



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**

**The eighth Sunday after Trinity**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; 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

#### Questions Jesus asked - Why do you worry?

**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](mailto: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](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk)

**Prayer Cascade.** If you need prayer for any reason please contact [pray4potr@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

Please see our website [www.potr-alton.co.uk](http://www.potr-alton.co.uk) for a full list of church services, news and events for this month.

## **News and notices**

**Family Parish Afternoon Tea** This afternoon, Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, come and join us for our big **Parish Event** at **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 an Shalden to join together and enjoy each other's company. We will have activities for the children so bring the whole family along (no Church@4 this week)

**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](mailto:tim.codling@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone him on 01420 617293 by **Wednesday 24th July**.

**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@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:familykemp@fiscali.co.uk) or 07957 653403.

**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. We would like to know who is coming so sign up sheets are available in the church or email [office@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 – 4<sup>th</sup> in Beech; 11<sup>th</sup> in Holybourne; 18<sup>th</sup> in All Saints Church; 25<sup>th</sup> in St Lawrence Church.

**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](mailto:office@potr-alton.co.uk)

### Next Sunday Services 28<sup>th</sup> July

#### Questions Jesus asked - Has no-one condemned you?

9.15am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter's Church
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
4pm	<b>Afternoon Worship</b>	Holybourne Church
6pm	<b>Informal Evening Worship</b>	St Lawrence Church
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

### The Ministry Team

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