



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024      The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### Eco Church Prayer for August

Grant us sensitivity to the touch of  
rain and sun.  
Help us to hear the sounds of  
animals and birds,  
and smell the scents of fresh air  
and flowers.  
Raise our awareness of the  
beauty  
and susceptibility of the earth.  
Amen

### Welcome to today's service

**Questions Jesus asked - What do you want me to do for 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](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, Sarah Emery and Anne Innes.

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** Joyce Colley, Diana Reason, Janet Reid, Andrew Conte, Tracy Cook, Chris Toms, Terence Nelson and Marion Minett.

### **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.
- **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**

We were very sorry to hear of the death of Chris Toms. Chris was a long-standing and valued member of the St Lawrence congregation and our thoughts and prayers are with Diane and the rest of the family. **There will be a Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate Chris' life on Monday 2nd September, 1pm at St Lawrence Church** followed by a reception at The Alton House Hotel. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

**POTR Family Picnic** this **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August** 12noon till 2pm. 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.

**Entertaining Angels** The **Benefice Home and Away Day** is taking place on **Saturday 14th September 2024 at 9.30am**, looking at our culture of

invitation. We plan to meet at the Jubilee Hall in Bentworth. Our dynamic guest speaker is a magician and evangelist, Reverend Tim Saiset. There is no charge for the day. **Matt and Naomi from the King's Arms are running children's activities between 9.30am to 12noon.** We would like to know who is coming or if you require a lift 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.

**Men's Breakfast** We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 31st August** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, Revd. Mark Chester, who will be talking about 'Military Ministry International'. 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 28th August.

**Ladies Meet and Eat** The group will be next meeting on **Monday 2nd September at 7pm** in Holy Rood Church. They will have a talk from the Dogs for Autism charity. If you would like to attend or would like more information, please contact Lyn on [meetandeat@btinternet.com](mailto:meetandeat@btinternet.com)

**The Bereavement Journey. Monday evenings 7.15pm - 9.30pm, Sept 9th - Oct 21st at The Alton Maltings Centre** Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss? The Bereavement Journey is a seven week series of short videos and focussed conversations which provide a safe space for you to process your bereavement and discern your next steps. Topics include attachment; separation and loss; difficult feelings; rites of passage; the impact and pain of bereavement; coping with others; coping with change; moving forward; and an optional session on questions of faith.

Suggested voluntary contribution £20 (for the whole course).

To book your place, or to find out more about it, please email [bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk](mailto:bereavement@potr-alton.co.uk) or phone Wendy Burnhams 07514280362

**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 **23<sup>rd</sup> September** and the Wednesday course will start on **25<sup>th</sup> 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?

**Can you help to Open the Book for our children?** Our Open the Book group is looking for new members. **Could you join our friendly team?** Open the Book is an exciting storytelling project where Bible stories are shared with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. As invited guests in school, our storytelling teams use the Open the Book programme to prepare and present a 10 –15-minute scripted Bible story to a school assembly, involving the children as much as possible. The experience is very rewarding. In order to continue to deliver Open the Book in our schools, we need new members to join our team. The more members, the more fun, the more outreach and the more spreading of the load. Talk to one of the clergy and/or contact Sue Burrows. Her email is [susan.m.burrows@gmail.com](mailto:susan.m.burrows@gmail.com) or phone 07811938237

### Next Sunday Services 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Five Marks of Mission - Tell - To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom**

8am	<b>BCP Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	<b>POTR Altogether Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter and St Paul, Shalden
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Mary's Church, Lasham

### The Ministry Team

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**The Parish Office will only be open Tuesday and Wednesday 9am – 12pm. Ellie will respond to emails on Thursday and Friday**

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