

# Sunrise

A monthly magazine for the Parish of the Resurrection, Alton



**October 2024**

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***The Parish of the Resurrection, Alton***  
**Vicar: Reverend Canon Andrew Micklefield, 88794**  
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**Details of Sunday services for the month can be found on the back cover.** You will find that there is a variety of services intended to meet the needs of people of many different ages and backgrounds. You are welcome to worship with us.

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## ***First thoughts***

I really enjoyed the preaching series we had through September on The Five Marks of Mission. The Five Marks of Mission were devised by the Anglican Consultative Council in the 1980s in an attempt to give a focus to the unity of the worldwide Anglican Communion and then was also adopted by most other major denomination in this country at least. They help us in evaluating our mission and many churches and dioceses use them to agree action plans. I see mission as 'joining in with what God is doing' so as we thought about them I hope we could see what God is doing and how we could join in more fully.

The Marks of Mission are:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

When we began I preached on the first mark and said it is the overriding mark from which the others flow. I talked about four cultures that I thought were important if we were to be proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom and I took these from the story of The Road to Emmaus in Luke Chapter 24. I want to reiterate these cultures:

**Culture of Gospel Conversation.** As the two walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus they were talking to each other and they were engaged in the story of what had happened over the last few days with Jesus in Jerusalem. Then a man joins them and joins in. If we are to make a difference for the kingdom we are to have good natural Gospel conversations.

**Culture of Accompaniment.** And this was a walk all the way together and the stranger who joined them also went the whole way to Emmaus. There was no giving up or even changing the conversation along the way. They accompanied each other. In proclaiming the kingdom we need to walk alongside people, having the conversation. Don't give up!

**Culture of Hospitality and Invitation.** When they arrived in Emmaus - they had walked about 10 miles. And the two, Cleopas and his friend, invited the man who had joined them to stay and eat. How important it is to show kindness and invite people maybe for coffee somewhere or for lunch or cake or whatever. Deeper relationships are formed around the table. In proclaiming the kingdom let's get inviting and show our gracious hospitality.

**Culture of Experience.** And then around that dinner table the man who joined Cleopas and his friend broke the bread and they realised that it was Jesus. All that conversation, accompaniment, hospitality and invitation led to them recognising Jesus. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we were able to do the same for people we know? Proclaiming the kingdom means making space for Jesus to be known.

And now you may be thinking, that's great but help me. On 4th December we are holding a Christmas Event with the internationally renowned speaker Canon J John at The Alton Maltings. It will be a Christmas carol service with good hospitality and the chance for people to have afresh an experience of recognising and knowing Jesus. Would you consider inviting 3 people to come with you? At our Parish Away Day we were told that if we invite 3 then 1 is likely to come. Please I ask you to start the conversation about the event, accompany your three for the next couple of months, invite them and show them hospitality along the way and pray for the Jesus experience. We will be issuing tickets soon.

I also think these cultures could shape our seven churches as grow forward in this new season and I will be thinking, praying and discussing these more. Do they strike a chord with you? Would they help us all to work on the Five Marks of Mission? Is this God speaking to us?

*Have a good October folks.  
Andrew*



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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Kemp, PSO, on 07944 587 597 or via [potr.safeguarding.com](http://potr.safeguarding.com) or via the Parish Office.

