



The Good  
Shepherd  
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view  
on the website

8th April 2018

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We're exploring the possibility of a cell church meeting around 11.30am for those who can't make the earlier time once we move to just the 9.30am mid-morning service.

**At 11.30am 15th April, a small group will be gathering to pray and explore what God has in store for this group going forward.**

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## Electoral Roll Revision

An Electoral Roll Revision will take place next week in readiness for our APCM on Tuesday 24th April. If you are not a member of the Electoral Roll, please collect an Electoral Roll Application from the porch or speak to Matt in the office. Enrolment on the roll is a way of saying, "I belong to COGS." It also opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church as being enrolled will give you the eligibility to vote for and stand as representatives of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels.

If you have any questions, speak to Matt or Howard.

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One or two places still available on the completely New 10 week Freedom in Christ course planned to start Friday 20 April 2:00 p.m. for a 2:30 p.m. start - to be finished by 4:00 p.m. If you would like to join this group or have interest but cannot make that time please let Roger and Colette know. For more information invites are available with all the dates and see the poster in the porch or the church website



## The Week Ahead

**Sunday 8th April**

**free from Doubt**

**1 John 1:1-2:1 & John 20:19-31**

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.15am - All Age Service of the Word

7pm - Celebration Service

**Monday 9th April**

10am - Pop in for Prayer at 17 Fairfield Green

**Tuesday 10th April | Office Closed**

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

2pm - Belford House Communion

7.45pm - Stewards and Wardens

Meeting in church hall

**Wednesday 11th April | Office Closed**

10.30am - Westlands Communion

**Saturday 14th April**

**4pm - Messy Church**



**Sunday 15th April**

**free from Guilt**

**Acts 3:12-19 & John 21:15-25**

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

No 11.15am service—see front page

7pm - Celebration Service

**Please note that Matt is out of the Office on Tuesday and Wednesday this week**

## Caring in Prayer

### **New/Updated**

Ali – Pray for Ali's unit to be finished with water and electricity, that she will cope with the heat and continue to feel at peace despite the challenges.

Current Opportunities for Growth – Pray for the upcoming Boundaries workshop, for Nigel leading it, and for the team supporting. Pray too for the Freedom in Christ course and Worship Matters Evening.

Groups – Pray for those visiting the care homes this week. Pray that the team's contact with the residents can facilitate faith journeys to begin.

### **Continuing**

Coffee & Communion – Taking place on 4th April. Thank God for the friendships forming. May he stay at the centre keeping our groups welcoming and inclusive.

Howard – Keep praying for healing and for strength in the hip joint as Howard gradually puts more weight onto it.

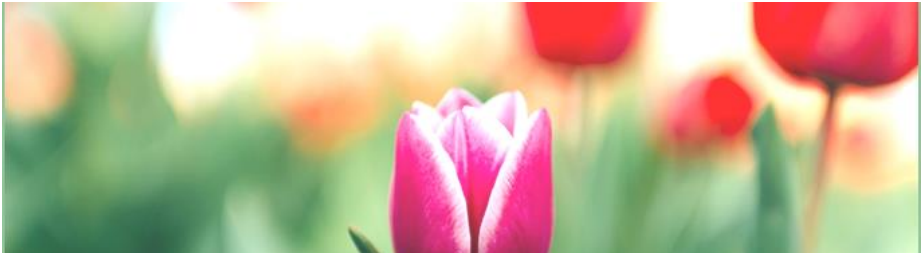
Karamoja – Continue to pray for God's provision for church and region and may Jesus be wisdom and righteousness to its Christians.

Bethany – Has an appointment with skeletal consultant in early March. Will hopefully get an appointment for her scan soon. Thank the Lord for his care.

William - Has been to Great Ormond Street and had a good report. The glasses may be working. Pray for his continued care.

We do not take offerings at our services. Our preferred method of financial giving to continue the excellent work of Church is via Standing Order. Please contact the Church Office or our Treasurer, Richard Gillard (01420 564279 or [Gillardbm@outlook.com](mailto:Gillardbm@outlook.com)) for more details or pick up a Standing Order Mandate at the back of the church. If you wish to make cash or cheque donations, please place in the receptacle. If you wish to donate online, these are our account details: Acc No: 60003685. Sort Code: 60-01-13. Many thanks for your generosity.

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## **COGS LADIES 'SPRING' SUPPER** **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7.30pm at CHURCH**

This is an opportunity for us to get to know one another a bit better and enjoy a meal together.

**The cost will be £5, tickets in advance from the office or after the Sunday services.**

Initially this supper will be limited to ladies from church – all ages - to give us a chance to catch up, make new friends and chat; something we don't get much opportunity to do unless we are together in a small group or part of a team. Possibly we can go on to host a ladies event of some kind to which we can invite our friends and neighbours.

Join us for a fun evening, even if you think you hardly know anyone, and do mention this to any ladies you know who have connections to the Church.

For more information speak to or contact Caroline [carolineandrews10@btinternet.com](mailto:carolineandrews10@btinternet.com) or Jane [jane\\_cogs@btinternet.com](mailto:jane_cogs@btinternet.com)

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## **Our Celebration of the Year with APCM**

**Will take place on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm**

Nominations for PCC can now be made in the porch. Speak to our current PCC members to find out more.

**Want to come and join in with Kids Church on Sunday mornings?**

We want to invite you to explore the possibility of joining our team as a leader of either our youngest group (age 3-5) or our eldest group (age 8-11) – this would involve leading groups on a rota basis to help our children get know God better. Teaching material is provided.

