



Parish Matters

Welcome...

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

Sunday 27th October 2024

The Last Sunday after Trinity

This week's special prayers

The collect of the week

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in
change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing
joy of Jesus Christ our
Lord.

Eco Church Prayer for November

God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory. Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and awaken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other. Inspire world leaders at COP29, with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely, so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.
Amen.

Welcome to today's service

Caring for each other - Ten men with leprosy

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, 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 Gwendoline Mackrell, Georgina Waldron, Freddie Loveridge, Marcus Whale, Elizabeth Burke, Revd Canon Peter Doores, Patricia Ray and Joan Perry

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

Informal Evening Service – ‘Practising the Presence of God’. At the service at **6.00pm on Sunday 27th** 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.

Bulb planting Eco Church are planning to plant more bulbs in St Lawrence churchyard on **Saturday 2nd November** starting at 9.30am & we would love you to join us. Please bring trowels, small forks etc. At

10.30am, coffee & biscuits will be provided as we discuss the plans for the Quiet Garden. Even if you are unable to plant bulbs, please come along and share your ideas. If you need any more details please contact ecochurch@potr-alton.co.uk or speak to a member of the team.

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**

Prayer for carol event, Christmas Unlocked. Prayer is central to the success of this outreach. The second prayer meeting will be held at St Lawrence Church at **7.00pm on Wednesday 6th November** for half an hour, followed by a short training session for anyone who wants to be in the response team [a repeat of the session held in early October]. All are welcome.

Contact Robin Kemp [07957 653403 or familykemp@tiscali.co.uk] for further details and for tickets for Christmas Unlocked [to which Christians are inviting not-yet-Christians as their guests].

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.

Intercession Prayers Workshops Taking place at St Mary's Church, Bentworth on **Saturday 9th November 10.00-11.15am** and **Saturday 30th November 10.00-11.15am**. If you lead intercessions in church at the moment, or think you would like to in the future please come along to these two 75 minute workshops. Lively, interactive and packed with ideas, the workshops will give us a chance to share our knowledge, learn something new and take home some resources to help us. Contact one of the clergy, church wardens, the church office or Jon Rooke directly Jonrooke@hotmail.co.uk

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 or 07890 067198**

**Next Sunday Services 3rd November
All Saints**

Caring for each other - Salvation come to Bacchus

8am	BCP Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
10.30am	Communion Service	St Lawrence Church
4pm	All Souls Service	St Lawrence Church
10am	Communion Service	St Peter & St Pauls, Shalden
10am	Communion Service	St Mary's Church, Lasham

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