



The Good  
Shepherd  
Four Marks

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on the website

8th September 2019



The annual Ride & Stride  
event round the parishes  
is on Saturday 14  
September. I have  
information on Churches

open, etc. We need a volunteer to coordinate the event for  
COGS. Would anybody able to do this please contact me at 01420  
564247 or by email [c.kingsmith@btinternet.com](mailto:c.kingsmith@btinternet.com)

New to faith, or established in faith,  
do you have fundamental  
questions? Christianity Explored is a  
seven session course that does as it  
says, explores the Christian faith. Based on a systematic study of  
Mark's Gospel, this is for anyone and everyone who wants to begin  
or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Monday 7pm  
beginning 23rd September in the Upper Room, CoGS.



Please contact Nigel Pink on [nigelpink.cogs@gmail.com](mailto:nigelpink.cogs@gmail.com)

#### Amen Christmas Shoe Boxes

Thank you for all, who so kindly 'shared their love in action' last year by preparing a  
Christmas Shoe Box Gift. Soon we will be refocusing on this year's shoe boxes.  
Please would you retain or resource any standard shoe boxes and place them on the  
pigeonholes at the back of church from September to help others. Many thanks. Di  
Loosemore. 07912630088

#### Harvest Giving

Our Harvest Festival (29th September) service donations will  
be split 50/50 between Karamoja and Alton Foodbank.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday 8th September

#### Stories of the King | Building

Isaiah 58:9b-12 & Matthew 7:24-27

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.30 - Cell Church in the chapel

7pm - Celebration Service

### Monday 9th September

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in church hall

### Tuesday 10th September

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

7.45pm - PCC meeting in church hall

### Wednesday 11th September

10.30am - Westlands Communion

### Thursday 12th September

9.30am - Parenting Course in church hall

### Friday 13th September

8am - Prayer in the chapel

### Saturday 14th September

#### 4pm - Messy Church



### Sunday 15th September

#### Stories of the King | Re-Starting

Isaiah 61:1-3 & Matthew 9:14-17

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.30 - Cell Church in the chapel

7pm - Celebration Service

## Caring in Prayer

### New/Updated

Youth – COGS Youth's Wednesday nights begin again this week with a new format. Pray for relationships to build in the group, for good conversations and faith-growing moments.

Parenting Course – Pray for the parenting course (for the early years) beginning this Thursday. Pray for Jane as she leads the course and for those who are coming along.

### Continuing

COGS Club – Pray that God shone through all aspects of our time with the children, and that what they learnt of God will stay with them in the coming days.

Back to School – Pray for those who are returning to work, school or study. Pray for routines to be settled into, for changes to be adjusted to, and for fears of anything new to be calmed.

Soul Survivor – Pray for those who have returned from Soul Survivor. Pray their experience with God while they were away to have lasting impact.

Doreen – Thank the Lord for Doreen's admission to hospital. Pray that the Lord will direct everyone concerned with her care and give her infection-free healing.

William – He is now home again. Thank the Lord for the further healing. And also thank the Lord for his care of the family and pray that the Lord will continue his healing with William.

Carmen – Pray for Carmen who is starting breast cancer treatment. Please pray for peace, strength and healing

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](mailto: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.

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## Flyjesus

**Jesus calls, will u follow.**

Thank you to all if you for your prayer and support.

Banner, JESUS CALLS, WILL U FOLLOW, flew Saturday and Sunday mornings at approx. 11.00a.m. before the Bournemouth Air show, taking in Sandbanks. Cornwall flights have also taken place with sightings being reported. Weather permitting there will be further flights in Cornwall, Blackpool, north Wales and Yorkshire.



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## Alton Walking Church for Men

*An opportunity to walk and talk and enjoy God's creation*

There is a theme for each walk and one walk will end with a meal and communion. Walkers are free to opt out of the communion if they so wish. The overall theme is "Living Distinctively." Each walk will begin and end at a hostelry in the locality. Cars can be parked at three out of four pubs as we will be taking refreshment at them at the end of each walk. Permission has been sought and granted. Walks will vary between 75 to 90 minutes at a moderate pace, including time en route to pause and reflect.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.** Meeting at 6.30p.m. at **The White Hart**, Holybourne.

