



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Our church diary is available to view
on the website

3rd February 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 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

Monday 4th February

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 5th February

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting in the church

Wednesday 6th February

11am - Coffee & Communion in the church hall

Thursday 7th February

9.45am - Ladies cell in the church hall/
upper room

Friday 8th February

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Saturday 9th February

4pm - Messy Church



Sunday 10th February | Together

1 Peter 3:1-7 & Matthew 22:34-40

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age service of the Word

11.30am - Cell church meeting in the chapel

7pm - Celebration service

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

7pm Service - Pray for togetherness at this Sunday's evening service and that Bishop David will have a prophetic word.

Freedom in Christ - Pray for blessing on this programme and for those who attend to gain emotionally healthy spirituality.

Africa - Pray for Ali's return to Malawi, that those she meets will come to know Jesus. Pray for the poverty in Uganda and that lack of food..

Continuing

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 - Pray for the team's work. Pray for Debbie, Gilly, Beryl and others to be encouraged by God calling others to the team.

Bethany Children's Trust - Pray for BCT who work for children at risk. Pray for their links in other countries.

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.

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.

Treasurer Team

The Treasurer function in COGS is currently in the process of being re-structured, following my recent appointment as Acting Treasurer in place of Richard Gillard who stepped down at the end of December last year after some 9 years as Treasurer. During this period he has been ably assisted and supported by Tim Wettone who continues to fulfil the entire accounting and reporting functions for all finance activities of COGS.

Over the years Tim has developed the systems to a very efficient level, but has now indicated his wish to step down. In the interim he has agreed to carry on until replacement personnel are in place. We are therefore in the process of determining how best to restructure the function and spread the tasks more equitably.

To this end we need to identify from within the congregation suitably experienced and enthusiastic members who could help us build a new team for the future. If you would be interested in assisting, perhaps taking on a specific supporting responsibility, (e.g. expenses, payroll, gift aid, report generation etc.), then please do have a word with me or let Matt in the office know of your possible interest.

David Craigen

(davidacraigen@gmail.com Tel: 01420 564152)

P.S. I write this as the Acting Treasurer i.e. we are still seeking a permanent successor!

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



Festival

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



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 New Wine, speak to Jane Hughes.

Foodbank Update

Thank you everyone for your continuing support for Alton Foodbank and especially for your very kind donation from the CoGS Christmas collection. At the moment we have a surplus of beans, soup, pasta and rice, so are blessed with plenty of these foods. In the coming weeks we'd really like to build up stocks of fruit juice, milk (uht), crisps/snacks, breakfast cereal bars and sponge puddings. We are ever grateful for any help for this increasing need in our local area. Many thanks.

Please contact Thelma Thomas for any information about Alton Foodbank.



Bishop's Visit - Tonight

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.



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

Thank you everyone for making my visit home so amazing.

Thank you for your support, kindness, hospitality, friendship, prayers, finances and love.

I return back to Malawi on the 12th February.

Love, hugs and prayers

Ali xxx

Beyond the Streets is one of our Missions of the Month

The closing date for this vacancy position is

Monday 4th January

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 2010.



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 3rd February

How to live a life | Free

Topic : We are free to live as servants of God.

Read 1 Peter 2:13-14 and 1 Peter 2:18. From the content of these passages what do you recall about the political and social situation at the time Peter was writing? A little internet research might help you fill in some gaps. In what ways, politically and socially is that situation different to our world here in Hampshire?

Clearly this writing from Peter is highly contextual, and requires some work to understand what he meant his original audience to take away, let alone what it might mean to us today. After all we don't have an emperor. And would our context today take the same 'it's a normal part of life today' attitude to slavery that seems to have been the context in which the New Testament was written? Talking a literal interpretation might mean us deciding that nothing here applied today, or everything applied literally. I have to say neither of these seem to right understanding to me.

So given these two specific examples of power and relationships in Peter's time, we can go on to see what follows in terms of Peter's exposition of WHY he says what he says. After v 13&14 he goes on in v 15 to 17 to explain why he says that. How would you summarise in a few words his reasons for saying it?

Similarly after v 18 look at v19&20 – how would you summarise Peter's reasoning as to WHY he says what he says about slaves and masters again try to condense this to a handful of words.

I believe these reasons, rather than the direct instructions, are where we can find our meaning today in this passage. We might each find our own specific meanings for our own situations, but it seems to me that there is something important here about 'setting a good example, even in the face of suffering, because we are part of a bigger story' ...

Perhaps, then, this is just a restatement of v 22-23 : “ ***He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*** ***When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.***”

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 - FEBRUARY Tearfund

Tearfund is a Christian charity, called to follow Jesus wherever the need is greatest around the world.

We help communities overcome the worst effects of poverty and disasters – we believe that the same people who face these issues, also have the best idea as to how they can overcome them.

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