



The Good Shepherd
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

7th October 2018

Harvest Tea & Praise

This popular service takes place today

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.



Harvest Collection

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

If you are not with us this 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.

Prayer meeting Tuesday 16th October

Dear church I hope you have this date in your diary.

The meeting will start at 7.45 and should finish around 9pm although if you need to leave earlier please feel free to do so. Trevor Burch will be leading the worship and Neil Vine and I will be leading different parts of the evening. We want the focus to be Jesus and there will be opportunity to speak out words of praise and thanksgiving as well as enjoy being in his presence. We also hope that people will feel able to share words or pictures that the Lord gives them.

As a way of preparing for the evening you might like to 'fast' during the day. That does not simply mean missing a meal or not eating chocolate for the day. It could mean missing your favourite daytime TV programme or walking instead of taking the car. If you are at work and you don't normally take your full lunchtime perhaps you should on that day.

Looking forward to seeing you on that evening.

Alan Thain (Ministry Leader Prayer)

The Week Ahead

Sunday 7th October

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

Monday 8th October

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Pop in for Prayer at 17 Fairfield Green

10am - Bumps and Babies in the church hall

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 9th October

7am - Early morning prayer in the chapel

Wednesday 10th October

10.30am - Westlands communion

7pm - Regroup in church and hall

7.45pm - Freedom in Christ in Upper Room

Thursday 11th October

9.45am - Ladies cell in church hall/upper room

1.30pm - School's Harvest Service

7.30pm - Mindfulness Course in church hall

Friday 12th October

8am - Prayer in the chapel

9.30am - Mindfulness Course in church hall

Saturday 13th October

4pm - Messy Church

Sunday 14th October

A Party Proclaimed

Revelation 21:1-8 & John 3:12-21

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

Ali - Continue praying for Ali's health and stamina. Pray for her employment permit. Pray for friendships in Salima.

Care Homes - Pray for the Westlands and Belford teams. Pray for a new way forward in Belford as the team seek to serve the spiritual needs of the residents.

Dates & Seasons - Pray for Messy Church, Tea & Bowls/Chat. Pray for our students who are at uni. Pray for encouragement for students from the parcels sent by one of our small groups.

Bethany - Pray for Bethany to be safe from infection following her operation.

Continuing

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

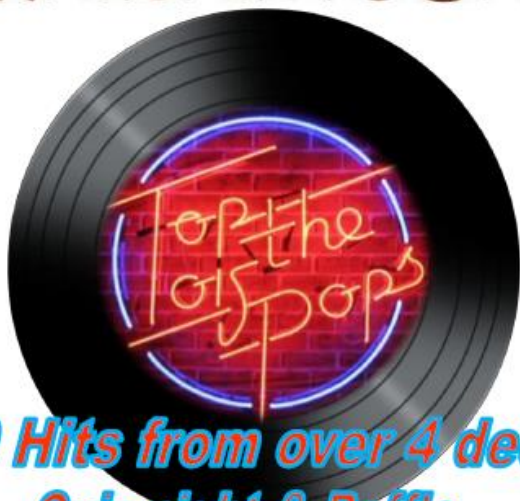
Thanks very much, Julie Boulton

**Please note that Matt is out of the office this week.
Apologies for any inconvenience.**

Name that hit record!

To raise funds for

KARAOKE



Top 20 Hits from over 4 decades!
Quiz night & Raffle

Bentworth Jubilee Hall
Friday November 9th 6.30pm for 7.00pm

Further details on poster in the porch

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.6ot@gmail.com

Sponsored by  the butts church

Lorna Simmonds

Lorna Simmonds, who will have been known to many of us having been a committed part of our church congregation for approximately 50 years, passed away at home on Saturday 29th September.

Funeral date to be arranged. Please pray for Lorna's family at this time.

Parish Magazine on Website and Contributions Please for the Next Magazine

The magazine is on the website and I encourage you to view it there.

Your contribution to the next magazine is invited and should reach

Robert Parker

(parker305@btinternet.com) not later than the 15th of the month.

Thank you.



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





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

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.**

Small Group notes for 7th October | Full of Generosity

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate and rejoice in the bounty of God, as well as a space to reflect on how we use that with which He has blessed us. We should be encouraged to use this celebration to consider not only what we should give, but also why. What should be the wellspring of our giving?

1) Share and celebrate with one another God's blessings on you, our Church and society. What are you thankful for?

The rich young ruler comes to Christ to ask for direction in achieving eternal life. In his question he reveals two fallacies regarding giving - firstly, that our possessions are our own and secondly, that through them we can in some way earn grace.

2) What are the potential consequences of these attitudes towards our possessions and in turn, how we give?

Look at the challenge given by Jesus to the rich young ruler - go, sell, give, follow - and the rich young ruler's response.

3) What are the challenges that (a) you as an individual, (b) we as COGS and (c) as the Christian Church face when considering giving?

Paul reminds us though that in giving we transform - we are transformed more into the likeness of Christ as we help in the transformation and blessing of others around us!

4) What areas of our church, community and / or society could be transformed for Christ through our giving? Think, discuss and pray for insight and opportunities to pray.

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).



Ministers: All of Us Together

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Tel: 01420 560622
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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 - October

Amen - Supporting Christian Ministries in Developing Countries



AMEN is a conduit for channelling resources to many overseas Christians working to make a difference in their own countries.

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