



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 13th October 2024 The twentieth Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eco Church Prayer for October

We give thanks for the fruit of the earth that sustains human life. May we be good stewards of the resources you give us and resist the temptation to take everything for ourselves. Give us the grace to live wisely and generously, by nurturing the world we occupy and by sharing the bounty we enjoy. Amen

Welcome to today's service Caring for each other - A widow and her son

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, Sarah Broadbent, Sally Stoodley, Dennis Milns, Alex Cannon, Paddy Mendham, Jill, Judith Shadey, Ben, David, Barry Edwards, Ingrid Owen-Jones, Faye Ellen Compton, Tony Marchant, Sarah Emery, Anne Innes, Mon Spiers and Patrick Hounsham.

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 Chris Toms, Terence Nelson, Marion Minett, Gwendoline Mackrell, Georgina Waldron, Freddie Loveridge, Marcus Whale, Elizabeth Burke and Revd Canon Peter Doores

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This week's extra Services

- **Morning Prayer on Facebook** 9am Monday to Friday @potralton
- **Teddies** toddler group at St Lawrence 9.30am on Monday
- **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 at Holybourne Church 9.45am on Wednesday
- **Holy Communion** at All Saints at 10am on Wednesday
- **Romas Bible Study Course** Thursdays 12.30pm at Holy Rood or 7.30pm at St Lawrence
- **Glow** afterschool club Thursdays in St Lawrence Church at 3.15pm

News and notices

Revd Canon Peter Doores It is with much sadness that we announce the death of Peter Doores who was Vicar here in Alton 2003-2013. He died peacefully at home with Margaret and his daughters following a brave struggle with cancer. Peter's funeral service is Wednesday **16th October, 11am at St Boniface Church in Chandler's Ford**. Andrew Micklefield and Ian Bird (former Vicar of Chander's Ford) will be officiating. Anyone is very welcome to attend. Please remember Margaret, Jennifer, Katie, Holly & Rhian and their families in your prayers.

Craft Swap The next Craft Swap is to be held on **Saturday 19th October at 2pm**. Your donations of unwanted craft supplies would be very welcome; boxes will be in place in each of our churches & the Library from today until 18th October.

Please spread the word about the swap & if you are able to help, either with sorting on Friday 18th October from 2.30pm or at the event on the

19th, from 1pm, please contact Jackie Epps by email jmepps53@gmail.com

Resurrection Furniture Annual General Meeting 22nd October, 7pm at All Saints Church Hall. Refreshments by Alton Sustainable Eating from 6.30pm. Chairman John Hubbard will present the Annual Report. He will report on an excellent year in the High Street Shop. In particular grants were awarded totalling nearly £50,000 to a wide range of local charities and good causes.

In 2024 we also reached the milestone of giving grants totalling more than £100,000 since the shop opened in 2017.

The AGM will include a guest presentation by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) on the development of their debt relief service, supported by a grant of £11,000 over two years from Resurrection Furniture.

All Souls Service On **Sunday 3rd November** at 4pm in St Lawrence Church we will hold this poignant annual service at which we remember those who have recently died. We invite families who have had funerals led by our Ministry Team and everyone else is very welcome to attend. We will include names in a list for prayer and if you wish to add any then do please let us know emailing the Parish Office - office@potr-alton.co.uk

Christmas Unlocked We are hosting an Alton POTR area-wide event 'Christmas Unlocked' at the Maltings on **Wednesday 4th December 2024 at 7.30pm**. It will include carols and readings and a talk by an internationally recognised speaker, Canon J. John, concluding with an invitation to follow Christ.

Flyers are now available in all our churches. Do take them to give to everyone you want to invite to this excellent event. Tickets at £5 [including mulled wine and Christmas cake] are available from Robin Kemp in person or on familykemp@tiscali.co.uk or phone 07957 653403.

We are also looking for volunteers to collect tickets, serve refreshments and form a small security team for this event. Contact Robin if you would like to help. We are planning to supplement the choir leading the carol singing including guest from other churches. Speak to Tony if you would like to do this. **The next prayer meeting and response team training is on Wednesday 6th November.**

Skittles Evening Join us for our traditional fun evening of skittles with fish and chips (or sausage). The cost is £12 a head. At Beech Village Hall on Thursday **7th November at 7pm**. To book please contact the office or use the sign up sheets in church. Payment is preferred by BACS bank transfer if possible (Account Name: Parish of the Resurrection Alton; Sort Code: 40-52-40; Account No: 00029108). Payment can also be made on

the night, but you must ensure you have booked a place and your food **before the event** as places are limited and food has to be ordered.

Leading Intercession Prayers Workshops You are warmly invited to attend workshops about composing and leading intercession prayers during church services. Each workshop will last 75 minutes and we will share our knowledge, learn something new and take home some resources to help us. If you lead intercessions at the moment, or think you would like to in the future, then please let us know. You will be most welcome. The two workshops will be held at St Mary's Church, Bentworth **Saturday 9th November** 10.00-11.15am and **Saturday 30th** November 10.00-11.15am. Jonrooke@hotmail.co.uk

Next Sunday Services 20th October

Caring for each other - A bleeding woman & a girl given life

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

The Ministry Team

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The Parish Office will be open Monday to Wednesday 9am –

12pm. Ellie will be working from home Thursday and Friday.

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