



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024**  
**Trinity**

**The fourteenth Sunday after**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen

#### Eco Church Prayer for September

We give thanks for all the  
blessings of this life,  
and remember those less  
fortunate than ourselves.  
Help us, who have enough, to  
live more simply, that others may  
simply live. As we borrow the  
earth from our children,  
may we not take for ourselves  
more than we can return.

### Welcome to today's service

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

**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, Marion Minett and Gwen Mackrell.

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

### **This week's extra Services**

- **Morning Prayer on Facebook** 9am Monday to Friday @potralton
- **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 sorry to learn of the death of Gwen Mackrell who for a very long time was a member of our St Lawrence congregation, one of the founders of the Monthly Market over 30 years ago, a longstanding bellringer and bastion of the tombola. She had moved to be near her son in Chesterfield. Gwen's funeral service will take place here in St Lawrence Church on **Thursday 19th September at 12noon**. Everyone would be very welcome to attend.

**Thanksgiving Service for Chris Toms** 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.

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

**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)

**Alton Repair Café** meets again on **7th September**. We will help you by repairing any household items that are broken. This could include ceramics, electrical, sewing, bikes, computers, toys, clocks, jewellery, etc. Our dedicated team of experienced repairers will have a go at helping you. This saves you having to replace, helps the environment and saves you money. Just a donation if you can and everyone is happy. More information from [altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com](mailto:altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com)  
Sue Hubbard

**Alton Walking Church for Men** meet again on **Wednesday 18th September** at 6pm at the Yew Tree pub in Lower Wield. Come and join for a 90 minute walk with time to pause and reflect. Contact Robin Kemp for more information and to book [familykemp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:familykemp@tiscali.co.uk) 07957 653 403

**Explore the Letter to Romans** We have our Parish and Benefice wide Bible Study starting on **26th September**. We have a lunchtime session at 12.30pm in Holy Rood Church and an evening session at 7.30pm in St Lawrence Church. Each session will include a video, prayer and discussion.

**Harvest Lunch** Keep the date free. Come and join us for a Harvest lunch at Sarah and Ed's house (Old Park Farm in Beech) on **Sunday 6th October** at 12.30pm. Free of charge with donations to Anna Chaplaincy. If you are able to make a crumble or dessert or to book your place please contact Sarah on [sarahneish65@gmail.com](mailto:sarahneish65@gmail.com) or telephone **01420 565696**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> September

**Five Marks of Mission - Teach - To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

9.15am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter's Church
9.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	Holybourne Church
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
3pm	<b>Afternoon Worship</b>	All Saints Church
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

## The Ministry Team

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

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