



**The Good
Shepherd**
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

15th April 2018

Until recently we held an 11.15am service on Sunday mornings, but this service has stopped taking place. However, we have been exploring the possibility of a cell church meeting around 11.30am for those who can't make the earlier time now we have moved to just the 9.30am mid-morning service. Today, at 11.30am, a small group will be gathering to pray and explore what God has in store for this group going forward.

Electoral Roll Revision

The Electoral Roll has been revised and is in the porch (available weekdays in the office). Please check for any errors. **Please also note that if you want to be included in the church directory, we now require your expressed permission. Please sign the hardcopy in the porch or contact the office (phone or email) to request inclusion.**

Healing Service

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



acorn
wholeness for all

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 15th April

free from Guilt

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

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

No 11.15am service—see front page

7pm - Celebration Service with communion

Monday 16th April

7.30pm - Youth Cells Meet

Tuesday 17th April

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

7pm - COGS Club Meeting in church hall

Wednesday 18th April

2pm - Tea & Chat in the church hall

2pm - Tea & Bowls in the church

Thursday 19th April

9.30am - Ladies cell with creche in the church hall

3.15 - Time to be me in the church hall

Friday 20th April

7pm - Ladies Supper

Saturday 21st April

10am - Prayer Spaces Training

10am - Litter Picking at Oak Green

7.30pm - Alder Valley Brass Concert

Sunday 22nd April

I am the bread of life

Colossians 1:15-20 & John 6:35-58

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

7pm - Celebration Service

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Pippa – Pray for Pippa this week, especially on Tuesday when she will be in Southampton General for a procedure. Pray for the hospital staff and for Pippa's children.

Chances to Grow – Pray for blessing on all involved in the boundaries workshops, and for the Holy Spirit's working in the Freedom in Christ course and Worship Matters Evening.

Groups – Pray for those affected by Sunday morning's change. Pray that God will grant openness as ideas are put forward, with loving attitudes. As we listen, may God share his plans.

Continuing

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.

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) 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.

Giving



COGS LADIES 'SPRING' SUPPER
Friday 20th 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 or Jane jane_cogs@btinternet.com

Our Celebration of the Year with APCM

Will take place on Tuesday 24th April at 7.30pm

Nominations for PCC members and a churchwarden can now be made in the porch. Speak to our current PCC members to find out more. Churchwarden job description available on the website. The accounts are also available to view here. From the main menu, look for resources, then APCM.

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)



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) not later than the 15th of the month. Thank you.

50 years of Tearfund

On Sunday at 4.10pm, Songs of Praise will celebrate 50 years of Tearfund. You'll hear from staff, partners overseas, and see behind the scenes at Tearfund HQ.



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

Next Week!



**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 27th 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

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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. 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.

HM 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.

Litter Picking

Come and help us show some of God's love to the village.

Saturday 21st April, 10-11am
Meet behind the garage at Oak Green



No Evening Service on Sunday 20th May

Pentecost Service at the Cathedral
7.30pm. Doors opening at
6.30pm

Tickets available at: <http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/events/thy-kingdom-come-beacon-cathedral-service/>

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!

Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

Relating to the Independent Inquiry on
Child Sex Abuse, the letter can be viewed
on the website where you find out notice
sheets.

Save the Date! Men's Quiz Night

On the evening of the 5th May
- further details in next week's
sheet



NewWine
Local churches changing nations

United 18

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

Cell Notes – 15th April 2018 | free from Guilt

Read John 13:34-38; John 18:15-18 & 25-27.

- Think about times you have failed and let people down.
- How do we think Peter would have felt?

Read John 21

Peter 'retires' back to fishing. He's failed and no longer any good for Jesus' work and there seems no other option. Except he's also a failure at fishing and they caught nothing! Jesus appears, and the situation is changed.

In the conversation with Peter, Jesus asks him if Peter 'loves' him (agape = unconditionally), and Peter replies he does 'love' him (phileo = very fond) but Jesus accepts this as enough and invites him back in, restoring him to a role. Jesus repeats the same question and Peter gives his same answer and again Jesus accepts this and repeats the invitation. Finally, Jesus asks the question, do you love (phileo) me. Peter is sad and responds: "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love (phileo) you." Peter is sad because Jesus is alluding to the three denials, but also because Jesus has had to lower the bar for him – Peter has high standards and failed. Jesus has even higher standards but is willing to work with us at our level of failure and help us to achieve great things for him. The next words of Jesus declare to Peter that he will have another chance to stand-up for Jesus and this time he won't fail.

- How do we imagine Peter feels now?

Peter is broken but Jesus restores him, shows him grace and gives him fresh purpose.

- Where do we have experience of God's restoration in our lives after failure?
- If there are places in our lives that need restoration, ask for others to pray for you now – you don't need to share details, but it may help. (James 5:16)

Notice that Jesus doesn't give Peter an exam to test his theology, he isn't asking him if he's been good today, he's interested in whether Peter knows him and loves him. Being a Christian is about relationship, which results in love for God and neighbour, not just in living a 'good life', as many in our community see it.

- How can we be people who help in the restoration of other Christians struggling with shame or guilt – feeding and caring for Jesus' sheep?
 - How can we forgive others, and be agents of God's grace, whilst keeping ourselves safe?
- How can we be people who help those who don't know/love Jesus discover that their need of a relationship with him?

Peter is immediately tempted to compare himself with others (see :21).

- How can we stay fixed on following Jesus, loving others with the same love as Jesus whilst avoiding comparisons?

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).



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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

