



The Good Shepherd
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

30th 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



Harvest Collection

With our harvest services taking place next week (Sunday 7th October), all money collected next week will be given to the Foodbank. The foodbank helps local people in crisis.

If you are not with us on Sunday, a further opportunity to donate will take place on Sunday 14th October - please mark any donations for foodbank, for them to be included in our harvest collection.

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.



The Week Ahead

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

Monday 1st October

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps and Babies in the church hall

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 2nd October

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

8pm - Cell Leaders' Meeting in the church hall

Wednesday 3rd October

11am - Coffee & Communion

7.45pm - Freedom in Christ in the upper room

Thursday 4th October

9.30am - Ladies cell in church hall/upper room

12.30pm - Toddler Lunch in church hall

7.30pm - Mindfulness Course in church hall

Friday 5th October

8am - Prayer in the chapel

9.30am - Mindfulness Course in church hall

Sunday 7th September

Full of Generosity

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 & Mark 10:17 – 27/John 3:13-21

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in church hall

3pm - Harvest Tea & Praise

7pm - Celebration service with communion

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Teaching - Keep praying for teaching currently going on. Ask the Holy Spirit to help teachers to "give out" and participants to "take in". Current courses (Men's FIC and Stress Reduction) require stamina. Thank God for recent sermons.

Community - Please remember Church activities next week, especially Coffee and Communion (3/10) and pray for Worship Matters this Friday evening, 28th September.

AMEN - Pray for AMEN as it works to support Christian ministries in developing countries. Pray for all those currently preparing shoeboxes for Romania. Pray for the families that will receive them.

Continuing

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

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.

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.

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.

Calling All Children's Society House Boxes

It is that time of year again when they need to be collected in and counted up. Please hand in your boxes over the coming weeks with the deadline of the end of October.

I am also looking for someone to take over the coordination of this for next year. If you are interested, please speak to either myself to Matt Senior in the Church Office.

Thanks very much, Julie Boulton

Thank you all for your wonderful support for flyjesus.

Without everyone helping and praying, the mission of reaching our nation with 'Jesus loves every 1 of u' could not have happened.



God has done many miracles and reached many people. We will be giving you a complete update in two or three weeks time, together with what we believe God is saying about next year.

Until that time, please keep praying.

We have a great God! Nothing is too hard for Him. We live in exciting times!



Please note Matt will be out of the office for the week beginning the 8th October. If you have notices for the sheet, please send them in advance.



Talks for Remembrance

An invitation to everyone in the season of Remembrance Refreshments, speaker, discussion, prayer and worship

Thursday 1st November
Thursday 8th November
Thursday 15th November

Alton Methodist Church
Draymans Way
Alton
GU34 1LG

7.30 - 9.00pm

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

An example box can be seen on the media desk
and by the mission board



Understanding Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

Event for anyone wanting to learn
more about how ADHD affects children

Sunday 25th November 2018
3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Break in the middle for tea and cake

Held at: The Butts School
Bolle road, Alton, GU34 1PW

Session led by Gill Jacobs,
Paediatric Occupational Therapist

Please let Gill know if you plan to attend: gill.got@gmail.com

Sponsored by  **the butts church**

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

On Friday 5th October, at 9pm BBC2, there is a documentary about the CAP debt service. It's called 'The Debt Saviours' and features three clients whose lives have been transformed. It pulls no punches about Christian witness and the gospel message CAP brings (as the founder of CAP, John Kirkby, says, 'you can't have our good deeds without our good news!'). This is a very rare opportunity for that Christian witness - good deeds and good news - to be featured on prime-time mainstream television. Tell your friends and relatives about it, especially those that have yet to know Jesus as Christ.



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



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



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.



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 30th September | Full of Hope

We are a people known for our hope, optimistic, with a faith that propels us forwards. We expect God to be at work in our lives today and always. What is your experience of hope 'at work'? How do you understand hope? Think about a time in your life when things weren't working out so well. (And please avoid dictionaries.)

1. **Read 1 Peter 1:3-10.**

Pauls' focus here is on the resurrection. How is that important in relation to hope? How does it influence the way we live our faith?

What connection would you make between hope and trust? How might these influence our Christian witness? See **John 13:20**.

In what circumstances are you most and least comfortable sharing your faith, and why?

2. **Read Mark 16:15-20**

A paraphrase of this scripture might well be 'when we get on with being who we are in faith' we will come to no harm'. In what ways is that message important to hear today? Also see **John 13:35**.

3. Most of us are well disposed to others. But do you know what energises you to 'reach-out', to act when you encounter need? In what circumstances are we most likely to hold back rather than engage with it? Share what you can from experience.

In the week ahead: Ask God to mirror his hope for others in you; that you will reflect the same care, kindness, and teaching to those around you. Ask him to draw others to you and to give you courage to share with his goodness. Pray each day for someone you know (or suspect) lacks hope.

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.