



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

23rd September 2018

Harvest Tea & Praise

This popular service will again be held on

Sunday 7th October at 3pm

It will have traditional Harvest Hymns

all followed by delicious cakes and refreshments.

Please invite your neighbours and friends and bring them along.

Lifts can be arranged. We look forward to seeing many of you.

Please contact Gilly Cobb (01420 544404) or Debbie Norgate (01420 84534) . Or John Yeadon (01420 563972) for lifts if required.



If anyone is able to help with providing cakes and savouries or help serve on the day, please speak to Anne Shaw.

If you are able to help with lifts, please speak to John Yeadon



THIS WEEK

Worship Matters!

Friday 28th 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



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!

The Week Ahead

Sunday 23rd September

Full of Joy

Romans 15:5-13 & Luke 15:1-7

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age communion service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

7pm - Celebration service

Monday 24th September

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 25th September

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

Wednesday 26th September

7pm - Regroup in the church and church hall

7.45pm - Freedom in Christ in the upper room

Thursday 27th September

930am - Ladies cell in the church hall/upper room

7.30pm - Mindfulness Course in church hall

Friday 28th September

8am - Prayer in the chapel

9.30am - Mindfulness Course in church hall

7.30pm - Worship Matters in the church

Sunday 30th September

Full of Hope

1 Peter 1:3-10 & Mark 16:15-20

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

7pm - Celebration service

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Community - Praise God for opportunities to show God's love to the community.

Pray especially for the Belford House visiting team, as they explore with management how to contribute holistically to residents' lives

Malawi - Praise God for Ali's holiday club in the summer for nursery children, as well as the safe arrival of supplies. Pray for a planned after school club for new pupils..

Funeral - Praise God for Rhonda's funeral; for the good attendance, family tributes, good weather, banquet of food, beautiful flowers and prolonged conversations.

Continuing

Harvest Praise - Pray for those who come, that the service will inspire thankfulness for what we have and generosity for those who struggle.

Growing - Thank God for those in the church who teach or facilitate learning. Pray for our new series to be understandable, motivational and inspirational.

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.

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) 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

Prayer Meeting

There will be a Prayer Meeting at the Church on the evening of 16th October. Please make a note in your diaries. More details to follow.

Westlands Care home would like to invite you to their Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on the 28th of September at 2pm, everyone is welcome so please feel free to bring friends and family.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Church Treasurer

After 9 and 11 years respectively, Rich Gillard and Tim Wettone are stepping down from the superb jobs they have been doing overseeing our church finances. We firstly want to say thank you to them for their exceptional service to us, and secondly to encourage us all to pray both for them as they move onto new things, and for ourselves as we seek a new treasurer.

We continue to need another church warden to support Lynn and Howard and now additionally, need one person to be our church treasurer, though the tasks can be shared with others. The key tasks are the setting and overseeing, with our PCC, of our budget, the management of payments and receipts, and, the collection of gift aid and payroll. If you'd like to know more, please do speak to Howard, Lynn, Rich or Tim – the latter are offering a valuable handover period.

Village Hall Consultation

The Parish Council is considering how the village hall suits the community's needs. This is a public drop in session at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 26th September from 1600 to 2000**, for anyone to come and talk to a Parish Councillor or member of the working party, and ask questions on any of the options, or explain further on the advantages or disadvantages.

email your comments to consultation@fourmarksvillage.co.uk

Complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/JR6QC87>

MAIN CORNWALL BEACHES

The pilot completed his mission when lots of people were out and about. He enjoyed doing these flights.

Great North Run

Tweets were picked up from the starting line and we received a message from someone who heard a testimony, at church, given by someone who had seen the banner as they went over the finishing line. We need to make contact with the person to get permission to publish what they said.

Westmorland Show

The weather was difficult but the pilot was able to do 5 or 6 laps at the show.

An email from someone said her colleagues at work, looked out of the window and said...Oh look, Jesus is going past.

It is great the message is seen on the way to and from these events.

This weekend

Blackpool, Lytham St. Annes and Southport

We are only doing the secular but

this coincides with The Festival of Hope in Blackpool Winter Garden, with Franklyn Graham (Billy Graham's son) speaking.

Please include this outreach in your prayers.

Please pray for good weather, safety and the hearts of the people who see the message.

Thank you for your support.

The logo for 'flyjesus' features the word 'flyjesus' in a lowercase, sans-serif font. 'fly' is in yellow and 'jesus' is in white, both set against a purple rectangular background.

Loving Christmas Shoebox Gifts for Romania

A huge thank you to all of you that lovingly created a shoe box Christmas gift last Christmas. The boxes were so gratefully received.

We have again an opportunity to bless and love those far less fortunate than ourselves.

