



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 28th July 2024

The ninth Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and
faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Eco Church Prayer for July

We thank you for the physical
landscape that surrounds us,
for hills and dales, woods and
fields, roads and paths.
We thank you, too, for the inner
landscape of our thoughts and
feelings. As the environment
forms us, may we form an
environment that is beneficial to
all your creatures. Amen

Welcome to today's service

Questions Jesus asked - Has no-one condemned you?

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 Joshua Horseman, Alfred Witham, Kathleen Agate, Eileen Barlow, Joyce Colley, Diana Reason and Janet Reid.

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

This week's extra Services

- **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

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

Step Back August in the parish We will have fewer Sunday services and less church meetings. We all need to time to rest and relax – it is good to have a season for recreation. We have an 8am BCP Communion and 10.30 Parish Communion each Sunday rotating our churches – **4th in Beech; 11th in Holybourne; 18th in All Saints Church; 25th in St Lawrence Church.**

Teddies in St Lawrence is now on holiday until 9th September. Teddies in Holy Rood will continue until 7th August and will then be on holiday until 4th September.

Morning Prayer on Facebook Live is now on holiday until Monday 2nd September.

Lighthouse and Glow are on holiday until September.

The Parish Office will be open Monday to Wednesdays 9am – 12pm throughout the summer. Ellie will be working from home on Thursdays and Fridays and will respond to emails.

Informal Evening Service In the Sunday evening service at **6.00pm on 28th July at St Lawrence** we shall be concluding our series on responding to the signs of the times with a focus on Unity in Truth. All are welcome to participate in the discussion, prayer and lively worship, exploring how we live out our faith.

Alton Walking Church for Men Our August walk is open to **family and friends**, meeting as usual at The White Hart on **Saturday 10th at 2.30pm**. After a 90 minute walk at a moderate pace we will repair to the pub for sandwiches, cake and tea at a bargain price of £8 per head, payable on the day. Book your place[s] with Robin on familykemp@tiscali.co.uk or 07957 653403.

August Summer Lunch Wednesday 14th August 2024 Holy Rood, Holybourne from 12.30 to 2.00 pm. We look forward to meeting people from across the parish at our August summer lunch. A selection of quiches, new potatoes and salads will be available. Donations appreciated

Forget Me Not Service Thursday August 22nd, 2.30pm at All Saints Church. Everyone is warmly invited to join us in remembering those affected by dementia. For more details contact Wendy Burnhams, 07514280362, wendy@burnhamsfamily.co.uk

POTR Family Picnic Join us in St Lawrence Churchyard for a family picnic with games for the children (in place of our summer club which will not happen this year). Just bring your picnics, blankets and chairs and we will provide the refreshments and ice-creams. Thursday 29th August 12noon till 2pm. The Butts Church are running a Summer Church Club **Superhero Training Academy**. This will take place between 7th – 10th August at the Butts School and we encourage your children to go along. It looks lots of fun.

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. Our dynamic guest speaker is a magician and evangelist, Reverend Tim Sallet. There is no charge for the day. We would like to know who is coming so sign up sheets are available in the church or email office@potr-alton.co.uk using the heading 'Entertaining Angels' and giving names. Thank you.

Autumn Alpha 2024 We have two Alpha courses starting this Autumn. This time we will have an evening course running on Mondays at 7pm and will include a free hot meal and also a morning course running on Wednesdays at 10.30am which will include tea and biscuits. Both courses will include the same content and will follow the same format. The Monday course will start on **23rd September** and the Wednesday course

will start on **25th September** and will run for 11 weeks and include Away Days. If you would like more information or to sign up please email altonplusalpha@gmail.com. The Alpha course is open to everyone, even if you have attended before. Why not bring a friend along with you?

Library Club We have some places for new members for The Library Club for Seniors. This was started by our first Anna Chaplain, Debbie, to run on the **first Monday of every month from 2pm - 3.45pm** It is open to everyone, and has proved very popular as a general informal get together, and 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

Next Sunday Services 4th August
Questions Jesus asked – Who do you say that I am?

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Peter's Church
10.30am	POTR Altogether Communion	Beech Village Hall
10am	Communion Service	St Peter & St Paul, Shalden
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

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The Parish Office will only be Monday to Wednesday 9am – 12pm. Ellie will respond to emails on Thursdays and Fridays

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