

# Welcome to Albury Churches



NOTICES FOR  
17 SEPTEMBER  
2023

## Services for 17 September 2023

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

**9.30 a.m. Worship for everyone** (at the Parish Church and livestreamed)

*Good news how?*

Lead: Andrew Pearson

Reading: Mark 16: 9-20 (Penny Randall)

Prayers: Penny Randall

ProPresenter: Theodora Viney

Sound: TBA

Sidesperson: Penny Randall

*The 9.30 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'd love to see you in person, but if you can't get to church, you're very welcome via the livestream tab at the top of the Home page at [www.alburychurches.org](http://www.alburychurches.org).



The next 'worship for everyone' will be the Harvest Festival at the Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. on 1 October. The next Messy Church will be on 8 October.

### **Eco events at Shere**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm St James' Church, Shere:** Tillingbourne Earth Green Cinema presents: **David Attenborough: A Life on Our Planet.** Free tickets are available [via Eventbrite](#).

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 12.30 - 4pm: SHERE PARISH ECO FAIR:** Loads of activities, live Music, vegan Café. Kids' Zone with storytelling and eco crafts. 2.30 pm – 'Getting to the heart of it', with short talks about climate, sustainable living, positive action.

### **Coffee rota**

Last remaining slots on Penny's signup sheet at the back of church.

### **Guildford Church Growth Conference**

**W**ith speakers including Nicky Gumbel, Rachel Gardner of Youthscape and Bev Mason, Bishop of Warrington and trustee of Leading your Church into Growth - St Paul's Howell Hill, Wednesday 22 November, 10am-4pm. Places at [ChurchGrowth2023.eventbrite.co.uk](https://ChurchGrowth2023.eventbrite.co.uk).

### **Sheena's sponsored walk**

**F**inal call if you wanted to give online but haven't yet got round to it: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheena-pearson-1691340873189> Thank you very much for all those who have sponsored, raising a useful sum for the churches and for Surrey Churches Presevation Trust.

### **Now is the time to start filling Christmas shoeboxes**

**E**very year we fill shoeboxes for families in poor situations to have something extra at Christmas. We do this through Blythswood Care who go to Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Kosovo, Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine. It's easy to choose gifts for people that have so little. For example shampoo, a pair of socks, a notepad, a small toy, a bag of sweets. Boxes can be filled for children or adults. Details from <https://blythswood.org/shoeboxappeal/> and leaflets which Sally Stevens will have in church. We need to collect the boxes in by the end of October.

### **Thank you to Heritage Open Days helpers**

**M**any thanks to Peter Drinkwater who set up displays for Heritage Open Days last weekend and to the team who were on hand to greet visitors. Local venues seemed to be quite lightly visited in the abnormally high temperatures, but those who ventured out much appreciated the welcome.

### **Former Woodhill Sandpit, Farley Heath**

There has been much local discussion about a planning application to Surrey County Council to fill in and restore this former sandpit, and the lorry movements required. We understand that although the deadline for public comment was 6 September, it is still possible to put comment in. Anyone still wanting to make representations should do so [on this link](#)

## For prayer

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

Please pray for the many people affected by the disastrous events of the earthquake in **Morocco** and the burst dam in **Libya**, and for the authorities and relief agencies now trying to bring help and set up proper order. Please pray for **Diane Heaney, John Gould**, John's granddaughter **Joanna, Betty Adams**, and **Barry Arnfield**. **Sarah Stevens' father** is poorly, in Devon.

Please read, watch or listen to other parts of **the news**, and continue to pray for issues here and across the world.

Please pray for the seeding of faith in the lives of children and families. Remember **children and young people** starting at a new school, university, or experience. Remember all schools serving the benefice, and all who serve the community in the Parish Council and local organisations. Also remember the **Open the Book team** as they resume fortnightly visits to Chilworth C of E Infant School.

Please continue to 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](mailto:prayer@alburychurches.org). Say if you would like it to appear on this list.*

## Supporting the Church

**T**he members of each church support its own ministry and buildings without central help. If you can be part of this, it's vital. . We need significant funding for decoration and other maintenance needs coming up, as well as our ministry and activity. .You can set up a regular giving arrangement by clicking this link for the [Parish Giving Scheme](#). One off gifts can be made with the card reader in the parish church or with cash at the collection. You can also make one-off gifts using our [donation link](#).

## Food Bank

**P**lease don't forget to bring something for the Food Bank. One thing a week from lots of people makes a big difference. The parish church lobby is open on Saturday and Sunday.

## News from far and near

**Phil and Jenny Bushell** still hope to return to Bangladesh for six months on 27 September, but it looks likely that once again they will have to go on three-month tourist visas rather than the more secure NGO visas which colleagues in Bangladesh have been trying to get for them. Please pray that these efforts eventually bear fruit. Friday 15<sup>th</sup> is decision time. The 27<sup>th</sup> will mark 50 years since Phil's first departure for the Sub-continent (47 for Jenny). Travelling then would be very useful to cover some colleague absences.



The pending elections in the country have in some respects increased pressure on local Christians.

**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.

## Contact for church

Andrew and Sheena's day off is Friday.

Email [minister@alburychurches.org](mailto:minister@alburychurches.org)

## **A Collect for today**

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Little Fishes**

- for all preschoolers and those who look after them, next meets on 22 September. Do you know anyone who would enjoy these times? For details of meetings contact Penny Randall at [pennycrandall@hotmail.com](mailto:pennycrandall@hotmail.com)

## **Services on Sunday 24 September**

9.30 a.m. Communion service – the E word. Do you have to shout?

Finally, we're sure you do not need reminding that the church is basically not a building:

WE ARE THE CHURCH