## Bible Readings for the month of October 2024

Taken from the Church of England lectionary – readings to use daily

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Psalm 89: 1 - 18	2 Kings 6: 1 - 23	Acts 26: 24 - end
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Psalm 119: 105 - 128	2 Kings 9: 1 - 16	Acts 27: 1 - 26
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Psalm 92	2 Kings 9: 17 - end	Acts 27: 27 - end
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 88	2 Kings 12: 1 - 19	Acts 28: 1 - 16
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 97	2 Kings 17: 1 - 23	Acts 28: 17 - end
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Trinity 19</b>	<b>Caring for each other - A paralysed man Psalm 8 Luke 5: 17-26</b>		
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 98	2 Kings 17: 24 - end	Philippians 1: 1 - 11
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 106	2 Kings 18: 1 - 12	Philippians 1: 12 - end
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 111	2 Kings 18: 13 - end	Philippians 2: 1 - 13
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 115	2 Kings 19: 1 - 19	Philippians 2: 14 - end
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 139	2 Kings 19: 20 - 36	Philippians 3: 1 – 4: 1
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 121	2 Kings 20	Philippians 4: 2 - end
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Trinity 20</b>	<b>Caring for each other - A widow and her son Psalm 90: 12-17 Luke 7: 11-17</b>		
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 126	2 Kings 21: 1 - 18	1 Timothy 1: 1 - 17
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 132	2 Kings 22: 1 – 22: 3	1 Timothy 1: 18 – end of 2
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 119: 153 - end	2 Kings 23: 4 - 25	1 Timothy 3
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 143	2 Kings 23: 36 – 24: 17	1 Timothy 4
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 145	Isaiah 55	Luke 1: 1 - 4
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Psalms 147	2 Kings 25: 22 - end	1 Timothy 5: 17 - end
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Trinity 21</b>	<b>Caring for each other - A bleeding woman &amp; a girl given life Psalm 91: 9-16 Luke 8: 40-56</b>		
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Psalm 1	Judith 4	1 Timothy 6: 1 - 10
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Psalm 5	Judith 5: 1 – 6: 4	1 Timothy 6: 11 - end
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Psalm 119: 1 - 32	Judith 6: 10 – 7: 7	2 Timothy 1: 1 - 14
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 15	Judith 7: 19 - end	2 Timothy 1: 15 – 2: 13
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 19	Judith 8: 9 - end	2 Timothy 2: 14 - end
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 23	Judith 9	2 Timothy 3
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Last after Trinity</b>	<b>Caring for each other - Ten men with leprosy Psalm 126 Luke 17: 11-19</b>		
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 116	Wisdom 5: 1 - 16	Luke 6: 12 - 16
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 36	Judith 11	2 Timothy 4: 9 - end
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm 34	Judith 12	Titus 1
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Psalm 37	Judith 13	Titus 2





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## ***Anna Chaplaincy for Older People***

Anna Chaplaincy for Older People began in here in Alton. It's all thanks to a collaboration between The Parish of the Resurrection and Aton Methodist Church that the idea got off the ground back in 2010. Debbie Thrower was the first Anna Chaplain and now there are more than 400 across the UK. Debbie said that from the start, she'd thought how much her own parents could have benefited from such a chaplain... 'Why aren't these everywhere?' she wondered. Over time there was so much interest from further afield that by 2014 we needed a website and an infrastructure. That's where BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) came in. We mainly knew about them because of the Bible Reading notes many of us read and we had seen the success they'd had scaling up Messy Church (which also began in a Hampshire church incidentally). After some good conversations it was decided to gift the concept to BRF, knowing the charity's track record for incubating grassroots Christian initiatives.

That is why we had our celebration service on Sunday 15th September - to mark the 10th birthday of Anna Chaplaincy being with BRF Ministries. We held a joint service in St Lawrence Church attended by our current Anna Chaplain, Kate Powell, and our previous ones - Rachel Sturt, Helen Jesty, Jon Rooke and of course, Debbie Thrower. Debbie Thrower has recently retired as the Team Leader of Anna Chaplaincy at BRF and so we were joined by Debbie Ducille the new one and others from the team. Also Richard Fisher the CEO of BRF was with us and read one of our Bible readings. We celebrated well and then sent Debbie Ducille off on her pilgrimage walk to Abingdon. We carried on 'partying' with birthday cake and drinks.

What a great story we have - a small pioneering idea formulated over coffee in Alton - now a groundbreaking, growing national movement. We have certainly put the flag into ground which says 'older people matter'. The name is inspired by the widow Anna who appears with Simeon in Luke's gospel – both fine role models of faithful older people. Candlemas is the season of celebrating the way Simeon and Anna waited expectantly for God to do what he promised. It was they who recognised the baby Jesus as the longed-for Messiah. So, far from being old and stuck in their ways, looking to the past, *they* were the ones alert and ready to embrace the new! Long may that continue and long may Anna Chaplaincy thrive and grow and we are looking forward to 20th birthday



## ***What's On . . .***

### ***St Lawrence Lunchtime Organ Concert***

**Tuesday 1st October at 7.30pm**

**Martin Baker (Concert Organist)**  
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**St Lawrence Church**

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### ***GAP Ladies Lunch***

**Wednesday 30th October at 12.15 for 12.30pm Swan Hotel**

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## ***Men's Breakfast***

We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 26th October** 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 his time as a WO2 in 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 23rd October**.

