



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

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on the website

1st July 2018

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to the Village Picnic this year. It was great to see so many COGS people getting together to put on such a great event for our village. Hopefully everyone who came saw God's love in action and went away with a little more knowledge of how much he loves them. So many individual people work hard in the run up to the Picnic and it wouldn't run as smoothly without them. So thank you everyone.



Thank you to everyone who donated books or bought books from the bookstall at the Village Picnic. The takings, together with a most generous donation from Maria's Ice Creams, have enabled us to donate, on behalf of COGS, £135 to both the Alton Foodbank and Karamoja.

The unsold books will be given to local charity shops.

Please note that there is no 11.30am cell church this Sunday. Apologies for the inconvenience.

The Week Ahead

Sunday 1st July

A Grace-full People

Ephesians 2:4-10 & John 8:1-11

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.30am - Cell Church in the church hall

7pm - Celebration service

Monday 2nd July

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps and Babies in the church hall

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 3rd July

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

2pm - Holiday at Home meeting in church

7pm - Youth vision meeting in church hall

Wednesday 4th July

11am - Coffee & Communion in church hall

Thursday 5th July

9.30am - Ladies cell in upper room and church hall

12.30pm - Toddler Lunch in the church hall

Friday 6th July

8am - Prayer in the chapel

2.30pm - Freedom in Christ at the Buckleys'

Sunday 8th July

A Generous People

1 Corinthians 9:19-27 & John 3:11-17

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.30am - Cell Church in the church hall

7pm - Celebration service

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Fly Jesus - Thank God for the amazing cooperation of agencies and individuals to fulfil Tina's vision. Pray for safety and for the Spirit to work through the caption for those who see it.

Go with the flow - It can be easier to go with the flow than question our lifestyles. Pray for the Boundaries workshops and Stress reduction course planned.

Making a contribution - We see God highlight needs, start a creative means of meeting the need and provide the resources. Pray for volunteers, making a contribution to the body of Christ.

New ventures - There is lots going on. Pray for Bumps and Babies, for relationships to form and endure. Pray for people who will listen to joys, sorrows and surprises.

Care Homes - Pray for the teams visiting Belford and Westlands.

Continuing

William - Pray that William's bone infection will be cleared up by his antibiotics and for the further tests when the antibiotics are finished. Continue to pray for his healing.

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

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.

Mother's Help Needed

"We have just had our 4th child, and we are on the hunt for a 'Mother's Help'. The role would be helping me with the children after school, playing with them, helping with supper and bath time, and general around the house.

The hours we need are

Mon-Fri: 3.45-6.30pm

And ideally we'd love longer days on Mon&Tues (12pm-6.30pm) but that is not essential.

We live at Preshaw, SO32 1SU.

If interested please contact Julia, j.c.wright@hotmail.co.uk, 01962 771166"



flyjesus

We thank The Lord for wonderful flying weather!

Banner flown Royal Norfolk 28th June

Sightings picked up on Twitter in Thorpe.

(update sent to COGS on Friday a.m.), banner flies Friday 29th p.m. to

Southport, Formby, Hoylake, Point of Ayr, Prestatyn, Ryhl, Abergele, Colwyn Bay and Llandudno.

Llandudno is facilitating the main celebration for the UK Armed Forces Day on 30th June.

250,000 people are expected. It is anticipated most will arrive early.

NEXT FLIGHTS

TRNSMT FESTIVAL, GLASGOW 8th July

MAIN BEACHES IN CORNWALL...during week 1st -8th July

YOUR PRAYERS NEEDED PLEASE

website and Facebook flyjesus.co.uk

Alton Foodbank is CoGS Mission of the Month for July. During the month to come could we encourage you to please add just one extra item to your shopping trolley as a donation? The collection box for any donations is in the corner of the church under the Mission Board. At this time we especially need...jam! All other donations of any kind would also be really appreciated.



A great big 'Thank You!' to all at the Church of the Good Shepherd for your continued prayers for the work of Alton Foodbank and for your amazing ongoing support and generous donations. The need is still a very real one.

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

Help Needed...

