



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 23rd June 2024

The fourth Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our
wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your
will, that we may find all
things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 - Confinement, Communion & Confession

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 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

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, 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)

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 @POTRAIton
- **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 for a full list of church services, news and events for this month.

News and notices

Alton's Regency Week Come and enjoy a traditional Choral Evensong, with the added twist of a Regency theme tonight, Sunday 23rd June at 6.30pm. Many people, including the choir and the congregation will be in costume, so if you would like to dress up, we encourage it. Our guest preacher is to be Canon Roly Reim from Winchester Cathedral. Will Nisbet, our organist at St Lawrence Church, will also be giving a **lunchtime Organ Concert on Thursday 27th June** at 1.10pm. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free to attend with a retiring collection on aid of POTR

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 Paul Ebbutt talk about Railway Crossings. 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 01 420 80388 by **Wednesday 26th June**.

Toy and Book Bonanza - Eco Church's popular event returns on June 29th in time to stock up on toys & games for the Summer holidays. Donations of good toys, games, puzzles, children's craft supplies & books can be left at St Lawrence & Holy Rood up to Tuesday 25th June. The Toy Bonanza will be open from **10am to 12 noon on the 29th June**. Please spread the word. Any queries please email ecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk

Eco Church Creation Care Service – a date for the diaries. We have our annual Eco Church Service in St Lawrence Churchyard on **7th July**. Eco Church would like your **used yoghurt pots** please (washed, of course!) for use at this service. There is a box in each church for them to be placed in. Thank you.

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 27th to Thursday 29th August**. Details of the programme and the joining arrangements will follow.

Library Club We have some places for new members for The Library Club for Seniors. This runs on the **first Monday of every month from 2pm - 3.45pm**. It is open to everyone and is a fun afternoon, with readings, visits from the lovely pupils from St. Lawrence School, lots of conversation, plus tea and biscuits. There is no charge and YOU will be most welcome. If you need transport or have any questions please let me know. Contact Peta via the Parish Office office@potr-alton.co.uk

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. or phone 07811938237.

Ukraine Appeal A few weeks ago we told you about an appeal for medical supplies and specific products going to Ukraine. A van of supplies went out at the beginning of June and they have another van going at the end of June. 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. Please see our website for items they urgently need. Thank you for your generosity. www.potr-alton.co.uk/urgent-ukraine-appeal/

Next Sunday Services 30th June
Returning to God with Jonah - God's second chance

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	POTR Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
6pm	Informal Evening Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	BLS Altogether Service	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

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The Parish Office will be open Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm

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