

ALTON CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends

My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the coronavirus at this difficult time. It was a very hard decision to close the Church but the health and wellbeing of our congregation is paramount and I do hope you understand and are all safe and well. We are very happy to chat with anyone who needs to hear a friendly voice at this time of social isolation. I would urge you all to take care of the more vulnerable people you know, who at this time may be lonely and isolated and a phone call from you could make all the difference.

As Easter fast approaches, Christmas seems a distant memory and our humble little Church continues to go from strength to strength. Since the last newsletter we have had several new members and all are most welcome.

I am very happy that, because of the Church, I receive many enquiries for readings and advice on spiritual matters. These come from those in the Church and their friends, as well as our Facebook page and the Church website. Many of those I help may never come to our church but I do my best to help them and this is an example of our Church in action.

We are all on our own pathways in life and we all have a lot to learn I am sure. I am so grateful for all the mediums who come to our Church. They are all different and often can give slightly different advice. We can learn from them all in one way or another and so often, whether we agree or disagree with them, it allows us to think and expand our thoughts as to how we should lead our own lives.

Jesus is our example in life and to follow his ways will lead us all in the right direction. Let us all follow his example and try to help as many people as we are able. I am sure we can all think of people who have crossed our paths and helped us in our life.

Healing is the most important part of our Church. All healing comes from Jesus and the healers in our church are simply vessels to pass on his love. I thank all those who help with this every week as this work demonstrates who we are and the love we all have for everyone's best friend, Jesus Christ. We ask for his love, peace and guidance knowing it will always be there for us.

If there is someone in your thoughts that you would like to send healing to, please do email or ring me and our prayers will go out to them.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter.

Rob Harvey
President

Easter, what does it mean to you?

Painted eggs hidden in the garden for the children to find, following their feast of beautifully decorated chocolate eggs, to the delight of all the various members of the family gathered together to celebrate their Easter holiday. Is that the sum total and meaning of your Easter break?

Surely, to us as Christian Spiritualists, it is first and foremost, the celebration of Jesus Christ's victory over death. His resurrection symbolizes the eternal life that is granted to all those who believe in Him.

Easter also symbolises the complete verification of all that Jesus preached and taught during His ministry. His death upon the cross, His burial and subsequently His resurrection, changed everything and gave that final and irrefutable proof that He was really the Son of God and that He had conquered death once and for all. Proving to all 'the Continuity of Life'.

Regards
Brian



The Bible

As Christians, when we first look at our Bible, we can see that it is divided into two distinct sections: 'The Old Testament' and 'The New Testament'.

The Old Testament comprises a collection of some 39 'books', and is believed by religious Jews to be the sacred Word of God and is the original Hebrew Bible as well as the literary archive of the ancient nation of Israel. The text was primarily written in Ancient Hebrew although some parts were written in Ancient Greek, all over a period spanning 1300 – 100 years Before Christ (BC).

The Old Testament can be divided into four distinctive sections, known as:

1] The Pentateuch, 2] Historical Books, 3] Poetry and Wisdom, 4] The Prophets.

To explain: - The 'Pentateuch': Consists of the following books: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. That were largely written by Moses in approximately 1300 BC.

The 'Historical Books': (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings and Chronicles).

'Poetry and Wisdom' comprised: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes.

Whilst The 'Prophets' included for example, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and many others.

I have endeavoured to give a very brief resume of the Old Testament, without confusing by greater detail. Obviously, anyone that would like to know more can find volumes 'on the internet' or in the Public Library.

The New Testament has 27 books, written between approximately 50 and 100 AD.

This testament falls into two sections: Section 1. The Gospels, (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John); which tell the story of Our Lord Jesus. Section 2. The Letters (or Epistles)written by various Christian leaders to provide guidance for the earliest church communities.

The letters were the natural way for itinerant church leaders to communicate with their converts, and some of the earliest letters were written before the Gospels, with the exception of the books of Romans and Hebrews. None of the letters were meant to be formal presentations of Christian belief, but offered advice to people who were working out just how to express their commitment to Jesus, in ways that would be relevant to the many different cultural contexts in which they found themselves within the Roman Empire. Reading some of the letters can be like listening to one half of a conversation, for the writers, in some cases, are giving answers to questions given to them either verbally or in writing. As the actual question is not always tabled, it can be difficult to understand the reason for the replying text.

Paul, although not the only writer of letters, was by far the most prolific. [We, of course, remember that Paul was originally called Saul. (Formally one of the notorious Roman hunters of Christians). He was converted by God whilst travelling on the road to Damascus and renamed Paul].

We have now arrived at the last book of the Bible.....Revelation, and of course also the last book of the New Testament. However, this book is possibly the most disputed book of the Bible and has historically been objected to by several very eminent theologians, and to this day is still not accepted by all. Few today would contest the claim that the book of Revelation stands as one of the most controversial, complicated, and esoteric books in the New Testament Canon.

I do hope that you enjoy the above exposition? I sincerely believe that if we can achieve a better understanding of the Bible and also the messages of Zodiac, we may become that better informed and therefore better Christian Spiritualists.

God bless you, Brian Redwood



How I Became Involved in Spiritualism

My mother was a Christian Spiritualist, so growing up in a household with this belief was just the norm, but we did not practice any of the gifts.

At the age of 32 I started going to The Alton Christian Spiritualist Church regularly. The services at this time were held in an upstairs room in Alton Assembly Rooms, after which they moved to a hall at Beech. Soon after the Church moved once more to the Community Centre in Alton before finally settling at Chawton Village Hall where The Alton Christian Spiritualist Church remains to this day.

I soon began to get messages saying "You should be healing", which happened eight or nine times with different mediums. Then one day a member of the congregation asked me for healing. I replied "I'm not a healer". He was so insistent about this healing that in the end, just to get some peace and quiet, I gave him some healing even though I had not done it before.

Lady Cook had been watching closely. Afterwards she pointed out everything I had done wrong and taught me how it should be done (bless her).

I have continued healing ever since. When I say healing, I mean laying on of hands, for it is not me that heals, but my spirit helpers, with God's blessing.

Les Shackleton



Alton Christian Spiritualist Church at Chawton Village Hall

Forthcoming Services

Services are postponed until further notice due to the coronavirus.

We will keep you informed as to when services will be resumed.
Please check the Church website for further information.

Sunday	5th April	Marilyn Webb
Sunday	12th April	Easter service, Judith Ford
Sunday	19th April	Judith Rogers
Saturday	25th April	Coffee Morning 10.00am until 1.00pm
Sunday	16th April	Healing Service
Sunday	3rd May	Patricia Hall
Sunday	10th May	Ray Prince
Saturday	16th May	An evening of clairvoyance with Kevin Hales from Lowestoft. From 7.00pm until 8.30pm. Members £7.50 Non-Members £10.00 Tickets on Sale at Church, please see Nerina.
Sunday	17th May	Jenny Wheeler
Sunday	24th May	Ginette Foote
Sunday	31st May	Michael Redwin
Sunday	7th June	Friendship Service
Sunday	14th June	Healing Service
Sunday	21st June	Frances Barry
Sunday	28th June	Toni Goswell
Saturday	4th July	Garden Party. From 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Kookaburra House.

Healing is available after every Sunday Service. We have some wonderful healers so, please do stay after the service and enjoy being given Healing.

Finally, have a wonderful Easter with your family and friends and give the dear Lord a loving thought and a huge thank you.

***“He is not dead this friend, not dead
But, in his path, we mortals tread.”***

WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS

A VERY HAPPY EASTER



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