

Welcome to Albury Churches

NOTICES FOR
19 MAY 2024



Services for Sunday 19 May 2024 – Pentecost

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, children's group)

The Holy Spirit- why?

Lead: Andrew Pearson

Reading: Acts 2: 1-21 (p.1093) – Marc Esselen

Prayers: Clive Stevens

Sound: Tina Playford

ProPresenter and Zoom: Theodora Viney

Sidesperson: Hayley Esselen

Coffee: Iris and Tony Todd

Children: Jackie Cox and Sheena Pearson

The 9.30 service will be followed by coffee.

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

We are on Zoom today



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.

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.



The next 'worship for everyone' is at the Parish Church at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 2 June. We invite Messy Church and 9.30 congregations to join together on Sunday 9 June at 11.00 a.m. for Andrew and Sheena's last service. The next 'normal' Messy Church is on Sunday 14 July./

Find out what's in our eco-churchyard this afternoon

We're going to find out more about what's here, and the role the churchyard plays, in a biodiversity survey for about an hour on 19 May. Joins when you can between 2.00 and 4.00. This will be fascinating. Please tell Sheena you want to join in. Full instructions provided. Children welcome.

If you are planning to come, it will be very helpful to have the iNaturalist mobile phone app - download in advance from Play Store (Android) or App Store (iPhone/iPad), and register your details. But we can cope if you are not IT orientated!

The Music Festival Barbecue

Ever since it started, we have run the burger stall at Albury Music Festival, which this year is on Sunday 21 July, from 2.00 to 8.00 p.m. We run teams in shifts, normally an hour each. A number of people have already said they can help. If you could do so, please email Andrew or Sheena. We could use one or two more team captains who can put together a team of 6-8 people and take one of the slots. Please could you have a think about this?

And talking of Show Weekend...

We need someone with a van or trailer! The benefice Tent Service will be on Albury Heath on the morning of 21 July, and the new Archdeacon of Surrey, Catharine Mabuza, will be speaking. We need someone to transport chairs for the service, as the Produce Association have not got the usual Barn Dance or similar event the night before, which means fewer chairs have been hired in for the weekend. We have arranged to borrow the stock of chairs in the Old Parish Church and just need to transport them up! Please let Andrew know if you can help.

Baptism Anniversaries

We send little books to children baptised in our churches on the first few anniversaries of their baptism, to help families to build up children's knowledge of Bible stories and Jesus. We think this is an important point of connection. Can you carry this task on after Sheena? Please let her know.

PowerPoint

Thank you for help offered – ideally we'd like one more to prepare slides for Messy Church. It wouldn't be every month. Please contact Andrew – minister@alburychurches.org

Special services coming up in June and July

9 June 11.00 a.m. – Andrew and Sheena's last service

23 June 11.00 a.m. Midsummer Service at the Old Parish Church, Albury Park

21 July 10.00 a.m. – The benefice Tent Service in the Show Marquee, Albury Sports Ground with the Ven. Catharine Mabuza, Archdeacon of Surrey

Local free range eggs

Productive hens anticipated! If you would like some eggs please text or WhatsApp Helen O'Brien on 07789 163064

For prayer

This Pentecost Sunday, ask God to release his power for his work. Seek **growth** spiritually and in energy and numbers. Expect God to do take hold of your faith and do things. Pray for our own **spiritual awareness, commitment, and readiness**, and the whole **Church of England**.

Pray for **Hattie and Zach Taylor** being baptised on 26 May; parents Phil and Flo, godparents and family.

Please uphold **Jeff Bartholomew** who is waiting for a complex operation on his back, and for **him, Cynthia, and CJ** as they seek God's will for the future. Pray for all decisions and arrangements that must be made for the **future ministry** in Albury, and for **Tim Heaney and the wardens** as they lead on this. Pray for new people to come forward not just to replace the Minister, but to relieve others who have been serving a long time; and that we will all do what is required of us to make sure that the church remains sustainable.

Pray for the world – for **Israel/Gaza**, especially in the painful aftermath of the recovery of three hostages' bodies, **Ukraine, and other places of conflict**, and for those seeking to alleviate the humanitarian crises in these places. Pray over the next **UK and US elections**, Pray for strength, wisdom and integrity for **those in public office**. Pray for a recovery of the ability to listen to each other and work together.

Please pray for **John Gould**, John's granddaughter **Joanna, Barry Arnfield, Tessa and Peter Grundy**, and **Jo Ross**, that the healing after her foot operation would be completed.

Please pray for our **local schools** and all who work in them. Continue to pray for the **seeding and growing 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.

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.

Come together to pray for future ministry in Albury

There is a weekly meeting to pray about the leadership of the church after Andrew and Sheena leave. Do join if you can - email Theodora for details (theodora@alburychurches.org).

News from far and near

Phil and Jenny Bushell are in Bedford. They plan to return to Bangladesh in September but much depends on Jenny's mobility. Jenny is gradually regaining energy after catching Covid in April. The new conference facility that Phil and Jenny assisted in achieving is nearly complete and is in use. Built in partnership with SKT, who produce literature and run Bible and theological courses, the facility is for their use and for hire for church-growth ministry amongst Bangladesh's majority people. It can manage up to 100 people.



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.

Food Bank

We keep a collection point for local food banks in the parish church lobby, open at weekends. Why not get into a habit of bringing one item to every service you attend? You can get an idea of what's needed from <http://northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk/>

Albury Café on Monday

Albury Café is in the Memorial Library weekly on Mondays (except Bank Holidays) from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Have a lovely tea or coffee and home-made cake. Any queries or offers of help to Carolyn Woods.

Contact for church

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

A Collect for today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Upcoming

- Sunday 19 May p.m.** Biodiversity Survey in churchyard – see p.2
Mon 20 May Albury Café 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
During the week Prayer for future ministry – contact Theodora Viney.
Fri 24 May Little Fishes has paused for a few weeks
Sunday 26 May 9.30 a.m. Morning Worship with the baptism of Hattie and Zach Taylor -
in the Parish Church and livestreamed
Sunday 9 June 11.00 a.m. Andrew and Sheena's final service, followed by do in Village Hall



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