



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Our church diary is available to view
on the website

27th January 2019



We plan to run a **new** course from 13 February 2018
at 7:45 p.m. for 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.
We will be finished by 9:30 p.m.

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. There are **brochures** and will be **invites** showing all dates, in the church **porch**. If you are able to **host** please let us know.

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

Contact Roger & Colette Buckley – 01420 590089 or
Church office – 01420 560622 / cogsoffice@googlemail.com

A 10 WEEK LIFE-
CHANGING
DISCIPLESHIP
COURSE
FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

Are you 'Over 60's and young at
heart'?

We invite you join our Easter
Holiday at Home, our free day on
27th March, 10.30 to 3.00, including
a lunch.

Invitations cards are now available at
COGS or for more information call
01420 560622.

Holiday at Home

A holiday club for the over 60s!

Wednesday 27th March, 10.30am – 3.00pm

The Church of the Good Shepherd invites you to join them
to celebrate the Easter Season

For more information call 01420 560622



The Week Ahead

Sunday 27th January | Declare

1 Peter 2:4-12 & Matthew 5:13-20

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age service of the Word

11.00am –12.30pm - Cell church meeting at Nosh

7pm - Celebration service

Monday 28th January

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in church hall

Tuesday 29th January

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

7.45pm - Ministry Leaders at the vicarage

Thursday 31st January

9.45am - Ladies cell in upper room and church hall

12.30pm - Toddler Lunch in the church hall

Friday 1st February

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Sunday 3rd February | Free

1 Peter 2:13-25 & Matthew 6:19-24

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion service

11.30am - Cell church meeting in the chapel

7pm - Celebration service with communion and Bishop David

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Children/Youth - Pray for all Sunday and mid-week children's and youth groups. Pray for the Lord's anointing on every relationship for youth/kids.

Together in Prayer - Pray for Alan as he looks to gather the church together in prayer in quarterly meetings. Praise God for those who intercede.

Pastoral Care - Give thanks for the pastoral team and pray for their work. Pray for Debbie, Gilly, Beryl and others to be encouraged by God calling others to the team.

11.30am Cell Church - This new congregation requests our prayers for its development. Pray for this Sunday's visit to Nosh and their worship in public..

Continuing

Bethany Children's Trust - Pray for BCT who work for children at risk. Pray for their links in other countries, that nations will follow Jesus..

Bethany - Has now got an operation date (21/02). Pray that this does not change and that God directs everything.

Greg - Has been at hospital again. Pray for the Lord's guidance in his care.

Dave - We give thanks that Dave is getting stronger and is out of hospital and now convalescing at home. Please pray for continued recovery and that Dave and Sarah will trust in God's help .

Giving

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, David Craigen (01420 564152 or davidacraigen@gmail.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.

Good News! Interim Church Treasurer

We are delighted to announce that David Craigen has offered, and been appointed by PCC, to be our Acting Treasurer to oversee our finances in the interim. David took over from the 1st of January.

We want to publicly thank Richard for his 9 years as treasurer, for superbly overseeing our finances and providing excellent leadership for us.

While we remain very grateful for the continued assistance of Tim Wettone as the assistant treasurer, we are still in need of an urgent replacement, or for his role to be divided among more than one person.

Help needed:

If you'd be interested in being part of a team, helping with an aspect of our finances, such as payroll, expenses, managing gift aid, data entry, etc. Please let Matt know via the office or speak directly to David.

And please continue to pray as new processes are explored to ensure that we have a robust system and the right people in place as we move forwards.

Prayer

The dates for the church prayer meetings this year are 5 February, 7 May, 23 July and 22 October. These are all Tuesdays. The title of the first is 'Building a House of Prayer'. I hope to see many of you there.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is launching Thy Kingdom Come 2019. There is an equipping morning to be held on Thursday 31 January in Southampton from 9.30am to 1pm. If anyone is interested in attending please let me know asap as we need to book spaces.



Alan

Festivals

Looking to book your summer holiday? Wanting to try a festival? A group of us are going to both the Wildfires festival in May and New Wine united 19 in July we would love you to join us.



Wildfires

“5 days of festival fun including Big Church day out for all ages. With friends from different churches and networks coming together to encounter God, make friendship and be sent out like a wildfire to our towns and cities” Wiston Estate, West Sussex.

For more information -

wildfiresfestival.com

For the COGS group booking and discount, click [here](#).



New Wine United 19

“Stories rewritten, lives transformed, communities empowered, to change the nation.” Week one (27 July - 2 August) in Peterborough.

For more information - new-wine.org

For more information about Wildfires or New Wine, speak to Jane Hughes.

