

# Welcome to Albury Churches



## Services for Sunday 11 February 2024

### 9.30 a.m. Communion Service (at the Parish Church)

Lead: Andrew Pearson

Preach: Tim Heaney

Readings: Acts 4: 32-37 (p. 1096) and Luke 4: 36 to 5: 5 (p. 1031) (Sasja McCann)

Prayers: Tina Playford

Sound: Lois Viney

Sidesperson: Sue Thompson

Coffee: Linda and Richard Floyd

### 4.00 p.m. Messy Church (at the Parish Church)

Led by the team

*Peter's Pathway*

*The 9.30 service will be followed by coffee.*

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

## The Bowling Club Car Park is available

The Bowling Club car park can be used on Sunday morning. Please ensure parking by the church is available for those with mobility problems.

## Online provision

We aren't livestreaming this week, but there's a button to access the Church of England's national service on our website [www.alburychurches.org](http://www.alburychurches.org), and if you'd like something local, there upload service highlights each Sunday evening on <https://www.youtube.com/@ParishofShere>.



The next 'worship for everyone' will be at the Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. on 18 February. The next Messy Church after today will be on 10 March, Mothering Sunday.

### **Going Green for Lent**

Lent starts on 14 February. We gave ideas last week for adopting a greener lifestyle – or you could try <https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/>. Ask Sheena if you would rather have a hard copy.

### **Ash Wednesday service**

There will be a Communion Service for Ash Wednesday on 14 February at 7.30 p.m. at St Michael's Farley Green. Please park on the Green at the sign, and walk to the church, except for those with mobility difficulties.

### **14 April – a great Easter Show for children**

If you have children, particularly primary school age, save Sunday 14 April at 4.00 p.m. – we have a marvellous professional production for children from Lol Bear. Huge fun, with a presentation of the Easter story. Details of how to book available in the coming week.

### **Albury Café on Monday**

Albury Café is in the Memorial Library weekly on Mondays from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Have a lovely tea or coffee and brilliant home-made cake. It's a great opportunity for a chat with friends. Any queries or offers of help to Carolyn Woods.

### **Your church needs you**

As most people are aware, Andrew and Sheena are retiring this year (last Sunday 9 June). Over the years they've picked up a number of tasks which could easily be done outside the Vicarage, for example:

- This notice sheet
- Keeping the notice boards outside the churches and the Post Office up to date
- Opening the Bowling Club car park gate on Sunday mornings
- Operating PowerPoint for Messy Church
- Keeping an eye on what needs doing in the churchyard
- Co-ordinating the church's involvement in Albury Show weekend

There will be a number of other things needing doing, so please ask!

### **Come together to pray about a new Minister**

There is a weekly meeting on Wednesdays to pray about the leadership of the church after Andrew and Sheena leave. It would be great if you can join. Email Theodora for details ([theodora@tviney.co.uk](mailto:theodora@tviney.co.uk)).

### **Reserve your Easter Eggs before they're gone**

We want to send in an order soon for our supply of the Real Easter Egg – details at the back of church or at <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>. Sign up on the list in church or email [sheena.pearson@btopenworld.com](mailto:sheena.pearson@btopenworld.com). Don't delay, make sure today.

## For prayer

Pray for God to have his hand already on the next Minister in Albury – He knows who it is – and for all arrangements that must be made.

In the UK, pray for the building of a **respectful and just society** and for politicians to find a way through the culture wars. Continue to pray for wisdom for all **national leaders**, especially those directly involved in conflict, to find ways to end conflict justly, and uphold peace and freedom. Pray for those who are **working to prevent harm, especially to children**, with **technology** creating ever more diverse ways of exploiting others. The next **UK and US elections** will have major impacts not only in their home countries but around the world – pray in advance.

Please pray for **Jeff Bartholomew** who is still incapacitated by a back problem, **John Gould**, John's granddaughter **Joanna**, **Barry Arnfield**, and **Tessa and Peter Grundy**.

Please pray for our **local schools** and all who work in them. Continue to pray for the **seeding of faith** in the lives of children and families and all we can do towards this. Remember all who serve the community in the Parish Council and local organisations.

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.*

## News from far and near

**Phil and Jenny Bushell** are thankful for a successful resolution of the legal ownership documents for OM's two flats. Please pray for Jenny's health, which has not been good recently. On 12-16 February all the OM team members will be together to spend time reviewing their intentionality in growing churches, assisted by outside facilitators. And on 25-29 Feb, two visiting New Zealand ladies will teach English in the north of the country for ten days. Phil will help them get going, then travel 60 miles south to review the use of a set of videos he has recorded for teaching English to the computing students. From there he will head south again to Rajpur, to be joined by Jenny for five days of English teaching.



**Claire Anderson** and GoMAD – Things are returning to normal for the overseas work but financial pressures continue. Claire will be organising a group of short-term young volunteers in Tanzania early in 2024. Please pray for 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](#).

## Confirmation

We already have one person interested in adult confirmation – are there any others? Andrew would be very happy to put together a small group. You could also do the sessions as a refresher, or to think.

## Contact for church

Email [minister@alburychurches.org](mailto:minister@alburychurches.org)  
Andrew and Sheena's day off is Friday.

## A Collect for today

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Upcoming

- Mon 12 Feb 10.00-12.30** Albury Café in the Memorial Library  
**Weds 14 Feb 7.30 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Communion at St Michael's Farley Green  
**Fri 16 Feb Little Fishes** for preschoolers and those who look after – St Michael's, 9.30 a.m.  
Contact Penny Randall at [pennycrandall@hotmail.com](mailto:pennycrandall@hotmail.com) to check it's on.  
**Sun 18 Feb 8.00 a.m. Communion** (Book of Common Prayer), Parish Church  
**9.30 a.m. Worship for Everyone** Parish Church, and livestreamed

We're sad to say we don't do these things when the Rector comes –

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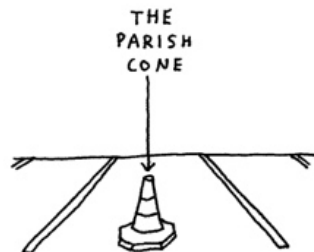
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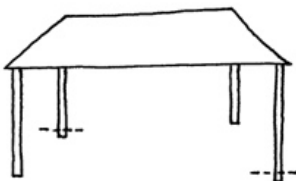
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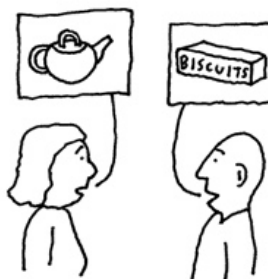
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THE PULPIT WATER