



The Good  
Shepherd  
Four Marks

[www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk](http://www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk)

Our church diary is available to view  
on the website

2nd September 2018



## COGS BBQ

**TODAY!**

For the church family

2nd September 2018

In front of Scout Hut, 1pm

Contact Jane for more  
information

We plan to run a **new** course for **MEN ONLY** from  
19 September 2018 at 7:45 p.m. **Wednesday** evenings  
in church, led by Roger Buckley & Nigel Pink.



The well known discipleship course comprises 10 sessions and has  
been **completely revised & updated** with four teachers recorded on DVD. In addition  
there will be the 'prayer response' *Steps to Freedom in Christ*.

For more information see the church website and there are **brochures** and **invites**  
showing all dates, in the church **porch**.

Also – <http://www.ficm.org.uk/fic-course>

Contact Roger Buckley – 01420 590089 or  
Church office – 01420 560622 / [cogsoffice@googlemail.com](mailto:cogsoffice@googlemail.com)

**Fresh Start** helps people to break free from life-controlling habits such as  
smoking, gambling, eating disorders, internet or social media addiction, shopping  
addiction, pornography, binge drinking, soft drugs, etc. It's a free 8-week course  
pioneered by CAP, based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery  
process. For more information, see [www.capuk.org/i-want-help/our-services/fresh-start/find-your-local-fresh-start-group](http://www.capuk.org/i-want-help/our-services/fresh-start/find-your-local-fresh-start-group) It starts on Monday 10th September, at Alton  
Maltings Centre (Shaftesbury Room), from 7:30 to 9pm - or come at 7pm for a free  
meal. It will be led by 4 trained Fresh Start coaches: Mark and Ruth Rumsby, Nigel  
Pink and Claire Sendall. If you want to be free of a controlling habit, join the **Fresh  
Start** course. It's completely confidential. Leaflets and invitation cards are available  
at the Maltings Centre, Alton Community Centre, Library, and Church of the Good  
Shepherd. To register for the course, call Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email  
[alton@capuk.org](mailto:alton@capuk.org). Places are limited.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday 2nd September

#### Responding to God's Love

**Ephesians 3:16-21 & John 15:9-17**

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

**1pm - Church BBQ outside the Scout Hut**

7pm - Celebration service with communion

### Monday 3rd September | Office Closed

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in church hall

### Tuesday 4th September

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

### Wednesday 5th September

11am - Coffee & Communion in church hall

### Thursday 6th September

9.30am - Ladies cell in church hall/upper room

7.30pm - Mindfulness information evening in church hall

### Friday 7th September

8am - Prayer in the chapel

### Saturday 8th September

**4pm - Messy Church**



### Sunday 9th September

#### A God-Focussed People

**Colossians 3:1-17 & John 5:19-30**

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Baptism service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

7pm - Celebration service

## Caring in Prayer

### New/Updated

Uni Freshers - Pray for those starting university this autumn. Pray for those you know beginning their study and for parents experiencing the 'empty nest.' Pray for any stresses and strains experienced.

Church BBQ - Pray for today's BBQ. Pray that any newer people, particularly, will feel welcome and get to know us.

COGS Club - Give thanks for this week's COGS Club. Pray that what the children heard, sang, and experienced will stick with them.

Karamoja - Pray for this region of Uganda. Pray for those living in poverty and hunger and pray for the work of the churches in Karamoja.

### Continuing

William - Diagnosed with polyarthritis and on steroids. Will return to hospital in a few weeks time. Continue to ask for the Lord's healing.

Bethany - Thank the Lord for answered prayer. She has a date for her first operation in early October. Pray for all concerned.

Growing - Thank God for those in the church who teach or facilitate learning. Pray for the Freedom in Christ course and the Mindfulness course coming in September.

A New Thing - Pray for those who have moved to new areas and those about to move. Pray also for Ali Beckett in Malawi.

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

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](mailto: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*

SAVE THE DATE

## Worship Matters!



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm

*Come and join members of our Worship Team for an informal evening of worship and praise. Bring an instrument if you have one – all abilities welcome!*

For more information, please speak to Chris McGrath

01420 564418 / 07754 804786 /

[chrismcgrath175@gmail.com](mailto:chrismcgrath175@gmail.com)



### Could you help on the Audio/Visual Desk?

We are looking for one or two more volunteers to help on the sound desk at our morning service, and with Sound/Easy Worship at the evening service.

If this is an area that you feel God could be calling you to serve, please contact me and/or come along to the Worship Matters evening, where someone will be happy to show you how it all works! Thank you!

**Please note the office is closed on  
Monday 3rd September**



**Great news came in from various festivals.**

Festival Angels at Leeds said when the banner went round, tens of thousands had queued to get into the main arena and some started to chant, JESUS LOVES EVERY 1 of U. It opened up many conversations.

A lot has come through directly from individuals, on the ground and social media. The Cornish pilot said that now, when he goes over some beaches with the banner, people start to wave and he leans out of his plane and waves back!

What a great response!

Portsmouth Festival flight was cancelled due to bad weather. We have replaced it with two flights instead of one at the Bournemouth Show which as we go to print have not taken place yet.