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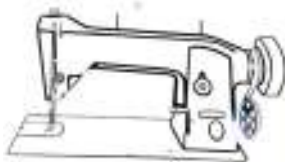
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Just to let you know, we had a lovely visit to the Allen Gallery in August – the weather was kind so we were able to sit outside and enjoy tea and cake. Our thanks go to the lovely volunteers who helped to make the afternoon a real treat! In September we adjourned to the church for a Harvest Festival Service, and then finally on **22nd October**, we will be returning to the hall for a talk by Keith Betton, Chair of the Hampshire Ornithological Society, who will give us the low down on the bird life around Alton.

And finally – on **26<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be having our 'Pre- Christmas Do'  
We look forward to seeing you!

Contact: Annette Blackman 01420 543219  
[ablackman4@googlemail.com](mailto:ablackman4@googlemail.com)

## **Lip Reading**

The next meeting of this monthly group led by Maggie, a qualified Lip Reading Tutor, will be on Tuesday **1<sup>st</sup> October**, 2pm in All Saints Church hall, Queens Road. Come and give it a try, you will be made most welcome!

Kate [kaddando@gmail.com](mailto:kaddando@gmail.com) 01420 83514



## **Knitters Anonymous**

This month I should like to give a really big 'thank you' to all of you who donate the many beautiful, colourful, crochet blankets which regularly come through our hands. Along with those made from knitted squares or square strips these are really welcomed by the Refugee charities, especially those supporting the Ukraine at the moment. Please continue to keep them coming! Thank you also to those who have recently taken up the challenge of making jumpers in teenage sizes, again these are most acceptable. We have also had a request for knitted hats in neutral colours (adult sizes, medium/large) for patients on the adult Intensive Care unit at Southampton Hospital ward, so another challenge. The BLISS Charity for premature babies are also in need of the diamond shaped, garter stitch blankets (minimum size 18 x 18 inches, with 24 x 24 preferred) Lots of requests this month, but remember, everything that you make and donate is really appreciated and really does make a difference!



The next Knitters Afternoon is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm in All Saints Church hall. For information contact - Kate [kaddando@gmail.com](mailto:kaddando@gmail.com) 01420 83514

## **Notes from a much-Travelled Choir**

Bonjour, Buon Giorno, Buenos Dias, Hello. Yes, many of us in the choir have been travelling about quite a bit this summer as you may have noticed by our diminished numbers and distinct vacancies in the choir pews on some Sunday mornings. David Budd and family have been to Reunion Island to celebrate a “particular birthday” and I’ve just returned from 11 glorious days in Florence and the Tuscan countryside. I’ve said hello to Michelangelo’s David and seen more religious paintings than I’ve had Gin and Tonics. Yes. That many!

Here are a few little facts you might not know about those Pointy Pine trees in Tuscany (and I don’t mean the little red people in The Night Garden-grandparents of toddlers among us will know what I mean). Back in the day, Cypress trees or Pencil Pines as they are also known, were thought to join earth and heaven as they pointed upwards to the skies and were often planted as symbols of fertility. They were also discovered to have insect repelling powers, which was useful for combatting insect and mosquito bites, of which I had many. They make great wind breaks and when the wind whips across the mountains and valleys they help to protect olive groves and vineyards. They denoted your level of wealth to your neighbours, the longer your cypress lined driveway the richer you were and I can tell you we saw some pretty impressive villas. Here’s the last curious fact about Cypress tree. At the time of the Via Francigena, the pilgrim route, Cypress trees were used as ‘road signs’ (segnali stradali) for pilgrims (I pellegrini) coming from northern Europe. Very visible from afar, the number of Cypress tree indicated, for example:

Un (one) Cipresso indicated “a rest area”(area di riposo);  
Due (two) Cipressi a “restaurant” (un’osteria) at that time; and  
Tre (three) Cipressi an “hostel” (un ostello).

