



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

29th April 2018

Healing Service

Sunday 13th May, 7pm

As part of our ongoing response to our Who Cares? survey, we are holding a Healing Service, where we will be joined by Wes Sutton, director of Acorn



Big Church Day Out

26th-27th May
Wiston House, West
Sussex

If you wish to book alongside other COGS members, go to: <http://bcdo.group/2018/cogs>



The current course is full! If there is anyone who is interested but not attending, please let Roger or Colette know so that they can arrange another course after the summer.

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/>

The Week Ahead

Sunday 29th April

I am the Light of the World

1 John 1:1-7 & John 8:12-30

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in the church hall

7pm - Celebration Service

Monday 30th April

8am - Prayer in the chapel

7.30pm - Youth cells meeting

Tuesday 1st May

7am - Early Morning Prayer in chapel

Wednesday 2nd May

11am - Coffee & Communion in the church hall

Thursday 3rd May

9.30am - Ladies cell with creche in church hall

Friday 4th May

8am - Prayer in the chapel

2.30pm - Freedom in Christ at the Buckleys'

Saturday 5th May

10am - Uganda/Karamoja Coffee morning at the vicarage

7.30pm - Men's Pub Quiz in the church

Sunday 6th May

I am the Good Shepherd

Psalms 23 & John 10:1-21

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in the church hall

7pm - Celebration Service with communion

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Ministry Leaders – Pray for them that they can benefit their areas of ministry with discernment and love. Pray for their joint meetings and pray especially for Alan and Nigel, newly in role.

Finances – Praise God for his provision and for the good stewardship we have had. Pray that we would review our commitments regularly.

A new thing – Pray for every new course and regular event - that God's kingdom would come and he would protect us from evil.

Continuing

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.

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.

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.

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.

On Thursday 26th April, representatives from the Holiday at Home club were invited to attend an informal reception at East Hampshire District Council offices in Petersfield. This was to recognise the continued efforts provided by the Church of the Good Shepherd and other local organisations.



The informal reception thanked all of us at the Church of the Good Shepherd who contributed in the support of our elderly population by providing the Holiday at Home events over the last few years.

Jill Williams and Trish Rymer were present at the event on behalf of all supporters of Holiday at Home.

Councillor Richard Millard announced that EHDC wish to develop closer ties with organisations that continue to support their local community needs. In recognition of past events and for the support of future events, EHDC has donated a sum of **£500**.

Really good news

The flight getting into London for the marathon was quite complicated as things change so quickly there but it looks like the pilot had good coverage.



The next flight is Tour de Yorkshire, 3rd to 6th May. The pilot will aim for the beginning and fly along the route for that day or aim for the end. It all depends on the weather, so prayer is needed.

flyjesus.co.uk

APCM

We held our APCM on Tuesday night. It was a very positive meeting. However we still have a vacancy for Church Warden and 4 PCC vacancies. Please pray and consider if God is calling you to either of these roles. A Churchwarden Job Description is on the website at <http://www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/resources/apcm/>

Connected to COGS?

You can find us on facebook, twitter, Instagram and youtube.

Search for 'Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks' on facebook and youtube. Search for 'cogsfourmarks' on twitter and instagram



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)

Pop-in Coffee & Cake Morning for Isabelle's Uganda Trip – Saturday 5th May 10am-12.30am

Howard and Helen are hosting a coffee & cake morning to raise money – donations split 50/50 – for our Karamoja Link and Isabelle's trip to Uganda this summer, traveling with a team from Christ Church, Winchester. Coffee (tea) and cake all free, donations welcome.



Chainsaw Carved Garden Furniture and Objects – for Uganda Trip and Karamoja

Additionally, Howard is offering chainsaw carved garden furniture and objects for donations, again split 50/50. If you'd like to see a 'brochure' please ask Howard.



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



Heydays Preschool

Within the grounds of Four Marks
Primary School.

Open Session

Saturday 23rd June

9.30am - 11am

Please come along with your child to
play, meet the team and look around.

For more information, please contact

Louise or Jacqui on

07955 288741 or email

heydayspreschool@aol.com

Coffee Lids

Please could you continue
to save 100g coffee jar lids
as I need them for use at
school. There is a basket in
the porch to put them in.

Thank you.

Elaine King-Smith



Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.

Will you #StandTogether with us this Christian Aid Week (13-19 May 2018) to help families live full lives, free from poverty?

Get Well, Stay Well, Keep your Heart Happy!

*A Talk by Dr Hugh Bethell on 22 May at 8.00 pm in the Church.
The talk will cover how choice of lifestyle contributes to one's
health. This includes how healthy eating and regular exercise helps
avoid a multiplicity of diseases and how lifestyle choices are so necessary
to recovery when illness does strike.*

*Open to all, no charge, but there will be a retiring collection for the
Alton Cardiac Rehab Centre.*

Questions please to Chris King-Smith at
mansfieldparkppg@btinternet.com



Men's Pub Quiz

Saturday 5th May, 7.30pm

at the Church of the
Good Shepherd

Free Entry and free drinks

Prizes for the winning team

All are welcome.

To confirm attendance or for further info:

peter.c.cox@gmail.com



Job opportunities

2 Local churches are looking to appoint.

Harvest Church (Alton) are looking to appoint a Head of Operations.

Applications close 31st May. For further details contact Matt or Andrew Lawrence at Harvest Church on andrew@harvestchurchalt.on.org 07919473074

The benefice of Bentley, Binsted and Froyle are looking to appoint a Church Administrator and PA. Applications close 12th May. For further info contact Matt or Yann Dubreuil on yann@benbinfro.org



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

NewWine
Local churches changing nations

United 18

Cell Notes – 29th April 2018 | I am the light of the world

John 8: 12 – 30 & 1 John 1: 1 - 7

Would you agree that this is probably the 'I am' statement which impacted John the most?

Look at John 1, and also 1 John 1: there is a parallel with Genesis 1. Is John making references to physical light? Or spiritual light?

What difference does light make to life? Physical life, and spiritual life?

Israel was God's chosen – see (for example) Isaiah 42: 6, 49: 6 and Isaiah 60. Read the references to 'light' and 'salvation' and ask: did they do this? If not, why not? (Psalm 78 is a description; perhaps not just verses 10-11).

Think of aspects of, uses of, light – as a beacon - a lighthouse – the Pillar of Fire – the glory of the Lord – what else? Then contrast 'darkness' – perhaps look at Romans 13: 8ff, and also consider not just John 3: 16 but also the next five verses.

The choice to live in, follow, the light is one we make: Jesus did not come to condemn, but those who choose to remain in darkness are condemned. Is this a comfortable thought? If not, what might we do about it – and how?

This discourse with the Pharisees in John 8 follows that in John 7, where Jesus declares 'streams of living water will flow from within him'. By which he meant the Spirit. Jesus' declaration probably refers to the prophetic vision in Ezekiel 47, where water flowed from the Temple to bring life and healing to creation. Restoration.

So if Israel hasn't lived up to God's call, can we? Remind yourselves of Jesus' command in Matthew 5: 14 – 16 and ask: How might we do this? How might streams of living water flow from within us? Should it be a deliberate act/effort on our part to let our light shine? Or (perhaps as Moses in Exodus 34: 29ff) should the light within us simply radiate?

What does it mean to walk in the light of Christ?

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

