

Here's this week's news email for the Parish of Medstead and Four Marks.

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### Services this Sunday - 15 September

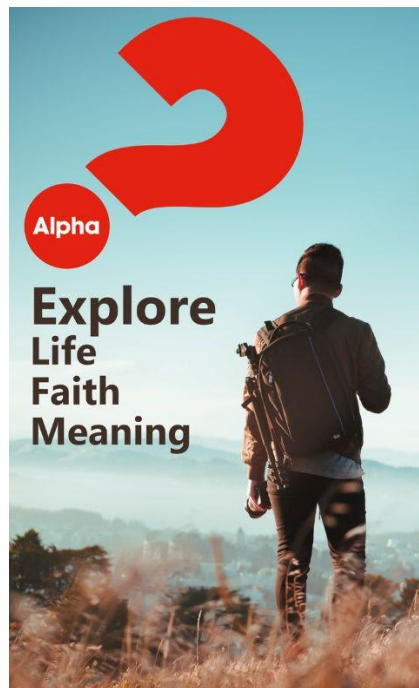
8.00am COGS - communion service  
9.30am at COGS - all age service with sung worship, kids church, and creche,  
youth (on 2nd and 4th Sundays)  
11am at Medstead - communion service

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We will be litter picking for an hour on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September.  
Please join us if you can. We will meet at 10.00 a.m. in the car park behind the BP  
garage. Thank you for your support.  
Elaine Moore 01962 772667.

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Alpha has launched.  
Regular sessions start in October, speak to Jane for details.



## Alpha Course coming soon

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. It covers topics such as 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why and how should I pray?' and 'Does God heal today?'

Wednesday evenings  
Beginning September  
Contact - Jane, Howard or Matt  
in the church office  
01420 560622

Stay Curious #TryAlpha

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### Harvest

We will be celebrating Harvest on 6th October. There will be no Kids Church that week, instead our 9.30am service that Sunday will be a service for all ages.

### Harvest Collection

Our collection at COGS for Harvest will be split between the Foodbank and Karamoja.  
Thank you for your generosity.

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## Harvest Tea & praise

# Harvest Tea & Praise

6th October 2024  
3pm

This popular service will be held at  
the Church of the Good Shepherd  
It will have traditional harvest hymns  
followed by delicious cakes and  
refreshments

Please invite your neighbours and friends  
and bring them along

We look forward to seeing you.

We hope you will be able to join us for Harvest Tea & Praise  
on Sunday 6th October at 3pm.

Do invite those you know.

If anyone is able to make cakes or help with serving do talk to Caroline Andrews or to  
Anne Shaw. Thank you.

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### Open Doors Petition

The African church is asking you to stand with them against violent persecution.  
Join the Arise Africa campaign today to stop the violence and start the healing.

Speak to Carole Arrowsmith to sign the petition or go to [www.opendoorsuk.org/act/arise-africa/](http://www.opendoorsuk.org/act/arise-africa/)

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## Monday Night Youth

Our Monday night youth sessions have begun following the summer break. Please note the change in timings. Speak to Virginia to find out more.



Parents consent needed. Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.



**MONDAY YOUTH CLUB (WEEKLY)**  
**4:15 TO 6:15 PM – YEAR 6 TO 8**  
**5:30 TO 7:30 PM – YEAR 9 TO 13**  
**5:30- 6:15 PM**  
**EVENING MEAL FOR BOTH GROUPS**

**FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT -**  
**[YOUTHANDCHILDREN@PMAFM.CO.UK](mailto:YOUTHANDCHILDREN@PMAFM.CO.UK)**



## Help Wanted

Volunteers needed to help in the Kitchen to cook for the Monday Youth Club. Starting from September 9.

Food will be served between 5 and 5:45



If you can help please contact Virginia at [youthandchildren@pmaf.co.uk](mailto:youthandchildren@pmaf.co.uk).  
Or 07724141267

## Autumn Teaching Series

COGS has begun their new teaching series - Being Jesus.

Series cards are available in church and can be found on the website, click the image to access.



St Andrew's will be following the lectionary this term.

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## Help Wanted

At present, all children aged 3-11 are in one kid's church group. This has created some challenges in meeting the needs across such a wide age range. Moving forward, we would like to create two separate groups for kid's church, allowing each age group to explore the Bible and build their relationship with Jesus alongside their peers. To make this possible we need volunteers to lead and help in the kids church.



If you can help, please contact Virginia at  
youthandchildren@pmafms.co.uk or 07724141267

## AMEN Shoe Boxes

We will again be supporting Amen in preparing shoe box gifts for Christmas. The Amen leaflets are here and available in the porch. Thank you.

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*Alton  
Choral  
Society*

## JOIN OUR CHOIR !

Alton Choral Society welcomes new singers for their Autumn and Winter Season. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the Salvation Army Hall, GU34 1HN (on the corner of Market Street and Amery Street) and welcomes new singers of all voice ages and voice types.

Our material ranges from sacred works to Musical Theatre. Some ability to read music is helpful, but not essential.

**There is no audition.**

For more information please contact us:

Phone: 07715 771489

Email: [welcome@altonchoral.org.uk](mailto:welcome@altonchoral.org.uk)

or see our website [www.altonchoral.org.uk](http://www.altonchoral.org.uk)



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