



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

27th May 2018



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.

We hope to have invites available at some point this week, ready to be delivered to the village. Any help you can give in delivering these invites to our community will be much appreciated.



GDPR

Due to changes in data protection regulations, anybody who receives emails sent to:

The COGS Mailing List, The Prayer Chain, and The Caring in Prayer List should have received an email inviting them to opt in to receiving the emails for these groups. You will not keep getting the emails without requesting to do so. If you haven't received an email from Matt, but would like to receive these emails, please contact cogsoffice@gmail.com

Our privacy notice is available on the church website:

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/resources/gdpr/

The Week Ahead

Sunday 27th May

I am the way, and the truth, and the life

Ephesians 1:3-10 & John 14:1-14

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

7pm - Celebration service

Monday 28th May

Bank Holiday | Office Closed

Tuesday 29th May

7am - Early Morning Prayer in chapel

Friday 1st June

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Sunday 3rd June

I am the true vine

Ephesians 4:11-16 & John 15:1-17

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

7pm - Celebration service

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



Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Manchester Anniversary – Pray for the survivors and the bereaved. Pray that the local churches can add a further, integrated dimension of caring, open to all.

Who Cares? – It's the anniversary of the Who Cares? mission. Pray we will be ready to listen to expressions of grief, loss, and pain, and that the Holy Spirit will help us point to a God of justice, life, relationship beyond the grave, and a purpose that endures for every one of us.

Africa – Pray for Isabelle Wright and the group she goes out with to Uganda in July. Pray for Ali, at Starfish Malawi, helping Africa by teaching 'one child at a time.'

Bethany – Give thanks for answered prayer. Pray for an operation soon and that her feet could heal ready for the next academic year.

Pippa – Give thanks for answered prayers. Pippa needs no further treatment, except for check-ups.

Continuing

Summer Outreach – Pray for our awesome God to bless an endless list. Pray for planning and preparations for Village Picnic, COGS Club, Holiday at Home, and all the youth activities after exams. Pray that our outreach will result in people encountering God in life-transforming ways, pray for boldness to speak about Jesus whenever prompted..

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.

WANTED!

Your second-hand books for our traditional bookstall at the village picnic. Here's your chance to clear your shelves of surplus books, and enable us to raise money for our chosen charities: Alton Foodbank and Karamoja

We are happy to store the books in our garage until the picnic on Sunday 24th June, so please contact us as soon as possible, by e-mail (davidcraigen@gmail.com) or 'phone (564152), to agree delivery/collection timings, or just knock on the door if you're passing (111 Blackberry Lane, Four Marks).

Paperbacks always sell well, but attractive hardbacks and children's books are also welcome. We're sure you appreciate that we'd rather not be given "dusty ancestral tomes from the family library" which will only end up having to be passed on to charity shops or the tip, after the picnic – so please use your judgement on this aspect. But do please take this opportunity to have a clear out and help us in our money-raising! Many thanks.

David and Elizabeth Craigen



PHOTO OF PLANE FLYING BANNER TO SCOTTISH CUP FINAL LAST WEEK

FURTHER FLIGHTS: PLEASE PRAY

27th May: **Warwick Castle** and **Coventry Memorial Park: BBC music with radio 2 and 3**

28th May: **Surrey County Show**

Bank Holiday week **Flights to start in Cornwall.**

Thank you to all those who are helping us.

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flyjesus.co.uk

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Help Needed in creche

The crèche is in desperate need of new volunteers to go on the rota. We have lost four of the regular helpers which puts a heavy burden on those left. It only requires a commitment of every four or six weeks. If you are happy to work with small children and babies and are interested in serving the church in this way, the more help we have the less strain on the smaller band of those already involved. If you would like to know more or would be interested, please contact Matt in the church office.

Coffee Lids

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

Thank you. Elaine King-Smith

Jonathan Rooke
has been
accepted for
ordination
training,
expecting to be
ordained in 2020.



Bumps & Babies

Mondays

Starting 4th June 2018

Bumps and babies welcomes expectant and new parents with babies aged under 1 year, older siblings welcome. Join us in the church hall from

10am - 12 noon.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks, GU345AA.

For more information contact

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Cell Notes – 27th May 2018

I am the way, and the truth, and the life

Our main passage this week is John 14:1-14, but first read John 13:33-38.

What is the context set by John 13? Why is Jesus saying what we read in John 14 to his disciples at this point in time?

For me the end of John 13 is Jesus leave-taking. He is going and they cannot come with him. Have you ever been in a truly awesome team, or friendship group, and been there at the point when you realise it is about to disband? Or when an awe inspiring leader is about to move on? Well like that - but worse!

And it is into that devastation, that emptiness that Jesus speaks the words of John 14. Read them now.

These words are words of comfort and assurance. Spoken to the emotionally devastated, to the lost, to the disappointed, to the confused, the distressed, those feeling helpless in themselves. And the message can be summed up in two words - TRUST ME - said 5 or 6 different ways, but the same message. How many ways do you see Jesus saying 'TRUST ME' in the passage.

Is there anything in this passage for you? Any way in which you are a bit like the disciples at the end of Ch 13 - if so is there any comfort in any of the promises of Jesus' assurances that you can trust him:

You're never adrift and homeless - there is a place for you.

You're never lost - there is a way.

You're not alone - the Father is close by.

You're never without help - Jesus is still powerful.

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 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

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.”

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