



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024      The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Almighty God,  
in whose service lies perfect  
freedom:  
teach us to obey you  
with loving hearts and  
steadfast wills;  
through 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 bleeding woman & a girl given life

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

**Those who are bereaved – families and friends of** Gwendoline Mackrell, Georgina Waldron, Freddie Loveridge, Marcus Whale, Elizabeth Burke, Revd Canon Peter Doores and Patricia Ray

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

### **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**

**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. The AGM will include a guest presentation by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) on the development of their debt relief service

**Men's Breakfast** We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Hoybourne 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, Revd. Davis Chattell. The topic for his talk is 'Science and Faith'. 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.

**Informal Evening Service** – ‘Practising the Presence of God’. At the service at **6.00pm on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>** there will be worship, prayer and opportunities to explore quiet ways of engaging creatively with God in order to experience his presence. There will be stations in the Galilee Chapel and the chancel to use biblical verses and water, candles, stones, bread, pictures of Jesus and holding crosses to express that engagement. All are welcome.

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

**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.

**Spiritual conversations** Would you like to be part of a new sort of group? A safe, accepting, inclusive space of freedom to discuss any questions about your spiritual beliefs? A sounding board to share new thoughts you have had and new ideas you have found? We are interested in forming a group of similar seekers who don't have the answers but who explore questions with ideas, experience and further questions. We come from a Christian background and are interested in all faiths. This is a group for members of faith groups, former members, never members and people of no faith at all to get support from being with other similar seekers. For those who are intrigued, puzzled, frustrated and maybe even fearful of posing questions. **Contact Peter Brown for more details: [1953petepete@gmail.com](mailto:1953petepete@gmail.com) or 07890 067198**

**Utility Bill Review and/or Pension Credit Application Support?** The utilities price cap went up by 10% on 1st October just as we head into the colder weather. At the same time, the government has removed the Winter Fuel Allowance from all of pension age, unless you are in receipt of Pension Credit – yet many who may qualify for Pension Credit don't know about it, or how to apply.

Comparing your own gas & electric costs or applying for Pension Credit can seem daunting. So would anyone like some help; to review if you're on the best utility prices for your circumstances, and, if an older person whose sole income is the state pension, to see if you qualify for Pension Credit - and thus also the Winter Fuel Allowance?

If I can help, please reach out - either directly – or give your contact details to any of the POTR ministry team or our Anna Chaplains. They will then know where to find me! All conversations or meetings would be 100% confidential, safeguarded and follow data protection. Martyn Edwards

### **Next Sunday Services 27<sup>th</sup> October** **Caring for each other - Ten men with leprosy**

9.15am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter's Church
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
4pm	<b>Afternoon Worship</b>	Holy Rood 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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