



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**The fifth Sunday after Trinity**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister  
the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### Eco Church Prayer for June

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

#### Returning to God with Jonah - God's second chance

**Safeguarding** is at the heart of everything we do in PoTR and we take very seriously the welfare and protection of all those involved in church activities. Safeguarding is every one's responsibility, but here it is overseen by Sally Kemp, Parish Safeguarding Officer: 07944 587597 or [potr.safeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:potr.safeguarding@gmail.com) or via the Parish Office.

### 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, Ann Duff, Tony Marchant and Sarah Emery.

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** Lesley Wilson, Ben Cooper, Joshua Horseman, Alfred Witham and Kathleen Agate.

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

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

- **Facebook Live Morning Prayer** Weekdays at 9am @POTRAlton
- **Teddies** toddler group at St Lawrence Church on 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](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk) for a full list of church services, news and events for this month.

## **News and notices**

**Informal Evening Service** will be this **Sunday 30th June 6pm in St Lawrence Church**. We will be focusing on how Christians practically prepare for difficult times ahead and what our responsibilities should be. As ever, everyone is welcome to engage in discussion, prayer and a range of hymns and songs.

**Eco Church Annual Creation Care Service 7th July 10.30am**. This will be a POTR Altogether service and will take place outside in St Lawrence Churchyard, weather permitting. The service is to be led by David & Bruce and our speaker is Sam Scott, Diocesan Environmental Officer. We will give thanks for God's wonderful creation and pray for renewed

commitment in caring for it. We look forward to welcoming you - do keep an eye on the weather forecast & dress appropriately.

**Alton Arts Festival** This new community cultural event begins on 5<sup>th</sup> July. We are excited to be joining in with some of the events. All events can be found at [www.altonartsfestival.com](http://www.altonartsfestival.com). The main events to highlight are the Organ Concert with Ben Bloor on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm, the lunchtime Organ Concert on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm and **our popular Come and Sing Evensong on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30pm** – all at St Lawrence Church. This season's Come and Sing Evensong will be directed by **Katherine Dienes-Williams** (Organist at Guildford Cathedral). A great opportunity to sing with a well established church choir.

**Family Parish Afternoon Tea** We are very happy that we have a big **Parish Event** taking place on **21st July 3pm to 5pm**. Sarah and Ed Neish are kindly hosting us all at Old Park Farm. There will be cream tea, sandwiches and cake and a lovely chance for the whole parish and Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden to join together and enjoy each other's company. Any kind donations for the raffle can be left in our churches.

**POTR Children's Summer Club** We are excited to say we will be running a holiday club this summer. This year the club for primary age children will be on three consecutive days from **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August**. Details of the programme and the joining arrangements will follow.

**Entertaining Angels** Keep **Saturday 14th September 2024** free in your diaries for a **Benefice Home and Away Day**, looking at our culture of invitation. With the title "Entertaining Angels" we plan to meet at the Jubilee Hall in Bentworth, a new venue for most of us from 9.30am to 5.00pm for a time of worship, fellowship, teaching and recreation. Our dynamic guest speaker is a magician and evangelist, Reverend Tim Scalet. There is no charge for the day. Transport can be arranged if required; the lunch will be co-ordinated on a "bring and share" basis; a cream tea and cakes will be laid on; there will be children's activities to accompany the main sessions and there will be ample time to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere. A more detailed programme of the day will be available soon. Please look out for the further details. This will be a significant event in the life of the parish and everyone is very welcome.

**Can you help to Open the Book for our children?** Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. **In order to continue to deliver Open the Book in our schools, we need new members to join our team.** The more members, the more fun, the more outreach and the more spreading of the load. Our Open the Book teams have achieved

much over the past decade and more. We now need to think about the future of this valuable work. If you feel you could help and would like to find out more, please talk to one of the clergy and/or contact Sue Burrows [susan.m.burrows@gmail.com](mailto:susan.m.burrows@gmail.com). or phone 07811938237.

**Alton Foodbank** Thank you for your continuing support. If you would like to donate this June, they are in need of the following; tinned soup, rice, baked beans, long life apple or orange juice, tinned rice pudding tinned custard. They currently have good supplies of pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you so much.

**Next Sunday Services 7<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Returning to God with Jonah - The heart of the story**

8am	<b>BCP Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	<b>POTR Altogether Service – Eco Church</b>	St Lawrence Churchyard
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Mary's Church, Lashamh
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter & St Paul's, Shalden

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