



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 16th February 2025**

**The Third Sunday before Lent**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the  
crowds and brought  
healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we  
gather together, and by  
our lives as they are  
transformed into the  
image of Christ our Lord.  
Amen

#### Eco Church Prayer for February

Grant us inspiration in waste  
reclamation,  
and in the reuse and recycling of  
resources.  
Bless those who work in the recycling  
industry,  
and those who work in charity shops.  
Help us to find new homes for  
unwanted items.  
Amen.

### Welcome to today's service Elijah - From fear to hope

**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, Jill, Judith Shadey, Barry Edwards, Ingrid Owen-Jones, Faye Ellen Compton, Tony Marchant, Patrick Hounsham and Ann Duff.

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** Judy Brown, Paddy Mendham, Doug Parkinson, Henry Kempster, Carole Swyer, Sarah Emery, James Goulding, John Bennigson, Colin Baxter and Maureen Brambley

### **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

### **News and notices**

As it is half term this week we will not have Lighthouse, Teddies at St Lawrence or Glow afterschool group. We look forward to seeing you again the following week.

**Alton Walking Church for Men** Last year proved to be an excellent year for walking, talking and praying our way across the fields and through the woods of Hampshire. We start the first of walk of 2025 at the Sun Inn in Bentworth on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**, meeting at 10.30am. There will be a brief talk and a prayer to set us on our way and develop a biblical perspective on the journey ahead. Each walk lasts about 1.5 to 2 hours and will end at the pub for refreshments. Please contact Robin to book 07957 653403 or email [familykemp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:familykemp@tiscali.co.uk)

**Alton Repair Café** The next one will take place on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at Alton Community Centre from 10.30am. We are ready to receive your items for repair, whether they be clocks, jewellery, clothing, electrical, ceramics or any small domestic items. Please do bring them along to see what they can do. We may not be able to do it there and then, but we

will do our best to help you. [Altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com](mailto:Altonrepaircafe21@gmail.com). RE-USE,  
REPAIR AND SAVE LANDFILL

**Men's Breakfast** We will be meeting again at the White Hart public house, Holybourne at 8.30am on **Saturday 22nd February** for our usual delicious 'full English' breakfast, all for just £10. Come and enjoy some lively banter and listen to our excellent speaker, the Revd. David Chattell, whose talk is titled "How Can a Loving God Allow Suffering?" 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 19th February**.

**LeGo Church – Let's build God's stories** Our next Lego service will take place on **Sunday 23rd February** at Holy Rood Church, Holybourne at 4pm. Come and join in this all age service – lots of building, singing, worship and pizza!

**Jesus Way Course** The second session in this series will take place on **Sunday 23rd February, 6pm in St Lawrence Church**. This session will look at '**Accepting Jesus' forgiveness**'. Everyone is welcome to come along. Copies of the book to accompany the course will be available on the evening for the discounted price of £8 – cash only please.

**GAP Service** On **Sunday 2nd March** our main worship will be with our dear friends at Alton Methodist Church - **10am** in their building. There will be an 8am communion service in St Lawrence as well.

**World Day of Prayer** This ecumenical prayer event will take place at St Lawrence Church at 2pm on **Friday 7th March**. This year's prayer will focus on the women of the Cook Islands '*I made you wonderful*'

**Andrew's last service** will be the **10.30am** altogether communion service at **St Lawrence Church** on **Sunday 9th March**. We hope that as many people as possible can join Andrew at his last service with us. Everyone is also invited to the lunch after the service which is being held at the Alton Community Centre. Please let the office or your churchwarden know if you are coming along.

**Lent Lunches** Once again its time to enjoy the company of others at our annual Lent Lunches. They will start on **Wednesday 12th March** and will run for 5 weeks at Holy Rood Church, Holybourne. Time 12.30 to 2.00 pm. Donations are much appreciated as all the money raised goes to support the ministry team in Karamojo. Everybody is welcome.

**Lent Course** We look forward to joining with other Christians from Alton churches at the Lent course for 2025. This year's course will focus on **Table Talk – Conversations Jesus had around the table**. The course will be held

at Alton Maltings on Thursday evenings, arrive at 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start (finish by 8.45pm). There will be a time of Worship, a speaker and an opportunity for discussion around the tables. The course starts on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** with a different speaker each week.

**Next Sunday Services 23<sup>rd</sup> February**  
**Elijah - From unanswered to eternally spoken**

9.15am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Peter's Church, Beech
10.30am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Lawrence Church
4pm	<b>LeGo Church Family Service</b>	Holybourne Church
6pm	<b>Jesus Way Course – Informal Evening Worship</b>	St Lawrence Church
10am	<b>Communion Service</b>	St Mary's Church, Bentworth

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**Because of half term the Parish Office will be open Monday to Wednesday 9am to 12pm this week and Tuesday to Friday the following week**

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