



## Parish Matters

### Welcome...

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

**Sunday 9th February 2025**

**The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

### This week's special prayers

#### The collect of the week

Lord of the hosts of heaven,  
our salvation and our  
strength,  
without you we are lost:  
guard us from all that harms  
or hurts  
and raise us when we fall;  
through Jesus 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 death to 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, 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
- **Teddies** toddler group at St Lawrence Church 9.30am on Mondays
- **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
- **Glow afterschool group** for children in years 3 to year 6 in St Lawrence Church at 3.15pm on Thursdays

## **News and notices**

**Quiz and Fish & Chips** Holyrood Church Holybourne on **Saturday 15th February** 6.00 pm for a prompt start at 6.30 pm. The cost of the quiz is £13.50 per person. Fish and chips or chips and plain sausage or battered sausage and a glass of prosecco is included in the cost. If you have any dietary requirements that prevents you from eating any of the above, please say so when you book in and we can look at alternatives. You can have up to 8 people in your team

Last year's quiz with quiz master Rosemary (back by popular demand) was well supported and proved to be a resounding success. To sign up please email Keith Arrowsmith-Oliver [keithnorman@btinternet.com](mailto:keithnorman@btinternet.com) or What's App or Text Keith on 07769332985. On receiving your communication, you will be sent details of how to pay.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> February**.

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

**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.

**Christians Against Poverty Debt Coaches Urgently Needed** Would you like to help people in your local community to become debt free? CAP Debt Centres are run in partnership with local churches to offer practical support, companionship and hope to people struggling with debt – as well as an opportunity to hear the gospel. For over ten years, Alton CAP Debt Centre – in partnership with Harvest Church – has been supporting clients to become free from debt. We are experiencing an increase in client numbers, and urgently need to expand our team of Debt Coaches from within our local church community. Through home visits and ongoing

support, Debt Coaches and Befrienders work alongside clients on their journey to becoming debt free. If you would like to find out more, please contact: Steve Hannington, Alton Debt Centre Manager Mobile: 07501 914563 Email: [stevehannington@capuk.org](mailto:stevehannington@capuk.org)

**Alton Foodbank** Thank you for your donations to the Foodbank. If you would like to donate this February, they are in need of the following; tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, (e.g. hot dogs, stewing steak), long life sponge puddings, long life milk, long life fruit juice and rice. We currently have good supplies of baked beans and tinned tomatoes.

**Next Sunday Services 16th February**  
**Elijah - From fear to hope**

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

**The Ministry Team**

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**The Parish Office will be open Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm.**

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