

Welcome to Albury Churches

NOTICES FOR 22 JANUARY 2023

Who'd be a fisherman?

Matthew 4: 12-22

Services for 22 January 2023 – the third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 a.m. Communion

At the parish church, using the Book of Common Prayer

9.30 a.m. All age worship (at the Parish Church – also to be livestreamed)

Lead: Andrew Pearson

Preach: Tim Heaney

Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23 (p. 968) Penny Randall

Prayers: Andrew Pearson

ProPresenter and Zoom etc: Team Viney

Sound: Sasja McCann

Sidesperson and Coffee: Penny Randall

The service will be followed by coffee.

We are a Fairtrade church and our tea and coffee is bought from Fairtrade sources

Welcome Rector

We are very pleased that Tim Heaney is joining us for the all-age service.

Car parking

Please park around the church or considerately in the road. We have not booked the Bowling Club car park today.



The next all age service after today is on 5 February 2023 at 9.30 a.m. in Albury Church. The next Messy Church is on 12 February 2023 at 4.00 p.m., also in Albury Church.

Online provision



If you can't get to church, you are very welcome to link via the livestream tab at the top of the Home page at www.alburychurches.org. If you had the old church website bookmarked, renewing the bookmark might get you to the right page more speedily.

Wanted – teamakers for Messy Church

Every Messy Church ends with teatime, and we'd like to put together a rota of people to make the teas. You don't have to be at Messy Church (though of course you can!) and we'll pay the cost. We'll give you guidance on what to include, and details and more info are available from sheena.pearson@btoopenworld.com.

Got candles to recycle?

All those Christmas candles gotta go somewhere – we can get them to a candle recycling outfit in the West Country. So don't chuck them in the bin – there is a recycle box at the back of church.

Next Zoom prayer meeting

If you would like to join a Zoom prayer meeting for the church at 9.00 a.m. on (normally) the first Saturday each month, please email minister@alburychurches.org for the link. Next one 4th February.

Home Groups are great

Come to 26 Westonfields at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 24 January and find out why being part of a fortnightly home group can add so much to being part of a church. You don't have to join a group just because you come to find out, but you will get a warm welcome with refreshments!

It's the second of two sessions, but you don't have to have been to the first. It will finish by 9.00 pm. Notes of the first session are freely available from sheena.pearson@btoopenworld.com

We also aim to run a group for Lent, starting on Pancake Day, Tuesday 21 February, and finishing on Tuesday 4 April. For more information get in touch with John Skrine - johnsskrine@aol.com

Collections in church and online giving

Thank you for your gifts, which are vital. If you would like to set up a new regular giving arrangement, you can easily do so by clicking this link for the [Parish Giving Scheme](#).

There are three ways you can make non-regular gifts, whenever you like:

- Placing cash in the bag as it comes round at a service in church
- At our 'Give a Little' donation page [here](#), with a credit or debit card.
- By using your smartphone to read the QR code on the glass exit door, or near the font, which also takes you to our

Can you help Fairtrade?

Fairtrade Fortnight 2023 starts on 27 February – can anyone help Sheena with a Fairtrade goods stall for church?

For prayer

"Ask the Lord of the harvest... to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9: 38)

Please pray for **our church's effectiveness** doing the work of Jesus in Albury and wherever we are, and for **growth** spiritually and in energy and numbers. Pray that God will provide the **leaders, supporters, and resources** for what he wants. Pray for our own **spiritual awareness, commitment, and readiness**.

Please pray for the family and friends of Jane Button's friend **Katherine**, who died last Tuesday after a long illness. Also remember **John Baxter**, and **John Gould**, recovering from his second knee replacement operation, John's granddaughter **Joanna**, **Barry Arnfield**, **Betty Adams**, **Diane Heaney**, and **Roy Goodall**. Add the name of anyone you know.

Pray for events in the news across the world, as the various **industrial disputes** continue in the UK, **the NHS** faces continuing pressure, flu and covid infections still rise locally, and many people struggle with bills and cold. Remember **Ukraine**, and conflicts everywhere. Pray for opinion in Russia to aid the course of peace. Please uphold the **Royal Family**.

