: 13 - 21
Wednesday 5 th	Psalm 34	Joshua 22: 9 - end	Luke 12: 22 - 31
Thursday 6 th	Psalm 37	Joshua 23	Luke 12: 32 - 40
Friday 7 th	Psalm 31	Joshua 24: 1 - 28	Luke 12: 41 - 48
Saturday 8 th	Psalm 42	Joshua 24: 29 – end	Luke 12: 49 - end
Sunday 9th Trinity 2	Returning to God with Jonah - He wants you back Jonah 1: 6-15 Mark 3: 20-35		
Monday 10 th	Psalm 44	Judges 2	Luke 13: 1 - 9
Tuesday 11 th	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 9: 23 - 24	Acts 4: 32 - end
Wednesday 12 th	Psalm 119: 57 - 80	Judges 5	Luke 13: 22 - end
Thursday 13 th	Psalm 57	Judges 6: 1 - 24	Luke 14: 1 - 11
Friday 14 th	Psalm 51	Judges 6: 25 - end	Luke 14: 12 - 24
Saturday 15 th	Psalm 68	Judges 7	Luke 14: 25 - end
Sunday 16th Trinity 3	2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 & 14-17 Mark 4: 26-34		
Monday 17 th	Psalm 71	Judges 8: 22 - end	Luke 15: 1 - 10
Tuesday 18 th	Psalm 73	Judges 9: 1 - 21	Luke 15: 11 - end
Wednesday 19 th	Psalm 77	Judges 9: 22 - end	Luke 16: 1 - 18
Thursday 20 th	Psalm 78: 1 - 39	Judges 11: 1 - 11	Luke 16: 19 - end
Friday 21 st	Psalm 55	Judges 11: 29 - end	Luke 17: 1 - 10
Saturday 22 nd	Psalm 76	Judges 12: 1 - 7	Luke 17: 11 - 19
Sunday 23rd Trinity 4	Returning to God with Jonah - Confinement, Communion & Confession Jonah 2 Mark 4: 35-41		
Monday 24 th	Psalm 50 or 149	Ecclesiasticus 48: 1 - 10	Luke 3: 1 - 17
Tuesday 25 th	Psalm 89: 1 - 18	Judges 14	Luke 18: 1 - 14
Wednesday 26 th	Psalm 119: 105 - 128	Judges 15: 1 – 16: 3	Luke 18: 15 - 30
Thursday 27 th	Psalms 92	Judges 16: 4 - end	Luke 18: 31 - end
Friday 28 th	Psalm 88	Judges 17	Luke 19: 1 - 10
Saturday 29 th	Psalm 71 or 113	Isaiah 49: 1 - 6	Acts 11: 1 - 18
Sunday 30th Trinity 5	Returning to God with Jonah - God's second chance Jonah 3 Mark 5: 21-43		



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Charity and Mission Giving in The Parish of the Resurrection

The PCC have been giving some very serious thought to how, as a Parish, we support charity and mission agencies. We are putting a more systematic system in place. This was also discussed at the APCM in 2023 and in other places and we have listened carefully.

It has been agreed that in 2024 we will give 5% of all regular giving to some chosen charities or mission agencies and then also ask that other events and activities support them as well. We will look at our budgets but would like to raise this percentage figure to 7.5% in 2025 and then 10% in 2026. We would also encourage other ways to support these charities.

We will look to support these chosen charities for a 2/3 year period recognising that regular and ongoing gifts are good for their own budget setting and work. We have worked to identify support for local, national and international organisations.

So From May 2024 the PCC agreed the following charities to be supported. We had previously asked for ideas from the congregations and wanted to have people in the parish who would be advocates for each one so that we get regular communication and input.

The Alton & District Community Relief Fund

This is the new version of the Covid Resilience Fund which operated successfully. It has been established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with the following Trustees: Andrew Lawrence – Lead Elder, Harvest Church Alton; Lisa Hillan – POTR PCC; David Millard – Alton Citizens Advice Bureau; Paul Susans – POTR worshipping community; Moira Baker – Alton Lions.

The Fund is to make grants of up to £500 to individuals who require urgent assistance with essentials such as replacing household appliances, acquiring mobility equipment, getting furniture, carpets and beds. The fund will also help with repairs and renewal of equipment.

The Fund will also help local community groups and organisations in providing seed funding for projects supporting health and well being particularly amongst vulnerable groups.

