



**The Good
Shepherd**
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Our church diary is available to view on
the website

1st March 2020

APCM

Please note that our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on **Tuesday 21st April**, gathering for coffee and prayer at 7pm, then beginning the meeting at 7.30pm. We encourage all who are able to be there.

To take part fully in the meeting, you need to be registered on our electoral roll. Forms are available in the porch. If you're not sure whether you are on the roll, please contact Matt who can confirm either way.

At the meeting we will seek to elect 2 Churchwardens, 3 PCC members, and 3 Deanery Synod members. If you think you may be being called to serve the church in these roles, do speak to those currently in them to find out more.

Update from Howard:

To our COGS family. Thank you so much for your prayers whilst I take Study Leave, and be assured of Helen's and my prayers and love for you all.

So far I have travelled nearly 800 miles interviewing church leaders on the issue of sustaining missional leadership. In the next couple of weeks I'll double this as we both travel to the New Wine Leaders conference, then onto Wales where we'll visit Ffald y Brenin and take time to read further and reflect on what we've heard so far. It has been an enormous privilege meeting up with other ministers and hearing their stories, as well as joining others in Sunday worship.

We are so grateful for your patience and the generosity of all in making this time possible. We are enjoying the time away and have enjoyed hearing good news stories and catching up with sermons from afar but we also very much look forward to being back with you all in early May.

Much love. Howard

Prayer Spaces in Schools

We're really excited to be running Prayer Spaces in Schools again this March. It's a fantastic opportunity to help children engage with God through creative prayer.

If you're interested and are available for a morning or afternoon on the week of the 9th March, please contact Lorna

The Week Ahead

Sunday 1st March

Gifted | Gifted Attitude

Philippians 2:1-11 & Luke 17:5-10

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

7pm - Celebration Service

Monday 2nd March

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

7pm - Discipleship Explored in upper room

Tuesday 3rd March

7am - Early Morning Prayer in chapel

2pm - Holiday at Home helpers meeting in church hall

7.45pm - PCC Meeting in church hall

Wednesday 4th March

11am - Coffee & Communion in church hall

7pm - COGS Youth Wednesdays in church hall

Thursday 5th March

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

12.30pm - Toddler Lunch in church hall

7.30pm - Mindfulness Course in church hall

Sunday 8th March

Gifted | Sent Out

Romans 10:5-15 & Luke 10:1-12

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the word

7pm - Celebration Service

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Prayer Spaces – Pray for the children of Four Marks School visiting their prayer space on the week of the 9th March. Pray for encounters with God through prayer.

Continuing

Liesbeth – Liesbeth Chambers has passed away. Please hold her family and friends in your prayers as they grieve.

Malawi – Pray for Ali as she works in the UK on the curriculum and workbooks for the children at Starfish Malawi.

Young Couple – Pray for peace and comfort for a young couple who have had to terminate a pregnancy due to the baby's heart condition.

J – Pray for strength, support and healing for J, who has liver cancer. Pray for any treatment she may be able to undergo..

Church Finances – Pray for our church finances and the projected deficit. Pray for the PCC to be good stewards of the resources God has given us. Pray that we can be faithful to God's calling even where we see challenges.

Howard's Study Leave – Pray for a fruitful and restorative time for Howard. Pray for the church leaders and the congregation in his absence, for our growth (in faith and in mission).

Mindfulness – Pray for those on the mindfulness course. Pray that the course will help to improve people's well-being. Pray for David as he leads the course .

Carmen – Has finished her course of chemotherapy and has now begun radiotherapy. Pray the cancer will be killed



Easter COGS Club will be on Saturday 4th April this year!
Please save the date and speak to Lorna if you would like to be on team

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 cogstreasurer@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:

Giving

Acc No: 60003685. Sort Code: 60-01-13. Many thanks for your generosity.

Easter Holiday@Home

Are you 'Over 60's and young at heart'?

We invite you join our Easter Holiday at Home, our free day on Tuesday, 24th March, 10.30 to 3.00, including a lunch.

Invitations cards are now available at COGS or for more information call 01420 560622.

Easter Holiday@Home

Due to Holidays and other commitments we are need helpers on Tuesday, 24th March 10.30 – 3.00.

If you would like to join our enthusiastic Team, please contact Frank Maloney.

frankjmaloney@hotmail.com

Come And Meet Each Other



Ladies of all ages are invited to join with us for a special

AFTERNOON TEA

on

Saturday 21st March

3.00-5.00PM

Please Invite Your Friends and Neighbours!

Extra-articles Edition of Parish Magazine on the Website and Contributions Please for the Next Magazine. The magazine with extra pages 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.



CAP Money Course.

