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

# Services this Sunday - 19th January 2025

8am at COGS - Communion Service 9.30am at COGS - All age service with sung worship, kids church, creche and youth (on 2nd and 4th Sundays) 11am at St Andrew's - Communion Service

# **Memorial Service for Gilly Cobb**

The service will take place at COGS on Wednesday 22nd January at 12.30pm.

## **New Treasurer Needed**

We need a new treasurer who can monitor our finances, update PCC on our status, and keep our congregations and wider donor base informed of vision and need. There is excellent contracted accounts support, and resources across PCC for help with communication. Please talk to one of our wardens, Claire, or Howard for more information.

## Mike Saltmarsh's Christmas Quiz - Christmas Simple Fireside Challenge

Thanks to all who participated with the Christmas Quiz this year. A record amount of £350 was collected for the Church Homeless Charity!

Mike is grateful to those who bought and distributed multiple copies to various other people.

## Solar Panel Update - Scaffolding at COGS

With the preparations going on for solar panel installations at COGS, scaffolding is now up on site and further work will be taking place over the coming weeks. Please do take care around the scaffolding (it is fenced off). And do pray for the work being undertaken, some of it will be weather dependent.

#### **Ukraine Warm Clothes Appeal**

The disruption of energy supplies in Ukraine has made it especially difficult for people to keep themselves and their homes warm. This has prompted our local Ukrainian friends to launch an urgent appeal for warm clothing.

Alton's Community Cupboard will act as a collection hub for local donations, up to the end of February. If you have any of the following items you no longer need, in a clean and good condition, please drop them off in between 10.00am and 12.00 noon on Mon, Wed, Fri, or between 11.00am and 12.00 Sat.

Items needed: sweaters, warm trousers, pyjamas, thick socks, thermals, warm blankets (NOT duvets), walking boots. (For adults, children and babies).

Drop items off to:

#### Alton Community Cupboard: - 73b High St, Alton GU34 1AA

Thank you!!

**New Series** 



Our new teaching series for spring at COGS has begun. Service cards are available in church or you can find it online

- https://www.parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk/resources/teaching-series/

Sermons can be found on our sermon page or in our whole service videos on our youtube channel



Medstead & Four Marks Community Update Event

#### Four Marks Parish Council invites you to: View & discuss the latest plans for our new community building & Neighbourhood Plan or Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Four Marks Village Hall 2pm - 5pm

- This drop-in session will include latest information on the proposed improvements to the community facilities at Uplands Lane and the Recreation Ground.
  Review & engage with your local council on the joint Neighbourhood Plan
- This is your opportunity to see the plans and discuss them with your Parish Councillors.

Your attendance & input will support the council's funding bid to make our new community building a reality as well as increasing our collective voice in local planning and future development decisions!

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