POTR ADVOCATES: Lisa Hillan and Paul Susans

Citizens of the World Choir

COTW is a musical family that celebrates artistry, heritage and humanity of people seeking sanctuary, and their allies. The choir is based in London, but has its roots firmly in POTR for two reasons:

1. Rebecca Dell, who founded the choir and is Musical Director, started her musical journey in the choir of St Lawrence church.
2. She was inspired to set up the choir as a direct result of a sermon she heard at St Lawrence church one Christmas

Central tenets of the choir are to provide kinship and care for those who have escaped from often unimaginably traumatic situations and to use their performances to spread the news that we are all Citizens of the World. They have performed at a huge variety of events from local schools to the Queen's Jubilee Concert in front of millions of people.

Sue & Martyn Dell say: "We have advocated on behalf of the choir since it was founded and have been delighted with the response from members of the Parish who frequently ask for updates on their progress and who support the choir prayerfully.

The choir has performed at St Lawrence church and members would gladly come to talk about their work and the impact it has had on their lives. The Musical Director and a choir member are booked to talk to St Lawrence School during Refugee Week in June 2024. They also produce a regular newsletter which is sent to supporters.

We believe the choir appeals to all ages – young and old alike respond to their music and their message and there are so many ways in which we as a parish can support them. They are in the process of producing their first album which will make their music accessible to a much wider audience."

POTR ADVOCATES: Martyn and Sue Dell

Mission Aviation Fellowship

Isolation is a problem. There are people who, simply because of where they were born, will never have the chance at the same life many of us in the developed world enjoy. A life where their children can go to school, where they can get medical care, where they can get help when disaster strikes, where they can experience the love of Jesus. Millions of people around the world live cut-off from all this and more by either geographic barriers—like jungles, mountains, and deserts—or by social, political, or religious barriers. The vision is to see isolated people changed by the love of Christ.

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Each year, MAF provides aviation services to more than 400 mission agencies, churches, and humanitarian organizations around the world. Without MAF, some of these organizations would be unable to reach the people they serve. Through these partnerships, MAF connects isolated people with vital services and goods while sharing the love of Christ in a tangible way. This is how they carry out our mission of serving together to bring help, hope, and healing through aviation.

Locally Alastair and Sandra Smith who worship at Harvest Church are advocates for MAF – we would be able to call upon them for information and talks.

PARISH ADVOCATES: Graham and Julie Howe

- As a parish we would always want to be supporting
- Anna Chaplaincy – our ministry to Older People which offers spiritual support to older people who are living in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, their relatives and staff who look after them and promotes the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community, particularly those facing challenges living independently. Our Parish Advocates would be: Debbie Thrower & Kate Powell
- Karamoja Diocese – The Alton Deanery has a longstanding link with this diocese in Northern Uganda and especially with its Diocesan Lay Training Centre. There is Karamoja Link Committee chaired by Revd Christopher Ogilvie Thompson. Keith Arrowsmith Oliver is to join that committee and will become the Parish Advocate
- Children and Youth Ministry – We have a PCC Oversight Committee which is chaired by Robin Kemp.

We hope this gives clarity for the foreseeable future on how we will support charities and mission work. We ask you to give generously to enable this to be a successful way forward. If you are organising any event for the parish which involves collecting money please would you work to these agreed areas, asking for guidance if necessary. Thank you for your support and generosity.

The members of the PCC

Support for Central and Eastern Ukraine

Over the next few weeks, churches in the Alton area are being invited to respond to an urgent request for specific products and medical supplies for central and eastern Ukraine, where the need is as acute as ever. (See below).

Products

- 1) Cooking Oil
- 2) Sugar
- 3) Flour
- 4) Pasta
- 5) Buckwheat
- 6) Canned food (fish, meat, beans, peas, corn)
- 7) Tea
- 8) Cookies
- 9) Condensed milk
- 10) Pâté
- 11) Candy
- 12) Baby food (up to 6 months)

Hygiene products

- 1) Soap
- 2) Toothpaste
- 3) Toothbrushes
- 4) Washcloths

- 5) Shampoo
- 6) Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons)
- 7) Washing powder
- 8) Dishwashing detergent
- 9) Diapers (children, adults)
- 10) Combs
- 11) Body cream

Medical supplies

- 1) Nurofen (adults and children)
- 2) Anti-allergic drugs
- 3) Baby powder (for diapers)
- 4) Thermometers
- 5) Medicine for head lice
- 6) Baby oil
- 7) Painkiller for adults
- 8) Antiviral drugs (for colds)
- 9) Bandage (not sterile)
- 10) Antiseptics

This list has been generated by Ukraine-based contacts of James Baird, an appeal organiser who ships a huge amount of aid to various parts of Ukraine via an NGO/charity there. James is a Sussex farmer who acquires vehicles, fills them with aid and takes them out to Ukraine. In this instance the aid will be shipped in two stages, at the beginning and end of June. Three HGV trucks are standing by.