Bishop's Visit

Sunday 3rd February, 7pm

Bishop David (the Bishop of Basingstoke) will be joining us for our 7pm service on Sunday 3rd February. Do come, if you are able, and hear what he has to say.



Cell Church at Nosh - Today!

The 11.30am cell church will be gathering at Nosh on Sunday 27th January. Please pray for this congregation and for this gathering, for them to be able to develop and reach out to new people as they do this.

Ali Beckett

At Ali Beckett's recent Malawi evening, a collection was taken. Thanks to your generosity £382.50 is being given to Ali to support her and her work.

Collection of items

"I will be going back to Malawi in February and wondered if you would like to help me collect some more resources for the four nursery classes where I work. If you can help in any way, I would be so grateful.

I need the following:

Coloured wooden play bricks

Duplo

Wooden train tracks and trains

Magnetic letters

Magnetic numbers

Scrabble and rummikub tiles

Simple puzzles

Shapes - 3D and 2D

Flashcards - letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colours

Large coloured beads for sequence threading and threading laces

Bottles of paint

Paint brushes

A3 coloured sugar paper

Coloured ink pads

A4 and A5 packs of card and paper (plain and coloured)

Children's books for 2 to 6-year-olds in good condition

I will place a box in the church porch and also in the office for your items.

The final date for collection is Sunday February 10th.

Thank you so much

Ali Beckett | ali.beckett60@gmail.com



FlyJesus

We are very sad to hear the heart-breaking news that the main pilot, Simon Moores, for FlyJesus was killed in an air crash. Amazingly, seeds of faith seemed to grow during the flights. He even said on one of his tweets that he was on God's mission. Praise the Lord for his life. Praise God that he took the message of Jesus to millions in the last year before his death.

Please pray for his family through their terrible grief.



Southampton based charity Beyond the Streets is looking for a Volunteer Telephone Support worker (Female)

- Do you believe that women facing sexual exploitation can overcome multiple issues with ongoing support?
- Are you looking for a NEW challenge? (1 day per week)
- Do you have skills and experience of working with vulnerable women? (I.e. from the Domestic or Sexual Violence, Probation, counselling areas of work or have other transferable skills etc.)

If so, then we are looking for someone to join our small Southampton based service. Due to increasing demand we are recruiting a female* volunteer worker, with a commitment of at least one year. See the Role Description (below) for more information

Volunteering opportunity - duration:

1 day per week – i.e. 10 am – 4 pm

Based in Southampton. Ideally starting as soon as possible to start training - but tell us when you are available.

Interested?

✉ Email recruitment@beyondthestreets.org.uk for an Application Form

✉ Or call us on 0300 302 1122 (Monday, Wednesday or Thursday for more information)

Our closing date is midday (12pm) Mon 4th February 2019. You will be invited to an informal interview during the following 2 weeks.

*Because of the nature of this post it is only open to female applicants and is exempt under Schedule 9 Part 1 of the Equality Act



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CAP is Recruiting!

Christians Against Poverty are looking for people to join them in a number of different roles - befrienders, community links coordinator, money coaches, fresh start coaches. If you are interested pick up a flier from the porch.

CAP would also value your prayers and your giving (details on the flier).

Small Group notes for 27th January

How to live a life | Declare

Read 1 Peter 2:4-12 and Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus is foundational – **the** living stone.

- In what way is Jesus foundational to you?
 - To our church?
 - To our world?

As we draw near to Jesus, we too become living stones, invited together to form a beautiful house for, and as testimony to, God.

- Reflecting on the whole Biblical teaching, what sacrifices are we to offer (1 Peter 2:5)?
- The stones Jesus chooses and builds with are a bit broken and misshapen, how do we cope with this?
 - What 'cement' can we use to hold us together?
 - What help and encouragement can we give to each other?

What we are invited into is extraordinary (1 Peter 2:9-10) but there is an outcome of our engagement, and this is demonstration of God's glory. Living 'such good lives' and loving each other is a sign of our discipleship (John 13:35) and the way in which we show our light and act as salt in the world.

- Many areas of society are riddled with division (Brexit!!!), how can we demonstrate love and reconciliation among ourselves?
 - How can we be an influence (salt) for good in our society?
- Are there ways in which we need help to make loving decisions and 'live ... good lives'?
 - Be honest with our failures and receive God's grace through the group (James 5:16)
 - Are there ways you can be accountable to each other to help you grow as grace-full, joy-full, hope-full and generous people?
- Celebrate and give thanks to God for the reconciliation and love seen among us and through his church.
 - Pray that there may be even more love and that many would see and glorify God.

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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH - JANUARY



Bethany Children's Trust

BCT is a Christian charity for children at risk, in Africa and beyond.

Equipping project partners to reach out to children at risk in their communities.

For more details see the Mission Board