Leaflets are available on the back table that gives guidance of what to do and gift ideas. Sunday 28th October will be the final receiving date of Shoeboxes. Thank you

Any questions, please contact: Val Lucas 01420 561139

or Di Loosemore 01420 563793

Luminosa 'Come & Sing'

Sunday 7th October, Alton
Maltings, 1pm

Singers of all standards from Alton and surrounding areas are warmly invited to come and take part in this fun, stimulating afternoon. We are extremely fortunate to be able to welcome Director of the BBC Symphony Chorus, Neil Ferris, to direct and conduct our Come & Sing event.

Choir and guests will rehearse and perform Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and the Faure Requiem at Alton Maltings.

The rehearsal will take place from 1-5pm, with an informal concert following at 6pm.

Tickets: £15 for Singers (hire music and refreshments included) / £5 for Audience

Contact Box Office for tickets or further

details: boxoffice@luminosamusic.com

Message from Ali

Thank you everybody for your prayers and kindness. Summer club was a great success and now we are onto the next phase of offering these same children an after school learning club, 3 days each week. So far...so good!

The container has arrived...thank you so much for everything you gave. It is a bit like Christmas as I open boxes of pencils, scissors, reading books, dolls, balloons, balls, etc, etc. The children also say thank you very much. (Zikomo kwanberi). Love and Mulungu Akudailetseni (God bless), Ali



If anyone would like to contribute towards the Alton Foodbank via our Harvest services, please would you put your donation in the crate in the Mission Corner on or before Saturday morning 6th October. The Foodbank is short of the following items at the moment: fruit juice, tinned spaghetti, rice, pasta sauce, potatoes (tinned or instant), coffee, custard, sponge puddings.



Men's Pub Quiz

Saturday 20th October, 8pm

at the Church of the
Good Shepherd

with guest speaker from CVM



Free Entry and free drinks

Prizes for the winning team

All men are welcome.

To confirm attendance or for further info:

peter.c.cox@gmail.com



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

Please Note the **Festival Committee** meeting, open to the village previously scheduled for 24th September, has been postponed. It will now take place **Monday 15th October at 7pm**. If anyone is interested in becoming part of the Festival Committee (currently without chair treasurer), please speak to Howard or come along to the meeting.



Rushmoor Male Voice Choir

Singing For You

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

7.30 pm, Saturday October 27th

**Tickets £12 from Roger Douglas
(rapdoug_uk@yahoo.co.uk)**

in aid of:

The churches supported by COGS in drought-stricken Karamoja, Uganda.	Action Duchenne's work with life-limiting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.
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Small Group notes for 23rd September | Joy-Full

As a church family our reason for being is: *Responding to God's Love*. And *'To fulfil our vision, our mission and become like Jesus, we are aiming to be a God-focused people full of: Grace, Joy, Hope and Generosity.'*

Read: Romans 15:5-13 and Luke 15:1-7

Oswald Chambers once said, "The Bible nowhere speaks about a "happy' Christian; it talks plentifully of joy. Happiness depends on things that happen and may sometimes be an insult: joyfulness is never touched by external conditions, and a joyful heart is never an insult." See James 1:2-4.

- How would you define joy?

The finding of the lost (Luke 15 – coin, sheep, son) is accompanied with great joy.

- Reflect on your own being found and current salvation – what about this brings joy? (1 Peter 1:8-9)

- How do we express this joy naturally?

The early Christians found great joy in being associated with Jesus, even if only in his sufferings (See Acts 5:41, Hebrews 12:2, James 1:2-4 and others). They found joy in the glorious hope that awaited them (2 Corinthians 4:16-18), and they knew joy, as part of the Spirit's fruit (Galatians 5:22).

- What stops us living joyfully?

- How can we live more joyfully? (See also: Psalm 137:4-6; Philippians 4:4)

We must be careful in our pursuit of Jesus and His joy not to simply 'put on brave face' or 'false smile' becoming insensitive to the pain and sadness of this world. We are in a world full of groans (Romans 8:22-23) and there are times when we mourn with those who mourn (Romans 12:15), 'a joyful heart is never an insult'.

- How can we live more joyfully as church, whilst being honest about the struggles of life?

- Give thanks to God for all the many ways in which we are a joyful people and pray that we might be increasingly known as a joyful church family, one that brings joy to our communities.

Four Marks Care - Your Voluntary Transport Group

'Helping the Community'

Four Marks Care needs someone to provide secretarial support to the committee.

Join a friendly, supportive group who will help you become a valued member of the team.

Please contact: Rod Rymer 01420 562762

Or Viv Care 01420 562518



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 - September

The poorest part of Uganda suffering from marginalisation.

Pray for;

All the Karamojong people;

Their government to recognise and help them;

Continued Peace and stability; The DTC students;

Improved communications with the UK;

The Alton Deanery Committee.