The Alton Community Cupboard (situated at the old post office site in the High Street), have agreed to act as drop-off point for donations. They can receive donations on Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, 9:30-11:30 am.

Thank you so much for your support.

Rod Eckles (rwteckles@gmail.com)



The Alton & District Community Resilience Fund was established during the Covid pandemic to support people in the Alton area experiencing financial hardship.

Re-branded in 2023, the **Alton & District Community Relief Foundation** (ADCRF) has been taken forward by partnership representation from Harvest Church, Alton Lions Club (CIO) Parish of the Resurrection and Citizens Advice. It has continued to support local individuals and families and is now a registered charity.

The five Trustees receive applications on a referral basis, and award one-time grants of up to **£600**. With funds going directly to the provider of the goods or service required.

The Trustees also signpost applicants to services and resources, such as Citizens Advice Bureau, Alton Food Bank, Community Cupboard, Resurrection Furniture, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), and youth and family support charities and organisations.

“Where possible, we collaborate with local charities, service organisations and funding sources to avoid duplication and to promote a joined-up response, in a bid to maximise impact and good practice, to support those in need.”

Funding for the ADCRF currently comes from Harvest Church, Alton Lions, and from Hampshire County Council’s Connect4Communities Fund.

If you are in need, the Alton & District Community Relief Fund may be able to help you.

You will need to be referred, either by a GP Social Prescriber, a Social Worker, a church or a school.

To apply you can visit the website and submit an application form - altoncommrelief.org.uk or send an email to info@altoncommrelief.org.uk

If you would like to make a donation in support of the work of ADCRF you can do so by Bank Transfer to:

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News from Alton Methodist Church

It was great to welcome so many parish regulars to the GAP service on Sunday 5th May. It was also very good to have an augmented group of children for Lighthouse.

Services at Alton Methodist Church in June

All services start at 10.00am

Sunday 2nd: Morning Worship led by Pauline Smith

Sunday 9th: Morning Worship led by Rev Philip Simpkins

Sunday 16th: GAP Service at All Saints Church

Sunday 23rd: Morning Worship led by Liz George

Sunday 30th: Morning Worship led by Terri White

Alton Choral Society Summer Concert

Saturday 29th June, 7.00pm at Alton Methodist Church

In aid of Mission Aviation Fellowship

Featuring excerpts from John Rutter: Magnificat, solos and a new work by J Bateman.

Tickets £12 from Ticket Source or at the door.

See www.altonchoral.org.uk for further details.

Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Alton branch of Citizens' Advice Bureau is the latest recipient of a £500 donation from the ecumenical coffee morning, held every Tuesday from 10-12 at Alton Methodist Church.

These coffee mornings, now in their 19th year, are a good example of churches working together as members from both the Parish of the Resurrection and the Methodist church staff them and decide which local charities should benefit from the profits.

Pictured are Katie Hughes (C.A.B.) and Maureen Mortara and Jane Standing, members of St. Lawrence church. Katie expressed her gratitude for the donation, which will go towards helping those in the local community with a variety of problems.



Alton Stroke Support Group

We have recently formed an Alton Stroke Support Group. According to information from our three local medical practices, there are more than 400 stroke victims in Alton and the surrounding area, so a support network is badly needed.

The Alton Stroke Support Group provides support for all stroke survivors, their families and supporters in Alton and the surrounding villages.

We have monthly meetings at Alton Cardiac Rehab Centre (next to Alton Sports Centre) where we provide information, support, social gatherings and health activities, and opportunities to share experiences and make connections. We invite expert speakers on health and related topics of interest to stroke victims, and also arrange monthly activities and visits - for example to garden centres, and in June we are visiting Lasham Glider Heritage Museum.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month, from 2pm to 3.30pm and ALL stroke survivors, supporters and families ARE WELCOME.

The attached photo shows 4 of our members enjoying dominos, cake, tea and good conversation at a recent meeting.

For more information, call 07340 739251, or email: amin@altonstrokesupportersgroup.org.uk.



What's On . . .

Friday Coffee Morning

Friday 7th June

St Lawrence Church

Monthly Coffee Mornings (first Friday in month), at St. Lawrence Church, from 10.30am until 12.00am.

