



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

10th February 2019



FREEDOM
IN CHRIST

Starts this week!

A 10 WEEK LIFE-
CHANGING
DISCIPLESHIP
COURSE
FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN

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

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.



"Thank You!

We've been blown away by the response of our church family to our marriage and are incredibly grateful to everyone for the various ways you have supported us and celebrated with us.

Tim & Lorna"

The Week Ahead

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

Monday 11th February

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

10am - Pop in for Prayer at 17 Fairfield Green

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 12th February

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

Wednesday 13th February

10.30am - Westlands Communion

7pm - Regroup in church and hall

7.45pm - Freedom in Christ

Thursday 14th February

9.45am - Ladies cell in church hall/upper room

12.30pm - Toddler Lunch in the church hall

Friday 15th February

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Saturday 16th February

10am - Litter Picking at Oak Green

Sunday 17th February | Bless

1 Peter 3:8-22 & Matthew 5:38-48

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age communion service

11.30am - Cell church meeting in the chapel

7pm - Celebration service with communion

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Messy Church - Please continue to pray for Messy Church, both Team and congregation that they may reap fruit from what goes on and follow Jesus in everyday living .

The Harpers - Following the tragic death of Joe, pray for Guy and Jane and others who are grieving at this time .

The Besom - Pray for the work of our Mission of the Month, providing a bridge between those able to give and those in need.

Continuing

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..

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 - 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.

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!

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.



Ali Beckett

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

Wooden train tracks and trains

Magnetic numbers

Simple puzzles

Bottles of paint

A3 coloured sugar paper

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

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

Flashcards - letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colours

Large coloured beads for sequence threading and threading laces

Duplo

Magnetic letters

Scrabble and rummikub tiles

Shapes - 3D and 2D

Paint brushes

Coloured ink pads

The final date for collection is Sunday February 10th.

"I return to Malawi on Tuesday (February 12th) and I just wanted to say thank you so much for all your kindness over the last few weeks. Your support, donations, prayer, conversations and friendships have been a real blessing to me. Please continue to pray for me and the communities that I work with in Malawi. With love,

Ali xxx"

Ali Beckett | ali.beckett60@gmail.com

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.



Litter Picking

Come and help us show some of God's love to the village. Saturday 16th

February, 10-11am

Meet behind the garage at Oak Green

Small Group notes for 10th February

How to live a life | Together

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7.

Discuss your initial reactions to the words in the passage.

The passage talks about where a wife's beauty (inner self-rather than outward adornment). This is something that men and women can be susceptible to – that we define ourselves by the way we look or the things that we have. What do we have in our lives that are tempted to define ourselves by? Why are we tempted to use these things instead of our inner beauty?

It may be that we find it hard to look at our inner beauty (eg a gentle and quiet spirit) because we are too quick to focus on the negative things we see within ourselves. Perhaps spend some time encouraging each other by sharing what inner beauty we recognise either in ourselves or in the other members of our group.

Sarah is given as an example to follow in the passage. The choice is an interesting one, given some of the choices we know Sarah made. Spend some time thinking about Sarah and Abraham's marriage. Why do you think Peter used her as an example here?

A key theme of the passage is submission. What connotations does this word have for you?

Without betraying the confidence and integrity of your relationships, share with the group how you are able to submit in your close relationships.

Ephesians 5:21-33 shares a similar message to our passage in 1 Peter. It begins by saying we should "submit to one another, out of reverence to Christ."

What might this look like in our relationships in the day to day?

Pray for your marriages and other close relationships. Pray for each other to be examples that are a witness to those we encounter.

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

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 BESOM

"The Besom helps people make a difference. It provides a bridge between those who want to give time, money, things or skills and those who are in need. It ensures what is given is used effectively."

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