

# Alvaston Parish Church

## Sharing God's Love through Inspiration Word & Action

Over the 2 millennia since Jesus founded His Church as His body, much has changed in the human manifestation of this body.

Even here in Alvaston since the earliest days of the settlement there has been worship on our site as evidenced by the Celtic and Saxon cover-stones in the porch. The small stone building erected in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, replaced what was there before housing up to 140 people, and the rebuilt building with tower in 1856 that is there now, which housed about 170 people, though with the new layout we seated 240 people recently. The floor will be repaired and levelled in work at the end of march and so the building will be shut from the 29<sup>th</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> April. We will then be able to seek permission for new carpet to replace the worn out blue carpet.

As we get ready for this we continue to be surprised by what we find. For instance, whereas most of the concrete floor in the church is covered with bitumen and lino tiles we have discovered some nice floor tiles in the Sanctuary which we will be able to clean and protect so they will be visible in future.

Now Jesus tells us things for a reason, so over lent this year we are going to look at something he told us to do in greater depth, that includes 3



actions, and we will be doing them every week Eat, Pray, Share.

So we will look at the story behind the sharing of bread and wine.

There will be daily readings for Lent. Some of these we will use during our collective worship. And of course as we talk about the command and

need to Eat, Pray & Share we will be acting it out. So over lent our weeks themes are as follows:

<u>From</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Readings during the week</u>
10-Mar	Community	1 Corinthians 10:14-22 Matthew 26:17-30 John 2:13-25 & 6:1-14 Luke 22:7-13 Exodus 12:1-13
17-Mar	Commemoration	Exodus 12:14-28 Mark 14:12-16 John 13:1-17 Matthew 20:17-28 1 Peter 5:1-11
24-Mar	Covenant	John 13:18-30 1 Timothy 6:3-19 Psalm 41 Exodus 13:1-10 Exodus 6:1-13
31-Mar	Celebration Mothering Sunday	Exodus 15:1-19 Psalm 136 John 12:20-36 Matthew 16:21-28 Matthew 26:26-30
07-Apr	Commitment	Isaiah 53:1-12 Hebrews 9:11-28 Galatians 6:1-15 Galatians 2:15-21 Revelation 22:7-21

The **Annual Parishioners Meeting** for the election of Church Wardens will take place at 7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> March in St. Michael & All Angels.

This will be followed by **The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** for the reception of reports and election of PCC members and other officers.

There will then be the first meeting of the new **PCC**. (finish by 8:30)

ON **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March** All Worship will take place in St. Michael's Hall Elvaston Lane while the floor repair work takes place.

Volunteers are required to assist with planning the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal.

Yours in faith, John Whitney, Vicar of Alvaston

## Notable dates 2019

Date	Event
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday service 10:30 am
Lent Course 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar – 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Eat, Share, Pray – A time to evaluate what we are told to do!
14 <sup>th</sup> March	New Electoral roll on display
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Annual Parish & Parochial Church Meeting 7pm Followed by first meeting of new PCC
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Mothering Sunday 9am & 10:45 in St. Michael's Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> April	Palm Sunday
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Maundy Thursday
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Good Friday
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Sunday
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Just Pray
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost Sunday

**Everyone welcome  
ALWAYS**

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**Please note the Bread used at communion is  
Wheat free, Gluten Free and Milk free.**

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## Regular Events

Day	Time	Event
Sunday	9am – 10am	Holy Communion (with Organ music)
Sunday	10:45 – 12:15	<b>Family Worship – every week</b> With bread & wine on first Sunday of the month
Tuesday	08:30 – 09:00	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
Tuesday	13:00 -14:00	<b>Prayer for the Church</b>
Tuesday	14:00 – 15:30	<b>Tuesday Group</b>
Wednesday	10:30 -11:30	<b>Holy Communion</b> (said) During term times
Wednesday	13:00 – 16:00	<b>Craft &amp; Chat</b> - Bring your craft and make new friends
Saturday	10:30 -12:00	Coffee & Cake 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of month (Except January & August)

**Small Groups** meet regularly to pray, study the scriptures, share fellowship, refreshments and share pastoral care with their members. Currently there are small groups meeting : Sundays 7-9pm. Tuesdays 2-3pm Thursdays 7:30-9pm Which one would you like to join ?

**History of St. Michael & All Angels** - Alvaston Parish Church has met on Church Street for hundreds of years. We are trying to extend this. If you have any information that is not yet included we would love to see it.

**Food Bank** Thank you to the additional helpers for the food bank, There are still opportunities to volunteer in this ministry.

The food bank is in need of regular donations of food and basic necessities. See list in St. Michael & All Angels

### **Prayer Group**

Meet every Tuesday at 1pm to pray around issues and seek God's will for His Church in St. Michael & All Angels

### **Churchyard**

We want to thank everyone who helps by tidying up in the churchyard. As you may have noted the adverse weather last year has affected a number of trees. We hope the re-pollarding of the stressed trees will save them from dying, but please take care walking under the trees especially in high wind conditions. Can I also remind everyone that for very good reasons Glass, Chippings Plastic, and loose objects are not permitted. Indeed a faculty which is like planning permission is required to put any object in the churchyard.

**Baptism Requests** please come to one of our acts of worship and we will give you the details and begin the process of arranging your baptism.

**Office Hours** The Office is normally open Tuesday Through Saturday, Messages can be left on 01332-571143, or [office@alvaston.church](mailto:office@alvaston.church). It is Shut on Mondays.

Please note the Office will be shut from 26<sup>th</sup> Feb to 5<sup>th</sup> March.