The informal sessions are open to everyone, with plenty of cake and conversation.

Please come along, and meet-up with old friends, and make new ones.

POTR St Lawrence Monthly Market

Saturday 1st June 9.00 to 12.30

In the Parish Centre

Books, Puzzles, Produce & Cakes and much more!

We are looking for new items to boost our tables and give our customers a good shopping experience. If you have any unwanted items you wish to donate we are at the Parish Centre from 5pm - 6pm on the Friday evening before the sale or anytime after 8am on the morning of the sale. Your help would be much appreciated

St Lawrence Lunchtime Organ Concert

Thursday 27th June at 1.00pm

Tom Winpenney - Albans Cathedral



GAP Ladies Lunch

Wednesday 26th June at 12.15 for 12.30pm Swan Hotel

If you have not already booked and ordered your main course, please contact Norma Duke on 01420 84722. This is an excellent way of getting to know more people. You are very welcome to join us and to invite a friend to come long too. But don't forget to book the friend and their main course.

Men's Breakfast

We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 29th June** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker. 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 26th June**.

Church of the Holy Rood Holybourne Every Tuesday 10am until 12noon

Please join us and perhaps bring along a friend, for our time of coffee, tea, cake and chat from 10am, followed by a short time of prayer from 11:45 am to 12:00 noon. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

All Saints Coffee and Conversation (2nd & 4th Wednesdays 11am to 11.30am after Communion at 10am) for friendship and sharing faith.

All welcome at any time, come and just enjoy the company and join in the sharing if you wish. Our sharing includes at the moment an overview of Jesus life and also people sharing their their own delights, difficulties and questions. Anything is allowed, it is very informal and open to anyone to just come and see." No experience necessary ! " led by Anne Mason"

GAP Traidcraft Coffee Morning Every Tuesday from 10-12 noon Alton Methodist Church.

All profits to local charities. Come and catch up with friends over coffee.

Mind the GAP



On Advent Sunday 2009, over 350 people packed St Lawrence Church in Alton to witness a new beginning: the Greater Alton Project, or GAP, which committed its churches to working together in the greater Alton area with the signing of a formal document: “Churches in Covenantal Partnership”. A copy of this document hangs from the corridor wall at Alton Methodist Church.

A working party of Anglicans and Methodists had worked for over two years on this, with the backing and support of their congregations, culminating in unanimous votes from all the churches to go ahead with this new venture in church cooperation: one which is much yearned for in other parts of the country - just ask Rev Keith Underhill!!

Since then, Anglicans and Methodists have been “journeying together” in Alton. The logo’s shell acknowledges that our town has grown on The Pilgrim’s Way, while also that we are individually and collectively pilgrims on life’s journey.

However, the vision is that working together allows us all to better serve, minister and witness in our town. Wasn’t that ideal of cooperation Jesus’ model for his disciples? Just think of Anna Chaplaincy, started by GAP in Alton.

Those of us who added our names to this covenant in 2009, and are part of its GAP Council - a continuing mini working party - are keen to highlight the role that GAP plays in our churches and our town, as many are new to its concept, or have become indifferent to its commitment.

To this end, clergy will be focusing on GAP from the pulpit in coming months, events will be in church diaries and new challenges will be offered.

If GAP is to serve a purpose, it has to be supported! Of course it’s much easier to toddle along to the familiar building and sit in the same seat beside the usual faces each week, but how about visiting one of the other GAP churches and introducing yourself? It’s what a new person has to do when they move to Alton.....Try out an order of service that isn’t what you’re used to. Does it make you concentrate more and so allow God to speak to you more clearly? What about worshipping at a different time: evensong or a late afternoon prayer walk? Do we know the work being done by other Christians in our town; do we support their fundraising or only our own?

GAP is precious; let’s be mindful of it!

Karen L Booker, GAP Church Council, May 2024



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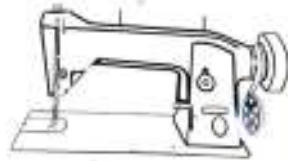
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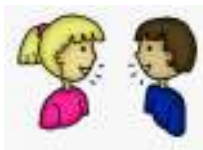
Hard of Hearing Group



Lip reading

The next meeting of this very helpful group is on Tuesday 7th May in All Saints Church hall. Why not come along to find out more about this useful skill that is so helpful to the hearing impaired. Led by Maggie Short, qualified lip Reading Tutor, followed by light refreshments, there is time to continue to practice skills learned during the session in relaxed surroundings. You will be made most welcome!

