



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Our church diary is available to view
on the website

13th May 2018

*A special welcome to Samuel Gillatt and his friends and family.
Samuel will be baptised at our 11.15am service*

TONIGHT

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



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?

If you are able to help with raffle prizes, please speak to Linda Wettone.

Coffee Mornings:

17th May, 10.30-12 at Tricia Saltmarsh's

17th May, 10-11.30 in the church hall
22nd May, 10-12 at Jill Williams'

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 13th May

I am the resurrection and the life
Philippians 3:7-11 & John 11:21-44

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.15am - Baptism Service

7pm - Healing Service

Monday 14th May

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Pop in for Prayer at 17 Fairfield Green

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

7.30pm - Visiting Team meeting in church hall

Tuesday 15th May

7am - Early Morning Prayer in chapel

Wednesday 16th May

2pm - Tea & Chat in church hall

2pm - Tea & Bowls in church

Thursday 17th May

9.30am - Ladies cell in church hall

3.15 - Time to be Me in church hall

Friday 18th May

8am - Prayer in the chapel

2.30pm - Freedom in Christ at the Buckleys'

Saturday 19th May

8am - Leaders Retreat

10am - Litter Picking at Oak Green

Sunday 20th May | Pentecost

The Holy Spirit will teach you

Acts 2:1-16 & John 16:5-15

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

3pm - Thanksgiving & Remembering Service

7.30pm - Beacon Service at Cathedral

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Thy Kingdom Come – That we respond with enthusiasm to the call to prayer, and that God leads us in our prayer.

Tea & Chat/Bowls – Taking place on Wednesday, for good conversations, deepening friendships and a feeling of welcome.

Continuing

Bethany – Pray that the consultants are directed by God and that her operation will be very soon.

Collaboration – Praise God for joined up efforts: Isabelle's Uganda trip, for fund-raising beyond expectation; that Karamoja will be blessed through our donations; also for EHDC looking to churches for support with the aging. Give thanks for Holiday at Home.

Equipping COGS – Pray for God's blessing on Kid's Church, PCC and our one churchwarden by enabling us to hear and respond to his call.

Ali – Praise God for the news from Ali. Pray about courage, fait, joys, frustrations, safety, and supply. Pray for showers of blessing!

Pippa – Pray for continued healing and for positive results at the next appointment.

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.

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

Karamoja – Continue to pray for God's provision for church and region.

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.

A bed for the night

Let me introduce myself. I am Eleanor Dymott a Street Pastor in Weymouth in Dorset. I have committed myself going out on duty for many hours and have passed 1500 hours. I am still a Street Pastor but have decided to walk with a friend from Winchester to Canterbury [from the 28th May to 9th June](#). I was wondering if any Street Pastor or friends in their churches would be able to offer us a bed for one night. We will need separate rooms and do not mind staying in different houses. I have short legs but a heart of Gold. I will be walking with a very spiritual man called Phillip.

The three nights they will be in our area are:

28th May Winchester to Alresford | 29th May Alresford to Alton | 30th Alton to Farnham

If you can help or would like further information please contact me, Linda Wettone and I'll put you in touch with Eleanor.

Next flight:

Scotland Cup Final, 19th May, Glasgow

Numerous locations now on our website:

flyjesus.co.uk

Your help needed to reach the whole country.

Please pick up a card in the porch.

The logo for 'flyjesus' features the text 'flyjesus' in a yellow, lowercase, sans-serif font. The text is set against a solid purple rectangular background.

APCM

We held our APCM recently. It was a very positive meeting. However we still have a vacancy for Church Warden and as well as 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/>

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

Howard is offering chainsaw carved garden furniture and objects for donations, split 50/50– for our Karamoja Link and Isabelle's trip to Uganda this summer, traveling with a team from Christ Church, Winchester.
If you'd like to see a 'brochure' please ask Howard.



Uganda Evening

If you're interested in food, mission or Uganda, come and join COGS Youth at Christ Church Chineham (RG24 8LT) on the 20th May from 7.30-9pm. We'll be sharing dinner with Christ Church Chineham and hearing from Alex Gift from Smile Charity Uganda. Free of charge!
(This event is aimed at the youth, but all ages are welcome.)

Please let Lorna know if you're coming, so we know how many to cater for:

lornarandall812@hotmail.com

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

Job opportunities

3 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@harvestchurchalton.org 0791 9473074

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

The Parish of the Resurrection, Alton has a vacancy a Parish Administrator & Communications Officer. Full details of the role are available on the parish website www.potr-alton.co.uk. The post is for 25 hours a week and a job share would be considered. If interested, please send a CV and a covering letter explaining your interest in, and suitability for the role to the Vicar, The Parish Centre, Vicarage Hill, Alton GU34 2BW

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.