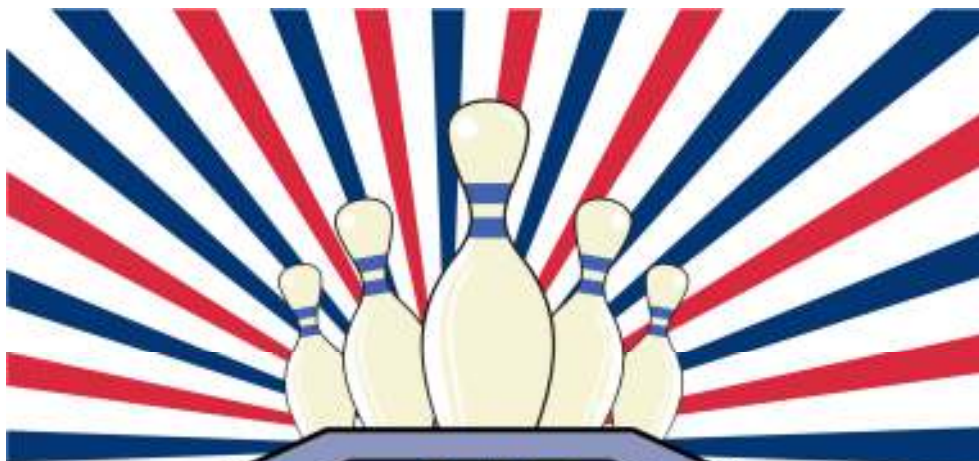
So, there you go. From road signs to riches to restaurants the cypress tree tells all.

Back home and chorally speaking , we have our Choral evensong on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and then we will be practicing for Advent and, dare I mention it, Christmas (which I **will** be writing about in next month’s Sunrise. Strangely that will also involve trees! For diaries it’s the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> December this year) If you have a favourite carol (Tim) do let Tony know. We will try to include it.

I don’t think they have a Duomo choral tradition in Italy like we do here which is strange given that so many composers of glorious church music were Italian - Vivaldi, Palestrina, Vittoria to name a few. As a committed Renaissance babe, I would have liked to have come across a group of Italians singing Cantate Domino! However, I did have a ride on the Carousel in the Piazza Republica in Florence and that did have organ music. Bellissima!

Arrivederci, my little pizza pies and start thinking about your trees, pointy pines or otherwise!

*Elaine Cook*



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- Many gamblers act secretly - often online at night - concealing it, even to their partners.
- On average, 6-10 other people are affected by a problem gambler's activities: typically friends and family.
- Gambling has the highest suicide rate of all addictions - 409 suicides were attributed to gambling in the UK last year, and the real figure may be much higher.



**Fresh Start** is a 9-week course that has been run by Harvest Church in Alton since 2018. It's to help anyone with a life-controlling habit such as **smoking, gambling, drinking, over-eating, internet addiction, shopping compulsions, drugs, etc.** – in fact any habit which once might have brought you comfort or fun, but is now spoiling your daily living.

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See <https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start>

The next course will start with an Introduction session **on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2024**, 7:30-9pm, at Alton Maltings, led by Mark and Anna. If you, or anyone you know, needs a fresh start, register for the course by calling Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or [freshstart@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:freshstart@harvestchurch.uk).

## **News From St Lawrence Primary School**

Hello readers!

We are the new Head Boy and Head Girl (Josh and Pip). We are very excited to be writing to you and we would like to inform you of what is happening at Saint Lawrence CE Primary School. Since we have been elected, the Year 5s have started swimming every Friday (they are actually doing it as we write this).

We have been very excited to welcome our new Year R children into our school family. Here are some quotes from them: Millie from Willow Class said, "I love playing with my friends." Matilda said "I love learning about letters in writing," and Isaac "loves learning new subjects every day." It sounds like they are enjoying themselves!

We said goodbye to two very valued members of staff last term – Mrs Kellie our ELSA who has been with us for 10 years and Mrs Trim, one of our TAs who has worked at St Lawrence for 25 years! What an achievement. We want to thank them for all they have done and the impact they have had on so many St Lawrence children and families over the years. We wish them well in their retirement.

