

Welcome to Albury Churches

NOTICES FOR 19
NOVEMBER 2023

... many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.
You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.
John 6: 66-67

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A choice for the crowd at Capernaum

Services for 19 November 2023

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

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

Questions Jesus asked (2): 'Do you want to leave too?'

Lead: Andrew Pearson

Reading: John 6: 53-69 (p. 1071) (Marc Esselen)

Prayers: Penny Randall

ProPresenter/Zoom: Theodora and Elisabeth Viney

Sound: Simon McCulloch

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

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.

No Jeff

We're sorry that Jeff Bartholomew is unwell and will not be able to run his group for school year 3 upwards on Sunday.



The next 'worship for everyone' after today will be at the Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. on 3 December, Advent Sunday. Christmas Messy Church will be on 10 December.

Christingle 2023

One of the highlights of Christmas at Albury is the Christingle Service at 4.00 on Christmas Eve. We need children for the nativity scenes, older children to read, adults to help, supervise, etc. A few offers have already been made but now is the time to start getting plans in order! All offers gratefully received at minister@alburychurches.org.

The travelling cribs will start off on Advent Sunday

Starting off from Church at the morning service on 3 December, our small cribs will be passed from house to house nightly with their flocks of little woolly sheep. There is still just time sign up to take a crib for the night, tell the Christmas story, and get to keep a sheep. Book up on Sheena's sheet in church or email her direct at sheena.pearson@btopenworld.com. All ages welcome to take part, including adults. Route planning now in progress!

And you can order an Advent calendar

The Real Advent Calendar comes with Fairtrade chocolate and a free 24 page Christmas story-activity book. Money raised from the sales of the calendar will also help provide care and support for mums and new babies in African villages supported by the Funzi and Bodo trust.

We still have some in stock. These aren't available in the shops but are a brilliant lead-in to Christmas. £4.50 per calendar. Sign up in church or email Sheena (above) to order.



Wreath Making Workshops at St Michael's Barn Church

(in aid of Barn Church restoration fund)

Monday 11 December, 10 am to 12 noon and 7 – 9 pm and Tuesday 12 December, 7 – 9 pm, £40 pp. All materials are locally sourced - beautiful fresh seasonal foliage, dried seedheads, berries, fir cones and everything else you need to help you finish that perfect Christmas look under Sally Godfrey's friendly guidance.

Charity sale at Kilnhanger

Sue Thompson is hosting a sale in aid of Fountain of Peace, supporting orphaned and abandoned Ugandan children, at Kilnhanger, Farley Heath, 10.00-13.00 on Friday 24 November. For details email Sue on kilnhanger1@me.com.

Safeguarding Sunday

Many churches of all denominations are marking today as Safeguarding Sunday. We have not adapted our services specifically, but fully affirm the need to value those who work to keep others safe, follow good practices, and safeguarding journey, and highlight and celebrate all the good work done by so many behind the scenes to protect vulnerable people. If you have any questions or need any information in this area, please contact Sarah Stevens, our Safeguarding Officer - safeguarding@alburychurches.org – or Andrew Pearson – minister@alburychurches.org.

For prayer

Please continue to lift up the critical situation in **Israel and Gaza**, for those who have suffered in the Hamas attacks and the resulting action, the plight of civilians, and the dangers for a wider conflict. Pray for leaders in all parties involved to see how to work towards peace. Pray for a just end to the conflict in **Ukraine**. Pray for the building of a respectful and just society in **this country** as stresses and fault lines become increasingly apparent. Pray too for the world's response to the **climate emergency** and to the pressures of **mass migration and displacement of people**. Read, watch or listen to other parts of **the news**, including the lessons to be learnt from the Covid enquiry.

On this **Safeguarding Sunday**, please pray for those working in this vital area.

Please remember the **Cassidy family** following Sarah's death. Her private family funeral will be on 28 November. Also remember **Diane Heaney, John Gould**, John's granddaughter **Joanna, Barry Arnfield, Jeff Bartholomew**, and **Tessa and Peter Grundy**. **Lynn Underdown** is a lot better.

Please continue to pray for the seeding of faith in the lives of children and families and all we can do towards this. 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** and their 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. Say if you would like it to appear on this list.

News from far and near

Phil and Jenny Bushell, back in Bangladesh with three-month NGO visas, mention the need for stability and security in the country as elections approach early next year. Phil is taking two sessions at an OM team men's seminar 20th – 22nd November. The SIM team are mourning the unexpected death of team member Sabu, just 30 years old and leaving behind his wife of two years. He was part of two embryonic church plants.



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.

Supporting the Church

The 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 every year for ministry and running costs. 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](#).

Little Fishes

Little Fishes is taking a break until Friday 15 December. In the meantime please mention this brilliant opportunity for pre-schoolers and those who look after them to socialise, take part in a toddler-level service, and have refreshments, to anyone you think would be interested. For details of meetings contact Penny Randall at pennycrandall@hotmail.com

Contact for church

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

A Collect for today

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

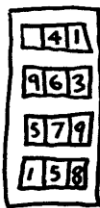
Services on Sunday 26 November

9.30 a.m. Communion Service – Questions Jesus asked (3): “Who do you say I am?”

Finally, this has nothing to do with the theme but has given us several ideas:

UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS FOUND AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH

OFTEN YOU WILL SEE SOME NUMBERS ON BOARDS AT THE FRONT. THESE MEAN DIFFERENT THINGS IN DIFFERENT CHURCHES. SOME POSSIBILITIES:



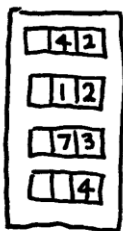
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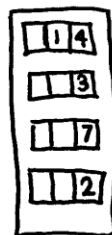
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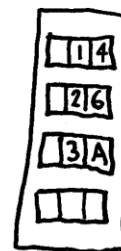
BABY CRYING
IF YOUR CHILD MATCHES ONE
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THEM FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
AS THINGS ARE NOT GOING WELL



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ON SERVICE SHEET



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REQUIRED TO SERVE AS
PCC MEMBERS
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