A free 3-week course teaching budgeting skills and a simple, cash-based system that works. In just a few weeks, you will get to grips with your finances so you can budget, save and prevent debt. Held on Thursday 5th, 12th & 19th March. 7:30pm-9:30pm at the Alton Maltings, in the Nightingale Room. If you would like to sign up, please email capmoney@xtn.co, call Harvest Church on 01420 81950 or register at <https://xtn.co/capmoney>

explore . listen . be inspired . reflect . pray

Called by name



A day for women of all ages to explore God's call to ministry in the company of Bishop Debbie Sellin, Rev'd Dr Isabelle Hamley and many others

Saturday 21st March,
9.30 - 3.30 lunch provided
St John's Hartley Wintney

book at winchestervocations.eventbrite.co.uk



VAUGHAN WILLIAMS 5 MYSTICAL SONGS

Cecilia McDowall
Da Vinci Requiem

World Première of
Alison Willis 'Salve Deus'

All Saints Church, Odiham, RG29 1ND
Saturday 28 March 2020, 7.30pm
Concert to include a talk by award-winning composer
Cecilia McDowall on her 'Da Vinci Requiem'

Conductor: Rebekah Abbott
Organist: Michael Higgins
Soprano: Sarah Dacey
Baritone: Stuart Orme

Tickets: £15 (under 12s - £5)

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020

Praying with Zimbabwe

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



HARVEST CHURCH

ALTON MALTINGS

MALTINGS CLOSE GU34 1DT

at 2pm

Sad News: Liesbeth Chambers (a former member of our congregation) passed away recently Her funeral was in Exeter on Friday. Please pray for Liesbeth's family at this time.

Audibility of Services

Do you have difficulty sometimes with the audibility of parts of our services? It's not a matter of loudness or of forgetting to wear your hearing aid, but of being able to distinguish the individual words. There have been enough comments for us to find out how widespread the problem is. If this means something to you please speak, in confidence, to one of us or email Chris at c.kingsmith@btinternet.com
Lynn and Chris, Churchwardens

Procedures during Services

The Church of England has updated its advice to those attending services and taking communion. We continue to offer communion in both kinds but, as always, if you are feeling unwell or have a slight infection, cold, cough etc it is sensible to avoid physical contact with anyone during a service, including at the sharing of the Peace, and during communion you may opt to receive the bread alone. For those taking communion, C of E advice discourages the dipping of the wafer in the wine (intinction). To reduce the risk of cross-infection those assisting with communion will clean their hands in an alcohol-based wash.

Holiday at Home

H@H HELPERS MEETING Tuesday,
3rd March at 2pm in Church

Holiday at Home

Please will you save the clear plastic, round-ended 1 litre ice cream carton lids to be used as bases for small Easter gardens. Leave in the porch, or give to me. Thank you.

Elaine King-Smith

This summer at
Christ Church, Chineham



BCM Worship
BCM Evangelism

TASTER EVENING
MARCH 17th
7pm - 8.30pm

All Welcome

For more information contact
wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org

We have received notes of thanks from IMC and The Besom, as missions we support. You can find these on the notice board.

Seeking willing Audio/Visual volunteers!

Our Sunday services couldn't happen without the amazing team of volunteers on the audio/visual desk. For some time now we have been shorthanded, and those on the rota have worked extra hard to ensure the roles are filled.

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who feels they could help out in this area at the 9.30 or 7pm services. If this is something you would be interested to learn more about, please speak to Chris McGrath, Mark Hughes, or anyone on the desk. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn! Thank You

Chris McGrath, 07754 804786 chrismcgrath175@gmail.com
01420 564418



**Festivals
this
summer**

**For more
information
search online,
or speak to
Jane**



Small Group Notes – 1st March 2020 | Gifted – Gifted Attitude

Philippians 2: 1-11

Think of times when you've seen stresses in church unity (don't spend long on this! – this is merely scene setting). What sort of things might they be? Language? Music? Traditions? Dare you think of what your stance has been? Critical? Sympathetic? Have you ever thought of such things as reflecting your own selfish ambition or vain conceit?

Paul wants to turn the focus elsewhere. Think now of team building – what builds up a team? What brings unity (of purpose)?

For Paul there is a common purpose, a common goal: looking beyond our own wants and preferences to the interests of others, and looking to the attitude of Jesus. In these verses Paul summarises the gospel, from incarnation through the cross to Christ's glory.

Jesus renounced all his glory for the sake of humankind. If humility, obedience and self-renunciation were the supreme characteristics of the life of Jesus, to what extent are they the hall marks of you?

In what is generally a joyful letter to the Philippians Paul sees time is running out. He was facing a possible death sentence but in terms of the church encountering opposition and false doctrine Paul was aware of God's ticking clock towards the end times.

Read John 3:16. We are challenged to believe. But we sometimes overlook John 3:18 "Whoever does not believe stands condemned ... because he has not believed" We (and those 'out there') must choose – either to believe, or not. To choose not to choose is to choose – we cannot sit on the fence.

Does this engender a sense of urgency in you? Do you love those around you – those in the wider church – those in the wider community – enough to want to share the gospel with them such that you want them to be in eternity with you? Indeed, how confident are you in the statement 'Jesus is Lord' that you can share this good news? Do you think you have an adequate grasp of Christian truth? Paul's letter is full of Christian truth and teaching. Have you ever written – might you ever write – a letter so full of faith and belief? What, and to whom, would you write?

Our worship – our common goal, our aim as Christ's 'team' - has to be founded on love. When we see him as the one who laid aside his majesty, who made himself nothing, who loved us so much he took our penalty and died for us on the cross - surely our hearts can only melt in wonder and adoration. Can we sing, and mean, 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my life, my soul, my all?'

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

Vicar: Howard Wright (on study leave until 4th May)

Contact our Church Wardens

Dr Chris King-Smith: c.kingsmith@btinternet.com
Mrs Lynn Vine: lynn.vine@live.co.uk

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Send Sunday Sheet items to the church office before end of day on Wednesday



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

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