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Knitters Anonymous



Over the last month there have been many generous donations, from both known and anonymous knitters. Thank you all! These donations are now bagged up and ready to go to the Chernobyl Children's charity and to Bliss, the charity for tiny babies. The next meeting of the group is on Tuesday 21st May from 2.30pm in All Saints Church Hall. Why not come along to pick up some wool, find a new pattern or have a cup of tea and a chat. All welcome! For further details contact Kate 83514 kaddando@gmail.com

All Saints Hard Of Hearing Group - Main Monthly Meeting

Please do come along if you have a hearing impairment and would like to find out what happens on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The Speaker booked for our meeting on 28th May is Sarah Slater with "Tales of the Ghosts of Hampton Court" – sounds creepy! We also have tea and biscuits, a raffle and lots of chat. Come along and make new friends! The afternoon starts at 2pm and finishes around 4pm. We are still in need of a volunteer or two to help making teas etc. Could that be you? If you are able to help or wish to know more about our friendly meetings do let me know.

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All Saints Hard of Hearing Group **All Saints Church Hall**

Please do come along if you have a hearing impairment and would like an 'experience' on the 4th Tuesday of the month! On 28th May for your entertainment, Sarah Slater, a guide/lecturer at Hampton Court Palace will be returning to tell us about ghosts at the palace. Sarah gave us a talk last year and it was so well received we are inviting her back for another of her exciting talks.

As well as entertainment we serve tea and biscuits, run a raffle and have lots of chat. Come along and make new friends! The afternoon starts at 2pm and finishes around 4pm. A small charge of £2 per meeting is made to cover costs.

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OPEN SIGHT

Open Sight is a club for those with visual impairment. It meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at All Saints Church Hall at 2.30pm The next meeting will be held on 20th May when our local historian, Jane Hurst, will be giving us one of her fascinating talks.

The meetings provide an opportunity to make new friends. We also enjoy refreshments of tea and biscuits and usually end with being told a joke or two! The group comes under the umbrella of Open Sight Hampshire where there are staff who can provide support and advice regarding equipment to assist with daily living. Several of our members have made use of this service and have found it invaluable.

We would welcome anyone with a visual impairment, who feels that they would like to join us. No commitment, just come along one Monday and see what happens! Anyone with a few hours spare who would like to help would also be more than welcome.

If you would like further information regarding the group please contact:
Malcolm Cooper on 01420 549525

Notes from a Holiday-ing Choir

Hello mis amigos. It's short and sweet this month as I don't have much on the choral front to report at the moment. Tony is away celebrating his big birthday and I'm currently packing for a week's holiday in a villa in Espana. However, here is a little reminder about the second Come and Sing Evensong that is taking place at St Lawrence on Sunday 14 July between 3.30 pm – 7pm with ***Katherine Dienes-Williams (Guildford Cathedral)*** . This event will also form part of the Alton Arts Festival so will hopefully spread the word about evensong and choral singing.

Katherine was the first female to be appointed Organist & Master of the Choristers in the UK and note, she retained the title "Master". Good on you girl! Tony believes it was David Hill who encouraged her to move from her country of birth, New Zealand to the UK because he recognised her talent and musical ability.


As before, the outline plan is to invite anyone who can sing and has a reasonable ability to read music to attend and to hold the rehearsals from 3.30 pm. Music will be provided. After a tea break, we will hold a 6.00 pm choral evensong. If you would like to take part simply email our choir director Tony Willman at ***tony.willman@mac.com*** . Think of it as an ecclesiastical "Alton's got Talent" without any judgement! This is purely for the joy of singing and keeping a much loved and beautiful age-old tradition alive and kicking! We hope you will join us.

And so, it's back to the packing. As I only have a carry-on bag allowance, I'm restricted to whatever I can fit in so If my husband gets his backpack searched, they may wonder why he's carrying a pair of diamante sandals, a summer dress and a bag of make-up. Then again, they might not bat an eye-shadowed eyelid! If you are also off on holiday soon then can I just wish you "Felices Fiestas".

Elaine Cook



"COME AND SING EVENSONG"



St Lawrence Church is running a "Come and Sing Evensong" on Sunday 14 July 2024. St Lawrence church choir will lead the singing but anyone who can sing and is a moderate sight reader is invited to take part in this most traditional of Anglican services. This is a great opportunity for people of any age to experience singing with a well established church choir. No prior experience is required but the ability to sing and read music helps! Music will be provided.

