



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 9th June 2024

The Second Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to
you
and to your living Word,
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 - He wants you back

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 Brian Porter, Audrey Pink, Joyce March, Lesley Wilson, Ben Cooper and Joshua Horseman.

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 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

Pray Your Part: General Election 2024 The General Election will be a moment for the nation to ask important questions about the future. In the run-up to and into the campaign period, the Church of England would like to invite everyone to join us in prayer for our nation and play your part as citizens and voters.

Sign up for the daily election reflections which will be available for three weeks in the run up to Election Day on the Church of England Website <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/topics/pray-your-part-general-election-2024>

Count on Nature 2024 - this year's event is to be held on **Saturday June 15th at St Peter's Beech starting at 10.30am**. The count is to be led by Gareth Hurd of AVLAN and involves the identification and recording of as many plant species as we can find. The results will be recorded in a national database. Please do join the Eco Church team to help with the count - refreshments provided. For further details please email ecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk

All Saints 150th Anniversary on **16th June at 10.30am**. All Saints Church will be celebrating 150 years since their first service. Bishop David will be leading this special service and it will be a POTR/GAP (with Alton Methodist Church) altogether event. There will be no other morning services that day.

Church@4 Sunday 16th June in the Parish Centre at 4pm. We will be looking at 'The Story of Jonah' with craft, singing, worship, refreshments and will eat together after the service. Everybody is welcome.

Toy 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

Alton's Regency Week Come and enjoy a traditional Choral Evensong, with the added twist of a Regency theme. **Sunday 23rd June at St Lawrence Church. Doors open at 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start**. 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. There will not be a service of Evensong on 16th June.

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

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.

On **Monday 10th June St Lawrence Church will be closed from 2pm** for a fumigation – we seem to have a number of mites and other insects in and around the organ area. We thank you for your understanding.

Next Sunday Services 16th June

10.30am	150th Anniversary Service with Bishop David. POTR/GAP (with Alton Methodist Church)	All Saints Church, Alton
4pm	Church@4	Parish Centre
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Lasham

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