We would love to introduce you to our special new teachers, called Mr Smith and Mrs Duddridge. Mr Smith teaches Year 3 and Mrs Duddridge is our Early Years TA. The new children in Year 3 would like to tell you what they are enjoying about Key Stage 2: Freddie likes to go to play time before eating his lunch (in Key Stage 1 it was the other way round!); Tommy likes seeing some older familiar faces at break and Blaze says "I like doing dance in Key Stage 2" So I think we can conclude that they are enjoying being in the Juniors!



In Year 6, we have started to learn about the Ancient Greeks and it is so fun! Miss Heckford keeps us entertained very well and teaches us lots (just like all of the other amazing teachers in Saint Lawrence!)

Thank you for reading our first article and we hope you have a good rest of the day.

*From your new Head Boy and Head Girl,  
Josh and Pip*

*P.S Our Deputy Heads will take on this paragraph next term!*



## **CO-OPTED GOVERNOR VACANCY AT ST LAWRENCE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We currently have an exciting opportunity for someone to join the governing body of St Lawrence CE Primary School. Our school family values its partnership with the local community and we would love someone to volunteer to join us on our journey.

The role of a school governor is a very rewarding one and it will enable you to meet new people and to work as part of a supportive team. You will gain new knowledge and skills and will be able to bring a valuable perspective to the work of the board. For more information, please do see the full advert on the school website: [Governors | St Lawrence CE Primary School \(st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk\)](http://st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk)

If you are interested, please do call the school office on 01420 84400 or email the school office: [adminoffice@st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-lawrence.hants.sch.uk) to talk to Paul Whitty (Chair of Governors) or Fiona Micklefield (Headteacher)

**Closing date: 31st October 2024**



## ***News from Alton Methodist Church***

### **Sunday Services in October**

*All start at 10.00am.*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>: Morning Worship led by Mrs Liz George

with Dr Melissa Perry of MSF

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>: Morning Worship led by Catherine Reeves

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: BB and GB Enrolment Service led by Rev Philip Simpkins

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>: Morning Worship led by Mrs Liz George

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## ***Eco Church Craft Swap Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2.00-4.00 pm– St Lawrence Parish Centre***

We will be holding another of our successful Craft Swaps, and everyone is invited to come along.

Please bring any unwanted wool, embroidery kits, fabrics, silks or hoops, curtain or dressmaking fabric, paints, brushes, haberdashery, craft books, knitting patterns, children's craft materials or similar, in good condition, and swap them for something of more use to you.

If you wish to leave donations beforehand, there are labelled boxes at the back of each church and at Alton Library, so please put your items in them and we will sort them before the event. However, we will be accepting items on the day. Please feel free to bring a friend or two. There is no charge, but any monetary donations we receive will go to a local charity and any left-over items will go to St Lawrence School or to charity shops in Alton.

We are also looking for volunteers to help for an hour or two on the day. If that's you, please contact Jackie Epps on [jmepps53@gmail.com](mailto:jmepps53@gmail.com)

*Thank you.  
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# October Services for POTR & BLS

## 6th October

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	POTR Altogether Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's, Lasham
6pm	Harvest Service	St Peter & St Paul Shalden
10.30am	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church

## 13th October

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church
9.30am	Morning Worship	Holy Rood Church
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
3pm	Afternoon Worship	All Saints Church
6pm	Evening Prayer	St Lawrence Church
10am	Harvest Communion	St Mary's Church, Bentworth
10.30am	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church

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## 20th October

9.30am	Communion Service	Holy Rood Church
10.30am	Communion Service	All Saints Church
10.30am	Morning Worship	St Lawrence Church
6pm	Choral Evensong	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Lasham
6pm	Evensong	St Peter & St Paul, Shalden
6.30pm	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church

## 27th October

9.15am	Communion Service	St Peter's Church
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
4pm	Afternoon Worship	Holy Rood Church
6pm	Informal Evening Worship	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Bentworth
10.30am	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church
6.30pm	Butts Church Service	All Saints Church