Venue - St Lawrence Church, Alton, GU34 2BW

Date and times - Sunday 14 July 2024; arrive 3.00 pm for distribution of music, seating etc; 3.30 pm - rehearsals starts - tea break 5.30 pm 6.00 pm - evensong starts 6.00 pm and ends about 7.00 pm.

We are delighted to welcome Katherine Dienes-Williams (Organist & Master of the Choristers, Guildford Cathedral) who will direct and conduct the choir. This event is part of the inaugural Alton arts Festival - <https://www.altonartsfestival.com>



All Saints Hard of Hearing Group - All Saints Church Hall

Please do come along if you have a hearing impairment and would like an 'experience' on the 4th Tuesday of the month! On 25th June we will be celebrating Wimbledon's Tennis event by offering scones and strawberries together with the Quiz of the year. I was told last year by someone that they don't like tennis – but if that is you – please don't let it put you off. It can still be an enjoyable afternoon!

As well as entertainment we be serving, not a tennis ball, but tea and scones, + we will have our customary raffle. Come along and make new friends! The afternoon starts at 2pm and finishes around 4pm. A small charge of £2 per meeting is made to cover costs.

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Knitters Anonymous

The latest newsletter from Bliss – the charity for babies born prematurely or poorly – contained some amazing statistics. There are now 620 Knitters from our area (Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire) who now support 62 Neonatal units (an all time record) as far apart as Cornwall to Kent and many counties in between!! There were 1,164 blankets delivered in December 2023 plus 1,365 stockings, 961 cardi, hat and boot sets and much more. So, thank you all so much! You make so much difference to the lives of families with young babies in the Units. As fast as the Knits are despatched more find their way to me. Those of you knitting (and crocheting) for the Ukraine will be pleased to know that we have been able to pass on 22 large bags of assorted colourful, warm clothes and toys already this year! You are all so resourceful in your use of patterns, colours and different yarns, and the quality of the items donated. Thank you all so much, both those of you that we know and those who prefer to remain anonymous. Please keep it up, you are all doing such a grand job!!

The next meeting of the group is on Tuesday 18th June from 2.00pm in All Saints Church Hall. Why not come along to pick up some wool, find a new pattern or have a cup of tea and a chat. All welcome! For further details contact Kate 83514 kaddando@gmail.com

Damian Hinds MP visit to Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School on 3rd May 2024

As Chair of Governors, I was very pleased to be invited to attend when Damian Hinds MP visited Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School on 3rd May.

Mr Hinds was greeted with enthusiasm by members of the school council. During their welcome, the children explained clearly and succinctly the school values of love, courage and respect. Mr Hinds was then able to see these values in action as he was given a tour of each class. In KS1, he dealt with questions about his both his jobs as Minister for Schools and as our local MP. He really enthused and engaged the children giving valuable insights into life in Parliament and his role as an MP and Minister.

In KS2, Mr Hinds dealt with probing and insightful questions on local development, water quality and climate change and explained how the government are tackling these issues. The children were curious and challenging in their questions and Mr Hinds dealt with these in an engaging, clear but informative way.

Year 6 took great pride in showing Mr Hinds "The Bubble" which is the new quiet working area for learning and 1:1 Teaching but which also contains individual lockers for year 6 children to create a good environment for transition to secondary school.

I was very impressed by the maturity, insight and engagement shown by children in all year groups. It is fantastic to see the confidence, ability to challenge, and curiosity which the school instils into each and every child.

Many thanks to Mrs Gundry, Headteacher, for arranging this visit and to Mr Hinds for making time to visit.
Caroline Wallis Chair of Governors

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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



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**Wild flower planting in
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June Services for POTR & BLS

2nd June - Trinity 1

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

9th June - Trinity 2

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Communion Service	Holy Rood Church
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
3pm	Afternoon Worship	All Saints Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Bentworth
10.30am	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church

16th June - Trinity 3

10.30am	GAP Communion Service to celebrate 150 years of worship at All Saints Church with Bishop of Basingstoke	
		All Saints Church
4pm	Church@4	Parish Centre
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Lasham
6.30pm	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church

23rd June - Trinity 4

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church Beech
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
4pm	Afternoon Worship	Holy Rood Church
6pm	Regency Evensong	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Bentworth
10.30am	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church
6.30pm	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church

30th June - Trinity 5

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	POTR Altogether Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	BLS Altogether Service	St Mary's Shalden

Every Wednesday:

10.00am	Said Holy Communion	All Saints Church
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