

Welcome to Albury Churches

NOTICES FOR 19 MARCH 2023

... when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket.... Exodus 2: 3

How did Moses beat the odds?



Services for 19 March 2023 – Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. Communion Service (at the Parish Church)
Using the Book of Common Prayer

9.30 a.m. All age worship (at the Parish Church and livestreamed)

Ingenuity and passion

Reading: Exodus 2: 1-10 – Marc Esselen

Prayers: Jeff Bartholomew

Sound: Simon McCulloch

ProPresenter and Zoom: Team Viney

Sidesperson: Betty Adams

The service will be followed by coffee.

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

Car parking

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

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.



The next all age service after today is on Palm Sunday, 2 April 2023, at 9.30 a.m. The next Messy Church is on 16 April 2023 at 4.00 p.m. Both in Albury Church.

Lent Lunch

Come for a free simple lunch Lent Lunch in the Barn Church next Saturday, 25 March at any time between 12.00 and 2pm. All we ask is for a donation to Tearfund, the international relief charity, for them to use at a point of need in the world. If you are free at lunchtime, please support.

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 giving page.

We will shortly be making it even easier to give by card or online and making other changes – details to follow.

Jobs to fill

You can do your bit to make the church work! At the annual meetings next month we will be looking for:

People to help with the financial records – Our new bookkeeping program will do most of the work, and generate its own accounts and reports. It'll be set up ready for you, and run for a while. Full explanation will be given.

A Secretary for the Parochial Church Council - you'll take notes of the meetings, send out the agendas and minutes every one or two months, receive some official correspondence, and help the church processes to work.

Members of the PCC and/or people willing to help on small panels - you'll contribute your ideas and expertise to the running of the church and be prepared to do some of the related tasks such as applying for grants, liaising with contractors, or other things.

Safeguarding - A vital job helping the church take the right steps to protect young and old alike.

Rota helpers - anything you can do, we've probably got a rota for it! Doing the flowers, setting things out in church before a service, making coffee, washing linen, welcoming people, taking care of children, working sound or technical equipment, playing an instrument, and more.

A working church depends on all of us, and we're hoping that particularly people newer to the church will get involved. Thank you to people already doing or offering. Don't be afraid of the jobs that look bigger - everyone was new when they started. Talk to Andrew or one of the Churchwardens.

St Martha's

Chilworth parish are looking for a part time paid verger for St Martha's, mainly at weekends. Andrew has full details if you know anybody this could suit.

For prayer

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

Please continue to pray for events in the news across the world. **Ukraine** continues to be in focus and rightly so, but there is also grinding need in other regions such as **Somalia**. Pray for those involved in such situations, and for the leaders of communities and nations. Pray for continued progress in the various **industrial disputes** in the UK, the pressures on the **NHS**, and for those working in other **public services** including the **Metropolitan Police**.

Please remember the families of **John Baxter** and of **Brian Williams**, both of whom have recently died, and pray for **John Gould**, John's granddaughter **Joanna**, **Barry Arnfield**, **Betty Adams**, **Diane Heaney**, and **Roy Goodall**. Add the name of anyone you know.

Connect, a new venture aimed at serving **families in Chilworth and Albury** will start at Chilworth Infant School on Thursday 23 March, headed by Andrew and Jeff. Please pray for contacts, resources, and effectiveness.

Please pray for **our church's awareness and 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**, and the whole **Church of England**, and its leaders.

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. Chilworth celebrates 150 years this week!

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 are in Bangladesh on three-month visas. The Bible College construction project has already enabled a seminar group to use the nearly complete dining room and kitchen.



Remember the community, and contact between faiths, as Ramadan approaches. Phil and Jenny's friend Hebol has been constructing two more small shops to add to their family income now that there is no tailoring programme running.

On 26-29 March they will be sharing in an OM seminar on 'constructing new churches' – the people that is, not the buildings! .

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.

Advance notice of charity event in aid of Hope for Justice

Working for an end to modern day slavery by rescuing victims, restoring lives & reforming society

TRAVEL BACK TO GUILDFORD AND THE ROCK 'n' ROLL YEARS

Led by David Rose with Mick Douglas and John Kelly

Saturday 17th June at Shere Village Hall Doors Open 7.15pm, Talk/Photos 7.30pm. Also including fun, food, music and dancing. £10 ticket includes welcome glass of wine, and cheese platter. Book online : www.sherevillagecinema.com/film/rocknroll Or at : 'Surrey Hills Beer & Gin Company' Shere or Pratts Stores Albury. Bring own drinks for the table.

Contact

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

A Collect for today

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Little Fishes

- for all preschoolers and those who look after them, next meets on Friday 24 March at 9.30 a.m. at St Michael's Farley Green. For details of meetings contact Penny Randall at pennycrandall@hotmail.com

Events and services for the coming week

Thursday 23 March: Launch of 'Connect' in the Hall at Chilworth Infant School

Friday 24 March: Little Fishes – see above

Saturday 25 March: Lent Lunch at St Michael's, Farley Green, 12.00-2.00

Sunday 26 March: 9.30 a.m. at the Parish Church: Holy Communion
'Never say impossible'

This one's for you, kids:

MOTHER'S DAY

ON MOTHER'S DAY WE SAY THANK YOU TO OUR MOTHERS



AND MAKE A BIT OF AN EFFORT, PERHAPS BY
TIDYING OUR ROOMS A BIT