



**The Good  
Shepherd**  
Four Marks

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Our church diary is available to view on the website

8th March 2020

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## 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.

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## 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

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## 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.

## The Week Ahead

### 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

### Monday 9th March

10am - Bumps & Babies in the church hall

7pm - Discipleship Explored in upper room

### Tuesday 10th March

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

11.30am - Funeral in the church

### Wednesday 11th March

10.30am - Westlands Communion

7pm - COGS Youth Wednesdays

### Thursday 12th March

9.45am - Ladies Small Group in church hall and upper room

7.30pm - Mindfulness Course in church hall

### Saturday 14th March

**4pm - Messy Church**



### Sunday 15th March

**Gifted | Faithful Stewards**

**1 Peter 4:7-11 & Matthew 19:23-30**

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

7pm - Celebration Service

## Caring in Prayer

### New/Updated

Prayer Spaces – Pray for the children of Four Marks School visiting their prayer space next week. 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 and pray for Carmen and her family.



**Easter COGS Club will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:

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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, 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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**

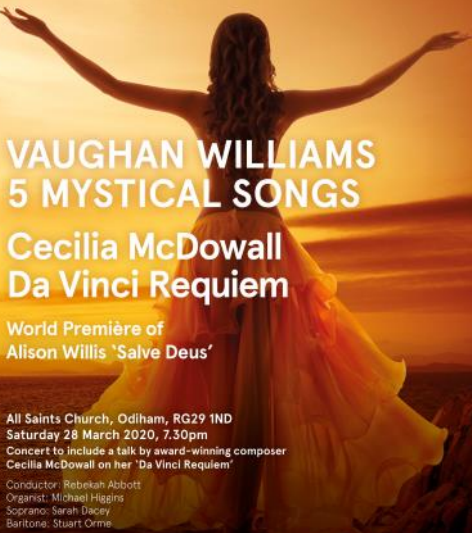
**Please Invite Your Friends and Neighbours!**

**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.

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9.30 - 3.30 lunch provided  
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# JS BACH Mass in B minor

Saturday 21st March 2020  
7.30 pm

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The composer J S Bach wrote at the end of all his choral works the initials S. D. G. (Soli Deo Gloria) – “Glory to God Alone”. Every one of his sacred compositions was an act of devotion. Unusually for a Lutheran composer, his Mass in B Minor was based on the Roman Catholic liturgy, and written in Latin, but it remains one of the finest, if not the finest, choral works ever written.

On the 21st March there is an opportunity to here this wonderful work, at St Andrews' Garrison Church in Aldershot, performed by the Waverley Singers. Tickets are still available on line, by phone, or by email.



Further info on porch notice board

## 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](mailto:c.kingsmith@btinternet.com)  
Lynn and Chris, Churchwardens

### 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

### 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](mailto:wendy.atkinson@winchester.anglican.org)

## 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 short-handed, 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](mailto:chrismcgrath175@gmail.com)  
01420 564418



## Small Group Notes (continued)

v10 Rejection – The Parable of the Sower teaches that the Gospel seed will bounce off some people hearts: ‘the message of the cross is foolishness’ to those not saved (1 Corinthians 1:18); counter to this Paul says:

*...I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes...(Romans 1:16)*

**Consider and reflect; are you:**

**Reactive** – Ready to give an answer to the hope you have in Christ Jesus?

**Proactive** – Do you join organisations like CAP that offer the Gospel while helping improve the circumstances of others?

**Purposeful** – By fostering acquaintances and friends outside the church family?



**Festivals  
this  
summer**

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information  
search online,  
or speak to  
Jane**



## Small Group Notes – 8th March 2020 | Gifted – Sent Out

Please read and review Luke 10:1-11: a model of evangelism

Jesus says 'I will build my Church' (Matthew 16:18) – therefore, we, the Body of Christ are not responsible for 'converting' people but are commanded to deliver a message of hope (Matthew 28:19). The word 'evangelist' simply means 'bringer of good news'. We are not required to argue, cajole or persuade, simply 'tell'.

Luke uniquely records Jesus' commissioning seventy 'others' (the number 70 accords with elders of Israel Exodus 24:1 mirrored by the High Sanhedrin, the Jewish Authorities):

10:1-2 Jesus uses his metaphor for evangelism, harvesting (also John 4:34-38)

v3a Go – the disciples are paired and sent out – where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, he will be also (Matthew 18:20). Companionship is recommended.

v3b Be careful – Jesus does not expect us to take unnecessary risks.

v4a Be faithful – we need no gimmick, slick presentation or fancy props. The Gospel of Christ (1 Corinthians 15:3-8) is ample. It is up to the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth concerning Jesus (Acts 16:14).

v4b Be focussed – do not be side-tracked but 'always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (in Jesus), but do this with gentleness and respect,' (1 Peter 3:15)

v5-6 Extend a blessing – pray with and for people; a simple prayer will suffice: 'May God grant you/your family His peace.'

v7a Be content – focus on the one receptive person that God places in front of you; mindful of the rejoicing in heaven over one lost sheep (Luke 15:7) i.e. the celebration is always individual and not magnified for 100s or 1000s who are found.

v7b Receive your due – doing God's work is commanded, but God will reward us (1 Corinthians 3:9-14)

v8 Be flexible – accept people how they present themselves – regarding 'no one from a worldly point of view' (2 Corinthians 5:16)

v9a Bring healing – from the Old English *hælp* 'health' comes also 'hale', which gives us 'whole' and 'holy'. Without Jesus all are spiritually dead. The message of the Gospel is life and the evangelist brings healing, wholeness and holiness.

v9b Keep our message simple and words few; active and patient listening is itself a blessing.

## 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**

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Mrs Lynn Vine: lynn.vine@live.co.uk

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### **Family Worker: Jane Hughes**

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### **Church Office: Matt Senior**

Tel: 01420 560622  
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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.

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