Chat to Lorna if you'd like to know more ([lornarandall812@hotmail.com](mailto:lornarandall812@hotmail.com))



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**Parish Magazine on Website and Contributions Please for the Next Magazine**

The magazine is on the website and I encourage you to view it there. Your contribution to the next magazine is invited and should reach Robert Parker ([parker305@btinternet.com](mailto:parker305@btinternet.com)) not later than the 15th of the month. Thank you.



**Luminosa in concert  
Saturday 12th May, St  
John's Alresford  
Poster in the porch**



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**Alder Valley Brass  
Spring Concert**

**7.30pm, Saturday 21st April 2018  
At The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Details for tickets in the porch**



# Worship Matters!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm

Following the huge success of the social in January, Worship Matters returns in April, for an evening of praise and worship.

- Worship together to much loved popular songs
- Learn exciting new songs
- See what happens on the PA desk
- Have fun with Easy Worship in a stress free environment!

**Curious? Come and join in! You'll be very welcome!**

*Bring your instrument if you have one – however unskilled you are!*

For more information, please speak to Chris McGrath

01420 564418 / [chrismcgrath175@gmail.com](mailto:chrismcgrath175@gmail.com) / 07754 804786



## GIFT-AID

If you need to complete a tax return, and have made any donations under gift-aid, you should include the total of all charity donations on your return form.

If you would like written confirmation of the amount the Church has recorded as donations from you for this purpose, please either speak to Tim Wettone personally, telephone him on 01420 561212 or send an email to [tim@wettone.com](mailto:tim@wettone.com). This is especially important for any higher rate taxpayers, as the inclusion of gift-aided donations on your tax return will reduce your personal tax liability.

H M Revenue & Customs expect donors to make sure they pay sufficient income tax or capital gains tax (but not VAT or council tax) to cover the gift aid amount on their donations made in the relevant tax year. This is worth checking, especially as the amount below which one doesn't pay tax is now £11,850 from April 2018. If you believe you will no longer be a taxpayer, please advise Tim Wettone as soon as possible so we can amend our records.

## David Hathaway's Prayer meeting for Britain at Westminster, last week:

1,400 people, sang this prophetic verse, written for the occasion as a second verse to Land of Hope and Glory.

Great encouragement as God brings this to pass.

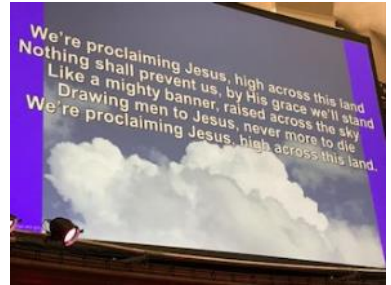
Please keep praying for good weather and safety.

First flight:

**LADIES DAY, GRAND NATIONAL, 13th April**

Your help is needed to reach every part of Britain

<http://flyjesus.co.uk>



## COGS Club Planning



Come along and help us to plan our  
Summer COGS Club 2018!

Tuesday 17th April  
7-9pm in the church hall  
All welcome!



**This summer COGS are going to  
New Wine Week 1  
28th July- 3rd August**

Join us for a week immersed in the wider  
family of God,  
a time of worship, teaching, family and  
fun at the

**New Wine festival – United 18**

Contact Jane for more information or  
visit:

[united.new-wine.org](http://united.new-wine.org)

**NewWine**  
Local churches changing nations

**United 18**



# Cell Notes – 8th April 2018 | free from Doubt

1 John 1:1-2:1, John 20:19-31

There is a wide body of evidence attesting to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, particularly – yet by no means limited to the Gospel accounts. Understandably perhaps the resurrection provides the most fertile grounds for doubts – even for Thomas. But what does Thomas doubt and how are his doubts justified? Do you see anything fundamentally challenging in Jesus' reappearance? (Read John 20:19-31) *There is scope here for a long and honest discussion. You may not get to other questions.*

Read 1 John 1:1-4. John comes to several conclusions based upon the resurrection appearances? In what ways has the resurrection prompted those conclusions?

Read 1 John 1:5-2:1. John develops his conclusions in 1-4, drawing wider and wider (life-changing) inferences. Try to put his argument into your own words – using the resurrection as your own starting point?

Is there a place for doubt in faith, what purpose might it serve? What was Jesus' attitude towards doubts? Do you think he factors it into his teaching? (Start from Matthew 21:21 and Luke 18:27)

In the week ahead: Pray for 'child-like' trust in Jesus' teaching and promises. Think about the implications of the resurrection for your own life. What doubts can you now stop wrestling with? What reassurance should you bring those nearest and dearest to you?

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## Healing Service

Sunday 13th May at the evening, 7pm service. Wes Sutton the director of Acorn, will be joining us for the service.



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## PRAYER and PASTORAL REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests for the prayer chain, please email or ring the Church Office on 01420 560622 or Howard Wright on 01420 563344.

If it would be helpful for a member of the pastoral visiting team to call on you, please contact Howard, Debbie Norgate (01420 84534) or Gilly Cobb (01420 544404).



## Ministers: All of Us Together

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***Send Sunday Sheet items to the church office before end of day on Thursday***



Everyone is welcome to join us for a chat and tea/coffee **between** morning services or **before** the 7pm service

For communion, gluten-free wafers are available and there is a chalice with non-alcoholic wine. Please ask when you come forward if you would like to take these.

## MISSIONS OF THE MONTH - April

### **In Ministry to Children**

“In Ministry to Children is a Christian charitable foundation providing relief and support for children in Colombia who are at risk through poverty, neglect, abuse or violence. . .”

[www.inministrytochildren.org](http://www.inministrytochildren.org)

