



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks

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on the website

17th 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

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

Please also look for the option in the form to join the directory. The directory is different to the electoral roll and you will not be added without your expressed consent.



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.



The Week Ahead

Sunday 17th March | God, is this fair?

Habakkuk 1:1-12-2:5 & Matthew 13:10-17

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell church meeting in the chapel

7pm - Celebration service with communion

Monday 18th March

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

Tuesday 19th March

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

7.45pm - PCC Meeting in the church hall

Wednesday 20th March

7.45pm - Freedom in Christ at Abi's House

Thursday 21st March

9.45am - Ladies small group in the church hall/upper room

Friday 22nd March

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Saturday 23rd March

6pm - United Youth Event in the church

7.30pm - W? Worship in the church

Sunday 24th March | God responds!

Habakkuk 2:6-20 & Matthew 15:1-9

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell church meeting in the chapel

7pm - Celebration service

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Youth – Pray for a love for God and His Word will be developed. Pray for the weekend away, for enhanced relationships. And pray for the team, for wisdom to help the youth grow as individuals and as followers of Christ.

Mission – Praise God for This Time Tomorrow and for the courage of those sharing testimony Whatever we do may we bear the Good News and be ready to share a reason for our Christian Hope.

Continuing

Bethany – Has had her operation. Thank our Lord that everything went well and pray for protection and healing.

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.

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

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. 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 .

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.

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.

Guy and Jane Harper would like to say thank you for the overwhelming support, love and prayers from all at COGS. Please continue to pray for them following Joe's death in February and funeral at the beginning of this month.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Please keep praying.

We are pleased to have booked the following flights. Hopefully, will be able to add further venues as funds become available.

THE LIST TO DATE

Tour de Yorkshire
Surrey show
Parklife, Manchester
Isle of Wight Festival
Download Festival, Derby
Royal Cheshire Show
Yorkshire Show
TRNSMT Glasgow
Latitude Concert, Henman
Tramlines Festival, Sheffield
Royal Welsh Show

Brighton Pride
Boomtown, Winchester
Leeds Festival
Reading Festival
Creamfields
Kendall Calling
Bournemouth Air Show,
Beaches along Blackpool
Along North Wales Beaches to
Llandudno
Boardmasters Festival

Cornwall is organised separately but will be much the same as last year.

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

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 groupsthere will be puddings!

Village Picnic - Sunday 16 June 2019 (set up from 10am; service at 12.30; lunch 1pm; Picnic event from 1.30-5pm)

Plans are well underway for this year's Village Picnic and lots of our village groups have confirmed their attendance. Please put this date in your diaries as we will need everyone's help.

Due to family commitments this year I will not have the time to organise the church contribution - I will be there on the day but would be looking for a team of people to work alongside me to help in the run-up.

This could easily be broken up into smaller tasks, ie logistics of moving stuff from church and school, rotas for the bouncy castles, getting volunteers to man the church games/stalls, school liaison, maybe a setting up team and a taking down team.

Please be praying about your contribution and let me know how you can help. Many thanks, Helena Hunt



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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.



Small Group notes for 17th March

God, Do Something! (Habakkuk's Cry) | God, is this fair?

Read Habakkuk 1:12 – 2:5

What are you doing God? Do something, anything! ... But not this. Surely you cannot do this?

God created us in his image, and we re-pay the compliment by attempting to create him in ours! The danger for us is that we think God is somehow like us, and that therefore we know how he should act.

- Attempt a list of the attributes of God. (If you have the facility, once you've compiled your list, you might like to check out the article and/or video at: <https://www.gotquestions.org/attributes-God.html>).

We can know nothing of God unless he shows us but as God is infinite and we are finite earthly beings it is still likely that we know very little.

- So how much do you think we've understood of God and his ways?
 - Knowing that there is much to learn, how safe do we feel in predicting God's response.

Habakkuk takes God on. Based upon God's own revelation of himself, Habakkuk demands that God act according to his character. We do know certainties about God and his nature, and we can be certain about his promises.

- What promises of God do we know?
 - In what way can we 'demand' God's attention and action with the things we face today, including, Brexit, knife crime, violence, sex and other profanity on the TV and internet, local and global poverty, etc.

Habakkuk demands an answer and then waits (2:1). He is confident that God will respond.

- In what things are we confident of God's action?
 - In what things would we like to grow in faith?

God's answer to Habakkuk is first that he should make a record of God's promise.

- Do we record our prayers and the answers – might this inspire our faith?

God secondly tells Habakkuk to wait and then reassures him that he is not unaware of the evil, beginning with a general warning regarding the proud (2:4-5), before the more specific detail of his judgement (2:6-20, next week's sermon). In verse 4 God contrasts the self-sufficient and the God-dependant. Our society, and sometimes, if we are honest, we too, are a self-sufficient and can-do people.

- How much are we drawn towards being self-sufficient in our own lives?
 - Thinking about the huge number of things we cannot fix, such as listed in the earlier question, cry out to God for our generation.

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.

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