**If you want to join us**

Preferably book your place by ringing or texting Robin Kemp, on 07957 653403, giving your name and contact number, a least a day in advance. I will get back to you to confirm receipt of your booking. Wear appropriate clothing in the event of wet weather. For further information contact me on [familykemp@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:familykemp@tiscali.co.uk).

*Jon Rooke [CoGS, Four Marks] and Robin Kemp look forward to walking with you.*

**Parish of the Resurrection, Alton**



**The Bitter and The Sweet**

Alton Maltings, Carmichael Room  
Maltings Close, Alton, GU34 1DT

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
10am - 5pm **Free entry**

An exhibition in art and textiles

Helen Jesty  
Becky Shaylor

Enquiries: 07818 018543

## Lost Property

The lost property box will be emptied soon. Please look through it to make sure you are not missing any of your possessions. Many thanks.

## 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](mailto:parker305@btinternet.com)) not later than the 15th of the month.

Thank you.

## Harvest Tea & Praise

This popular service will again be held on Sunday  
29th September at 3pm

It will have traditional Harvest Hymns  
all followed by delicious cakes and refreshments.

Please invite your neighbours and friends and  
bring them along.

Lifts can be arranged

We look forward to seeing many of you.

Please contact Gilly Cobb (01420 544404)

or Debbie Norgate (01420 84534)

Or John Yeadon (01420 563972) for lifts if required.



## Can you help?

Offers of cake, savouries, and help serving on the day would be welcomed. Please speak to Anne Shaw.

If you are able to join our team of drivers, offering lifts to those who would otherwise not be able to make it along, please speak to John Yeadon.

## Small Group notes for 8th September

### Stories of the King | Building

Read Matthew 7:24-29

This passage begins with a ‘therefore’ and as the old preachers used to say, “when you see a ‘therefore’, ask what it’s therefore!” Additionally, in our parable, Jesus points us to his words, or his teaching, “...everyone who hears these words and puts them into practice...”.

- Glance through Matthew 5:1 up to our passage (the Sermon on the Mount) and make a list of the topics covered to see ‘therefore’, what these ‘words’ or teachings are.

Jesus’ teaching in this Sermon on the Mount, deals with spiritual, emotional and physical matters. Following Jesus affects every aspect of our lives. Jesus’ words are about the obvious spiritual things of prayer and worship but also a great deal about feelings, thoughts, actions and reactions, habits, hopes, the very ‘ordinary’ things of life. The Gospel is a call not just to holiness but to wholeness.

- What then is the good fruit that we’re challenged to be known by in Matthew 7:15-21? (see also Galatians 5:19-26)

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven is not by knowledge and passing a test, ‘Name 5 of Jesus’ parables...’, etc. Jesus makes clear, it’s not just hearing, or even understanding his words, it’s putting them into practice.

- Again, thinking about the immediate words in the Sermon on the Mount, where have we good practice in others of living out the whole call of Jesus?
- Where have we seen transformation in ourselves as we have practiced Jesus’ words?
- Having been reminded of the wholistic teaching of Jesus What further transformations would we like to see?
  - Are there things we can ‘practice’ in order to enable transformation.

Building on Jesus’ words, gives us a firm foundation in the uncertainties of life. This house will stand. The foundations of any other kind are temporal and unreliable. We cannot control tomorrow (Matthew 6:34), so finding security in anything other than the one who can, is foolish.

- What are the current storms threatening people’s security today?
- How do we find Jesus’ words give foundation, focus and hope for us?
  - How can we help others find Jesus in today’s storms?
  - Pray for those we’ll meet over the next few days, for an opportunity to encourage and challenge people in, or, toward, faith.

## 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).



## Ministers: All of Us Together

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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 - September**

Our foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in Alton and surrounding villages.



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