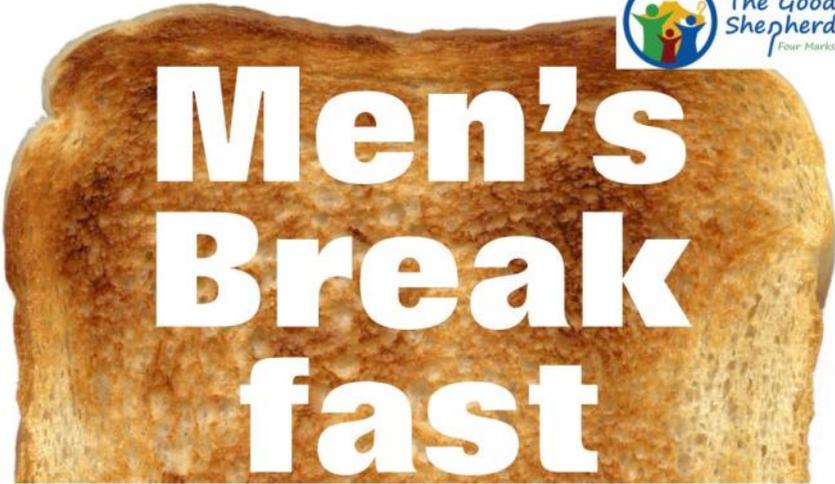
...in creche

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 Jane Hughes.

...with Christian Aid

If anybody would be interested in representing Christian Aid at COGS, most notably by facilitating the fundraising efforts during Christian Aid Week (we sent Christian Aid £1,098.65 following this year's CAW), please contact Matt in the office.

Prayer Clinics, offered by Sue and Alan or Colette and Roger, are always available by appointment. Anyone who would find this helpful to contact Matt in the office



8am, Saturday 21st July

**Church of the Good Shepherd
Breakfast for the men of COGS
'Getting into the Word of God'**

**Will include
information about**



For more info or to confirm attendance contact:

peter.c.cox@gmail.com





Information about this course is on the website, including a Q&A with course leader, David Bush.

Why not register interest in a place on one of the upcoming orientation/information sessions, and see if this might be for you:

12th July 19.30-20.30 | 13th July 09.30–10.30 | 6th Sep 19.30-20.30

Summer is nearly here and so we are excited to announce another Holiday at Home for all our lovely over 60's in the community from Monday 30th July to Wednesday 1 August.

Invites to clients will be going out soon but in the meantime we need some more helpers for any amount of time you can "donate".

This can be to do anything - chatting, greeting, transport, refreshments , what ever God has called you to do .

If you want to know more please contact Frank Maloney on 01420 560691 or Matt Senior on 01420 560622

Holiday at Home invites are in the porch.



Cell Notes – 1st July 2018 | A Grace-full People

Read John 7 v 45 to 8 v 11

Why do you think that the man who was also caught was not brought before Jesus?

Why do you think that Jesus stooped down to write in the sand? Did he need a few minutes to work out what he was going to do?

Let he who is without sin cast the first stone. How do you think these men felt as Jesus uttered these words?

One by one the men dropped their stones and left. What do you think the woman felt as gradually the crowd dispersed?

Jesus said neither do I condemn you. Go and leave your life of sin. How would you imagine the woman would have changed her behaviour?

Are you able to share any personal stories about being forgiven and how this has changed your life?

If you have time read the parable of the Prodigal Son Luke 15 v 11-32

What does this tell us about God's grace and his love for us.

We've run out of people! Can you help with serving teas and coffees after the 9.30am service on the following dates (5th Sundays): 29th July, 30th September and 30th December? If you can help, please contact Thelma or Dennis Thomas on thelma.thomas@virgin.net or 01420-564321. And maybe, if you like the role, we could encourage you to join the team rota for 2019.



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

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 - July

Alton Foodbank



Thirteen million people live below the poverty line in the UK, with individuals going hungry every day for a range of reasons, from benefit delays to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. The Trussell Trust's 400-strong network of foodbanks provides a minimum of three days' emergency food and support to people experiencing crisis in the UK. In 2017/18, we gave 1,332,952 three day emergency food supplies to people in crisis.

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