Hi Folks— It's that time of year again when you may be drinking more squash and Lorna's refreshment team will need

empty bottles for COGS Club.

So please save empty 1 litre squash litre bottles and put them in the crate provided at church. I will collect and prepare them but Lorna does need a refreshment team so if you think that is something you could do please talk to her. Tricia Saltmarsh

Thank you to everyone at the Church of the Good Shepherd for continuing to support our local Foodbank.



You may see media coverage of our national End-of-Year statistics from today which show that The Trussell Trust's Foodbank network saw an alarming **13%** increase in distribution of emergency food supplies compared to the previous year. In total **1,332,952** three-day emergency food supplies were given to people in crisis. **484,026** of these went to children.

Activity at our own local Foodbank continues to serve a real need in our own community. Currently we are looking to re-stock low supplies of sponge puddings, powdered milk, Marmite, chocolate spread, long-life fruit juices, jams, tins of meat and tins of vegetables.

Also, we are pleased to report that a replacement manager for John Jacobs has been found. More news on this to come.

If you'd like to know more about Alton Foodbank then please take a look at our website:

www.alton.foodbank.org.uk or have a chat with me, Thelma Thomas, or email me at thelma.thomas@virgin.net.



Service of
Thanksgiving
& Remembering



Church of the
Good Shepherd



A service to honour the memory of our loved ones and to support those who have been bereaved

Sunday 20th May - 3pm



Village Picnic - is set for Sunday 24 June this year; we will need lots of help setting up, running games, helping Jane and Lorna with the Messy Church/Kids and Youth tents. Please could you put the date in your diaries and have a think about how you can help. It's such an exciting event and a great way to show our love for our village. Lots of village groups are already planning their contributions. Please contact Helena Hunt on 01420 562955 or email: huntandrew1950@gmail.com.

Litter Picking

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

Saturday 19th May, 10-11am
Meet behind the garage at Oak Green



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>

Pray-ers Together for Alton and area

ADVANCE NOTICE: we – COGS – are hosting Pray-ers Together on 25th May from 8 to 9pm in the church hall.

It would be lovely if members of COGS come to hear from members from Alton churches about what is happening there and to pray for God's work in our area.

More information from Tricia or Mike Saltmarsh 563413

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



Cell Notes – 13th May 2018 | I am the resurrection and the life

Read John 11:21-44 and Philippians 3:7-11

Jesus is, it is not that he knows how, he is, the resurrection and the life. Life is intrinsically linked to him, without him there is no life, no breath, no substance – nothing! (See John 1:1-4 and Colossians 1:15-17)

Death is to be avoided – consider the way in which life and death are dealt with in our society, conversations or art – including literature, music and film.

- What does the word 'death' convey to us?

Jesus is the opposite of death. He is not decay, colourless, disintegration, lifeless, static, etc. He is the fulness of life, now and, through the resurrection, for ever.

- So, what does the life look like in contrast to death?

Note that Jesus weeps in the John passage and we are not told why. He perhaps weeps out of empathy for the pain around him and his own loss of a friend. Death is a loss, a separation, a dis-location, it hurts. It is OK to cry, and we need others to cry with us. Even with faith, Martha expresses clear faith in the resurrection, there appears no hope for now. For the family and friends of Lazarus this was a 'dead-end', Lazarus has been in the tomb for four days in a hot country!

- What's our experience of grief, and what has helped us cope?

- Does any of our group today need support today?

The 'dead-end' becomes a whole new road with the words of Jesus, but firstly there needs to be courage and obedience to remove the stone.

- Is there 'death' in our lives which Jesus is calling back to life? And are there stones that might need to be removed first?

- If so, what can we do about this?

With Jesus' own resurrection comes a whole new confidence in the power of Jesus to transform the present and the future.

- How would we rate our confidence in the resurrection?

- And how does this 'faith' affect our lives, the things we face and decisions we make?

The resurrection life is a physical existence, but of a different nature to our current physical experience in a most glorious way. Read 1 Corinthians 15:35-44 and Philippians 1:21.

- How excited are we about the future glory?

- How can we share the wonder and joy of this with others this week?

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 - May

Mission Aviation Fellowship

“Working in partnership with hundreds of other Christian and relief organisations, MAF enables practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to many of the most remote and inaccessible communities on the planet.”

www.maf-uk.org

