



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 7th July 2024

The sixth Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Creator God,
you made us all in your
image: may we discern you
in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we
do;
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

Returning to God with Jonah - The heart of the story

Eco Church Service

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, Kathleen Agate and Eileen Barlow.

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

News and notices

Alton Arts Festival This new community cultural event is now in full swing. We are excited to be joining in with some of the events. All events can be found at www.altonartsfestival.com. Please join us for the Organ Concert with Ben Bloor on Tuesday 9th July at 7.30pm and the lunchtime Organ Concert on Thursday 11th July at 1pm, both at St Lawrence Church. There will also be two concerts taking place at All Saints Church. Thursday 11th July with the pianist Simeon Walker and Friday 12th July 'Austen & Friends', both at 7.30pm.

Come and Sing Evensong on Sunday 14th July at 3.30pm – 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. Or if you just want to come and worship and enjoy Evensong will begin at 6pm. This event is also part of the Alton Arts Festival.

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.

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 Sallet. 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.

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 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.

Alton Foodbank Thank you for your continuing support. If you would like to donate this July, they are in need of the following; tinned soup, rice, baked beans, long life sponge puddings, long life milk, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, tinned fish. They currently have good supplies of pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you so much.

Tim's missing Wings Tim's beautiful pair of home-made Open the Book wings have disappeared from St Lawrence. Please can you contact the office if you know where they have been stored

Next Sunday Services 14th July
Questions Jesus asked - Do you love me?

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Communion Service	Holybourne Church
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
3pm	Afternoon Worship	All Saints Church
6pm	Come and Sing Evensong	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

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

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