



**The Good
Shepherd**
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view
on the website

3rd March 2019



Church of the Good Shepherd,
Four Marks

Saturday 23rd March, 7:30pm
(Doors open at 7.00pm with drinks and cakes)

Free Entry

An evening of praise & worship, with a rock edge

Please join us for an evening of praise and worship.

Flyers can be found in the church, do take a few and invite your friends.

W? is organised by a team of people with a passion for worshipping God. It is an ecumenical event aimed at anyone who enjoys praising God with music and song in a contemporary setting.

For more information contact Matt and Hannah Wettone: matt@wettone.com or hannah@wettone.com

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

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.



We are Preparing a New Electoral Roll

A new roll is being prepared before our APCM (30th April).
If you want to be included in the new roll, please fill in a form at
the back of the church.

Forms need to be completed and returned by April 15th.

The Week Ahead

Sunday 3rd March | Serve

1 Peter 5:1-13 & Matthew 20:20-28

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age communion service

11.30am - Cell church meeting in the chapel

7pm - Celebration service with communion

Monday 4th March

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

7.30pm - Youth cells meet

Tuesday 5th March

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

Wednesday 6th March | Ash Wednesday

11am - Coffee & Communion in the church hall

7.30pm - Ash Wednesday Service

7.45pm - Freedom in Christ at Abi's house

Thursday 7th March | Office Closed

9.45am - Ladies small group meet

Friday 8th March

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Saturday 9th March

4pm - Messy Church



Sunday 10th March | God, where are You?

Habakkuk 1:1-11 & Matthew 12:38-42

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

Jackie - Has been diagnosed with wet macular degeneration in both eyes. Pray for successful treatment and for God to be with her and her husband.

Youth- Pray for their upcoming Bible challenge in Lent. Also for their ongoing Bible studies, that God will develop and love and hunger for His Word among the whole group.

Together in Prayer - Pray that COGS members will make our prayer gatherings a priority.

Holiday at Home- Thank God for Frank and the team. Pray for the logistics.

Continuing

Frances & Guy - For Frances as she continues to struggle with Alzheimer's. And her father, Guy, awaiting preparation for a heart operation.

Activities - Pray for our regular activities, especially those who lead and plan. Pray for freshness in what we do and that we would be welcome, flexible and aware of God's promptings.

Greg - Greg is now able to drive and continuing to improve. Thank the Lord for his care and healing.

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

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

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

As you know, Tim Wettone and I are currently evaluating the scope for the various tasks within the Treasurer function in COGS to be re-allocated so as to spread the workload more equitably.

This will only be feasible of course if we have the right people agreeing to take on responsibility for each of the component tasks!

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. Many thanks.

David Craigen

Acting Treasurer (davidacraigen@gmail.com Tel: 01420 564152)

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.





PLEASE PRAY FOR SIMON MOORE's FAMILY.

Procedures mean they still have not had the funeral.

Our northern pilot has agreed to fly Simon's flights at the same price as Simon and will only charge two thirds of the fuel price to fly South, approximately 600 extra miles round trip. He will

not charge for his time or other expenses and will, therefore, be doing the flights at cost. **This is a miracle!**

We had no way of being able to proceed in the South (apart from Cornwall). **As far as we know, this pilot is not a Christian but is willing to give without counting the cost! PRAISE GOD!**

Thank you to every one of you who are helping.

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



Explore More.

Life. Faith. Meaning.

Got questions about life? Try Alpha

At Alpha, we believe that everyone should have the chance to explore the Christian faith, ask questions and share their point of view.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is running an Alpha course on Thursday evenings in the church. Starts 25th April

Contact: Nigel Pink or the church office.



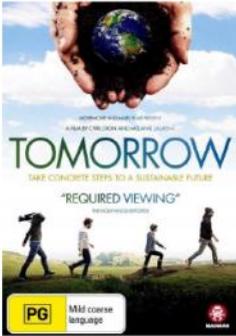
The Alton Society, Energy Alton and the Alton Local Food Initiative

PRESENT

FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2019, 6.00 pm

TOMORROW THE FILM

ALTON MALTINGS, Maltings Close, GU34 1DT



Tomorrow (Demain) is an inspirational and much-praised film about living better and reducing global warming - your children's & grandchildren's future. It showcases practical, proven solutions to ecological, social and economic problems in 10 countries, including the UK. The film has hugely boosted community-led initiatives around the world.

**Food and drink available,
and time to talk afterwards**

Free event, donations welcome

www.energyalton.org.uk; www.altonociety.org.uk;
www.altonlocalfood.org.uk

Christian Aid is currently not one of CoGS' mission priorities; that said, in past years we have raised funds during 'Christian Aid Week', which this year is 12-18th May. Linda Wettone organised the church's response but is no longer available to do so. We are advertising to see if there is someone ready and willing champion this mission and, in particular, organise events/collections in May. Please contact Nigel Pink if you are interested.



Mission of the Month - Tearfund

A prayer from Archbishop Justin Welby, written to celebrate Tearfund's 50th anniversary last year

Gracious and generous God, you became poor so that we might be enriched by your love, and you gave the world's wealth and resources as a common inheritance of all human beings. We pray you would strengthen your church to be a beacon of hospitality for the poor. We pray that, seeing the light of Christ's love, the nations and peoples of the world may fight not to kill, but to outdo one another in care for the poor, and in actions of gracious generosity. Through Him who for our sakes did not grasp the wealth of heaven, but instead gave all to live for us as a slave, and die for us in pain, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen





Ladies Afternoon Tea Party Saturday 30th March 3-5pm

Come along and invite your friends to join us for a special afternoon tea with crafts, a glass of bubbly and a chance to chat together.

Tickets available, £6 per head, after each service on a Sunday or from the church office.

For more information speak to or contact
Caroline: carolineandrews10@btinternet.com
Or Jane: jane_cogs@btinternet.com; 07711407831

Each week in Kids Church we find creative ways to explore the teaching series as we all seek to grow in our relationships with God.

Could you join us? We're looking for some people who could join our team for **one Sunday morning a month** to lead one of our kids groups. Material is provided and you'll always be working with another team member. Please speak to Lorna if you're interested (lorna.cogs@gmail.com)

All of our Kids Church team are recruited in accordance with our safeguarding policy.

Small Group Celebration

A celebration of Small Groups at COGS on
Tuesday 2nd April 7.30pm

All Small Group Members welcome and those interested
in finding out more about Small groups

.....there will be puddings!

Lent

Lent begins next week. Do check out the bookstall for your lent reading, as some books have been sourced especially for lent.

You may also want to check out 40acts.org.uk for daily challenges to do the 40 days of lent generously.



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Small Group notes for 3rd March

How to live a life | Serve

Read 1 Peter chapter 5

Verses 1-4

What attitudes are fundamental to Christian living in 21st Century?

What is distinctive about the ministry of Peter and what does he have in common with other Christian leaders?

What are shepherds supposed to do? What parallels are there for leaders in the church?

Are you easy to lead? Why or why not?

The reward of the shepherd. What hope does Peter set before us?

Verses 5-11

What does it mean for you to be humble in your relationships within the church family?

Why does God oppose the proud? What can we do to avoid the sin of pride?

What anxieties are you facing at the moment? What does it mean to know you can cast them on the Lord?

How can you overcome the characteristics of the devil?

What 4 verbs does Peter use to describe the power of God's grace? What does this mean to 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, Alan Thain (01420 85185), 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 - March 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.

www.tearfund.org

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