Pray for those who find the **cost of living crisis** deeply challenging.

Please pray for **young people** in our neighbourhood, for contact and friendships and for **Jeff** in his work. Please continue to pray for **all engaged in ministry** across the benefice, which ultimately includes each one of us. Pray for the **schools** in the benefice and their staff.

If you would like something added to this list, please email Andrew. Don't forget you can ask for prayer for anything at all, by emailing prayer@alburychurches.org. Say if you would like it to appear on this list.

Food Bank

Please don't forget to bring something for the Food Bank. One thing a week from lots of people makes a big difference.

News from far and near

Phil and Jenny Bushell will be at Albury next Sunday, and will update us on what's been going on with them. They plan to return to Bangladesh for three months around Mar 1st. They have disengaged from their leadership positions in organisations there, and future plans are unclear as they can no longer work on long-term visas. In the meantime, Jenny has been able to make some medical appointments.

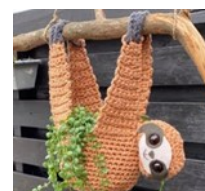


Back in Bangladesh, a good friend, a doctor, was able to prescribe medication for colleagues Hebol and Maya's daughter's special needs which has made life easier for them all. Do pray for the family as they are under pressure from several directions. Building work on the new dining room and kitchen at the Bible College/conference centre is nearing completion. After that, using funds from further giving, Phil and Jenny hope to assist a new conference room above the dining room.

Claire Anderson and GoMAD - Please pray for respite, for the work generally, and for the well-being of all those involved in GoMAD's support for rural Tanzanian communities.

Can you crochet a sloth?

Shere School would love some more of these friendly plant holders. If you have been longing for a use for your crochet skill this could be it. Pattern supplied. Sheena Pearson has the contact details.



Contact

Andrew and Sheena's day off is Friday. minister@alburychurches.org

A Collect for today

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Little Fishes

- for all preschoolers and those who look after them, next meets at 9.30 a.m. on Friday 27 January, at St Michael's Farley Green. For details of meetings contact Penny Randall at pennycrandall@hotmail.com

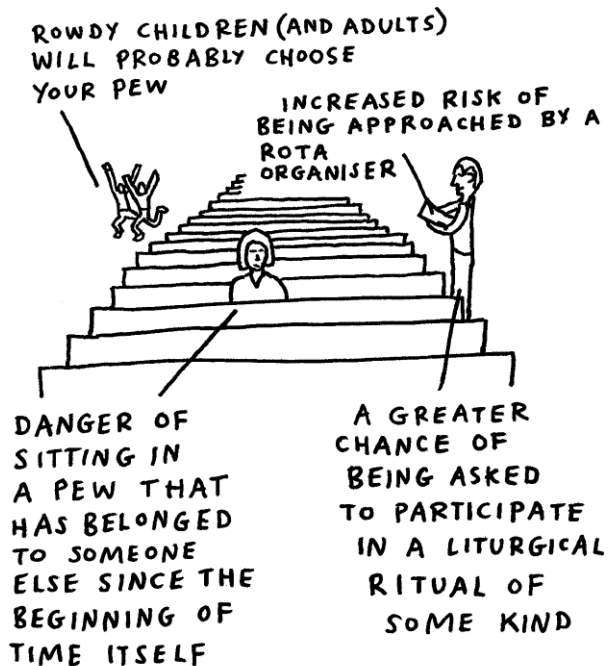
Services for Sunday 29 January 2023

9.30 a.m.: Morning Worship, at the Parish Church and livestreamed
'Getting by giving'
Phil and Jenny Bushell will be interviewed in the service

And finally – a real dilemma, isn't it?

ARRIVING AT CHURCH

THE PERILS OF ARRIVING AT CHURCH TOO EARLY:



THE DANGERS OF ARRIVING AT CHURCH TOO LATE:

