



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 14th July 2024

The seventh Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them
grow: though our faith is small
as mustard seed, make it grow
to your glory and the flourishing
of your kingdom;
through 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 Jonah Chapter 4 – The heart of the story

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 Ben Cooper, Joshua Horseman, Alfred Witham, Kathleen Agate, Eileen Barlow, Joyce Colley and Diana Reason.

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

This week's extra Services

- **Lighthouse Children's groups.** Parish Centre 10.30am Sundays
- **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

At our special service to celebrate 150 years of worship at All Saints Church we held a special collection for The Citizens of the World Choir which is one of our chosen charities. You will be pleased to hear that we will be sending a little over **£1505**. An absolutely marvellous amount and will go towards the cost of transport for those who attend rehearsals and concerts. Thank you so much for incredible generosity.

St Lawrence Monthly Coffee Mornings Carol, Jane and Maureen would like to thank all those who have supported the monthly coffee mornings at St Lawrence (held on the 1st Friday of the month). These sessions have

been run on a donation only basis. Over the past 2 years we have raised a total of **£1161.29** which has been split between the following charities: Youth Work £580.65, Anna Chaplaincy £286.14 and Women's Refuge £294.50. This is an amazing amount of money and we thank you all for your immense generosity. Once again, a huge thank you for supporting these sessions and for your extremely generous donations.

Come and Sing Evensong this afternoon at 3.30pm, St Lawrence Church. 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. Or if you just want to come and worship and enjoy Evensong will begin at 6pm.

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.

Men's Breakfast We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 27th July** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, Mark Taylor, who will be talking about the 'Army Air Corps'. 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 617293 by **Wednesday 24th July**.

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 Saiset. There is no charge for the day. Transport can be arranged if required; 'bring your own' lunch; 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. Sign up sheets are available in the church.

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?

August Services As usual we have 'Step Back August' where we 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.

Next Sunday Services 21st July
Questions Jesus asked - Why do you worry?

9.30am	Communion Service	Holybourne Church
10.30am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	Communion Service	All Saints Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Lasham

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

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