

Welcome to Albury Churches



Services for 26 March 2023 The fifth Sunday in Lent

9.30 a.m. Communion Service at the Parish Church

Hope when it all gets hopeless

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (p.868), John 11: 14-45 (p.1078) – Richard Floyd

Prayers: Richard Floyd

Sound: Tina Playford

Sidesperson: Linda Floyd

Communion Assistant: Daphne Foulsham

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

We are sorry we can't livestream today's service. We'd love to see everyone here but if you just can't get here in person, streams are available from some other churches or the following link to [the Church of England's national service](#)



The next all age service 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 TODAY, 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: The disturbances in **France**. **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. Give thanks for the slow progress in the various **industrial disputes** in the UK and keep praying. Remember the pressures on the **NHS**, and those working in other **public services** including the **Metropolitan Police, and the education system**. **Regulatory bodies** of all kinds are often under the spotlight – pray that their work will be well judged and helpful.

Chilworth C of E Infant School, which celebrated its 150th anniversary this last week, is currently advertising for a new permanent headteacher – please pray for the right appointment. Remember all schools serving the benefice.

Please remember the family of **Brian Williams**, whose funeral is on Wednesday. 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 who is ill or in need of prayer.

Connect, a new venture aimed at serving **families in Chilworth and Albury** started at Chilworth Infant School on Thursday 23 March, headed by Andrew and Jeff. Please pray for contacts, resources, and effectiveness, and for additional help, particularly with children's activities.

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.

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.



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

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Little Fishes

- for all preschoolers and those who look after them, next meets on Friday 31 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

Friday 31 March: Little Fishes – see above

Saturday 1 April: 9.00 a.m. Zoom prayer, on [this link](#)

Sunday 2 April – Palm Sunday: 8.00 a.m. at the Parish Church: Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. at the Parish Church: all age worship

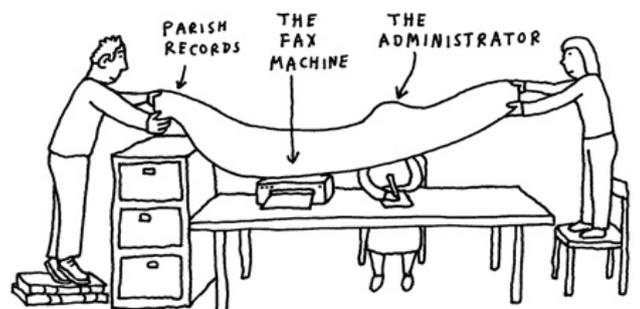
More hints and tips for the PCC:

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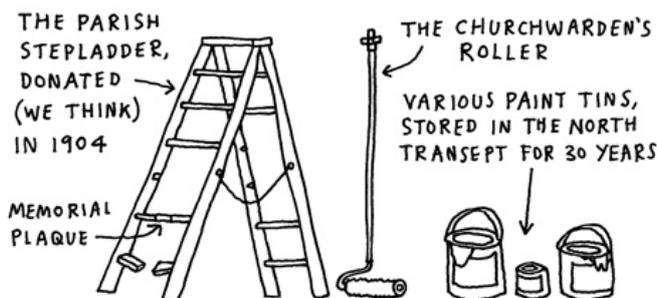
THE VESTRY



THE VESTRY-DECORATION SUBCOMMITTEE
CONSIDERS PREFERRED SHADES AND PATTERNS



DUST SHEETS ARE PLACED OVER THE VALUABLES



EQUIPMENT IS GATHERED,
AND THE WORK COMMENCES



A FEW WEEKS LATER: THE FINISHED
RESULT IS REVEALED