**Bournemouth Air Show, Friday and Saturday between 11.00 and 11.45a.m just before the airshow starts at 12.00**

**The pilot will come in just before the Red Arrows on Saturday. If weather is bad it will be done on the Sunday at the same time.**

**Godiva Festival Saturday 1st, September  
MAIN CORNWALL BEACHES  
Great North Run 9th September  
Westmorland Show 13th September**



**Please pray for good weather, safety and hearts of the people that see the message.  
Thank you for your support.**



**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 an upcoming orientation/information session, and see if this might be for you:  
6th Sep 19.30-20.30**

**Illumination, Winchester Cathedral Flower Festival  
5-9 September 2018**

**Beautiful floral displays Inspired by the magnificent Winchester Bible, the largest and finest surviving 12<sup>th</sup> century English Bible**

**Contact Elaine Moore 01962 772667 if you would like a lift**

## A Care for the Family event for Christian Women

What does Freedom really look like?

“Join us at Free To Be where we’ll explore how we can see ourselves from God’s perspective and get a clearer vision for what God had in mind when He uniquely created ‘me.’

cff.org.uk/freetobe  
Portsmouth - Thursday  
11th October, City Life Church, PO3 6JH



# Simeon Wood

Church of the Good Shepherd  
Four Marks

Lymington Bottom  
Alton GU34 5AA

Friday 21  
September  
7.30pm

“Exceptional Multi-instrumentalist”



“Very funny & hugely entertaining, a great night out”

“A show filled with music and laughter”

Tickets £10  
Under 16s free  
Includes refreshments  
From COGS Church Office  
Matt - Tel: 01420 560622  
E: cogsoffice@googlemail.com  
or Alan Thain Tel: 01420 85185



“Simply breathtaking”

www.simeonwood.com

**We have some spaces in our kids church team!** We have such fun following the church teaching series in a kid-friendly way which often includes games, experiments, crafts and interactive prayers.

Team members are generally on the rota one in every three weeks and are needed from roughly 9am – 11.15am to set up & pray, run kids church and then clear away.

- Age 3-5: Helper wanted
- Age 5-8: Helper wanted
- Age 8-11: Leader and Helper wanted

As a leader you will be given material which is easy to follow. As a helper all the prep you need is prayer, then simply come along to interact with the kids and assist the leader in whatever way is appropriate.  
Please talk to Lorna if you're interested.

## HELP NEEDED

More drivers are urgently needed to provide lifts for our Over 60's on one Wednesday every month for our **TEA and CHAT with BOWLS**.

Please can you help or do you know of anyone else who could help? Do you know anyone who would like to attend?

Please spread the word and contact John Yeadon.

Telephone 01420 563972 or 07817090256

### Four Marks Care Your Voluntary Transport Group 'Helping the Community'

Four Marks Care needs a Secretary to support the group. Past secretarial experience a distinct advantage. Full training given - more devolved responsibility to executive committee! Job description available, please contact Rod Rymer (562762) or Viv Case (562518) for more information.



### Ride & Stride

*Over 400 churches and chapels in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be open on 8 September eager to be visited by Riders & Striders. Sponsor forms and more information is available from [rideandstride@hihct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@hihct.org.uk) Any questions to Chris King-Smith [c.kingsmith@btinternet.com](mailto:c.kingsmith@btinternet.com)*



### Singing For You



**at The Church of The Good Shepherd,  
Lymington Bottom, Four Marks,  
GU34 5AA**

**7.30 pm, Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Tickets £12 from Roger Douglas  
([rapdoug\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rapdoug_uk@yahoo.co.uk))**

## Small Group notes for 2nd September | Responding to God's Love

We are responding to God's love. It is the reason we exist as a church and the reason we do the things we do.

We need to grasp God's love: Read Ephesians 3:16-21.

We were dead, lost without hope until Christ rescued us, through excruciating pain and selfless sacrifice – Jesus himself comes responding to God's love. We can do nothing to help ourselves, and there was nothing worth saving – yes, I do mean this, anything good in me is from God anyway – but God still loves us! Read John 3:16 and 1 John 4:16-20.

- Using words (a poem/psalm) or pictures – try to capture something of the love of God

Paul was passionate about us growing in understanding of the infinite nature of God's love.

- Do we share this same passion for knowing God's love?
- How can we grow in our passion?

If we are living in response to God's love, it is not about us! It is not about our preferences or wants. We may be much blessed in it, but it is all about God, moving toward him and for him.

- What does God want? Read, John 15:9-17 and Galatians 5:16-26.
- We do much as individuals and as a church family which is in response to God's love – can you name some things?
  - Are there things missing from our own lives or our church family life?

God is motivated by love. He lives in response to his love! His love is such that he calls all of creation back to himself. He invites us to join in with this call. See Matthew 28:18-20. God wants others to know about his love and we do much already in response to this.

- Pray, giving thanks for all that already happens, pray that we might grow in our understanding of God's love and that we might be given opportunities this week to share his love, and be increasingly effective in communicating it.

## 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).



## Ministers: All of Us Together

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Email: lornarandall812@hotmail.com

**Family Worker: Jane Hughes**  
Tel: 07711 407831  
Email: Jane\_COGS@btinternet.com

**Church Office: Matt Senior**  
Tel: 01420 560622  
Email: cogsoffice@googlemail.com

***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 - September

The poorest part of Uganda suffering from marginalisation.

Pray for;

All the karimojong people;

Their government to recognise and help them;

Continued Peace and stability; The DTC students;

Improved communications with the UK;

The Alton Deanery Committee.