



The Good Shepherd
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Week of 4th April 2021

Open for Service

We are open the church for services again. Tickets for the 9.30am service will be released the Monday before at noon.

If you find that tickets are sold out, please either join the waiting list or contact us directly so we know - this will inform future decisions about how many services we offer.

Online Church and Paper church will still be provided.

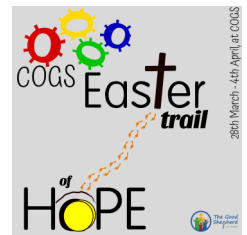
At the moment, especially with us reopening for services, we have a number of vacancies. To help our services run smoothly we would love to hear from people who would like to serve as stewards, projecting the words on Easy Worship, and looking after sound with the PA (training can be provided).

Outside of our weekly services, we are also keen to fill the roles of Ministry Leader for Prayer and Ministry Leader for Mission. If you think it might be an area you could serve in, do contact Matt for a role description and then have an exploratory conversation with Howard.

We also seek a Foundation Governor to serve our local school. Again, do discuss with Howard, if you think that it might be a way you could serve.

Easter Trail - finishes Easter Sunday

Come on down to the church and make use of our Easter Trail. Around the grounds you will find various activities, leading you through the Easter story with ways to interact along the way. If you can, bring along a flower to use for one of the activities.



MISSION OF THE MONTH

April - In Ministry to Children

"IMC is a small, Christian charity providing love and practical support to children in Colombia who are at risk through poverty, neglect or abuse."



inministrytochildren.org

PAPER SERVICE

We produce a paper version of our online services for anyone who cannot connect to us online. These are found with our service videos on the website. **If you know someone who would benefit from this, please print and deliver, or alert the office.**

Giving

We do not take offerings at our services, even when we are able to meet. Our preferred method of financial giving to continue the work of the Church is via Standing Order. Please contact the Church Office or our Treasurer, David Craigen (01420 564152 or cogstreasurer@gmail.com) for more details. If you wish to donate online, these are our account details:

Acc No: 60003685. Sort Code: 60-01-13. You can also find a Paypal donate button.



Many thanks for your generosity.

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Staying Connected

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/online-church

Find the following on our website:

Online Church Services

11am Sunday Coffee on Zoom

Kids Church Videos

Youth Activities

Family resources & Activities

Small Group Notes

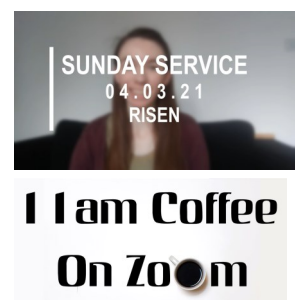
Alpha Online

Morning Prayer / Compline: Contact David Bush

d.l.bush@mac.com

For weekly notices, please contact Matt to be added to the church mailing list.

For prayer updates, please contact Matt to be added to the email prayer chain.



Midweek Services

Our Licensed Lay Ministers continue to run midweek services online. Mon 08.00, Wed 20.00

Classic Anglican Order of Service ... available on the site, and online, and by a tablet/phone app

Email David: d.l.bush@mac.com to get access and give it a try!

APCM & Electoral Roll

The APCM is scheduled for the evening of the 20th April. The meeting is likely to be held both in the building and with the option to attend online. Prior to the APCM, we are updating our Electoral Roll. If you are not a member of our electoral roll, but would like to be, please contact Matt before 5th April.

Strategy Team

Our mission as a church is to respond to God's love, and we do this by growing deeper in God and larger in mission, but as the world has changed so drastically over the past year, and as we anticipate more change to come, we're starting to think about how we can best fulfil our mission in this new context.

Church is called to be family, so we really want to hear from you - We're inviting you to a conversation about your experience and thoughts in different areas of our church mission. You can take part via a few options:

- **On zoom on Sunday 25th April at 3pm, Wednesday 28th April at 7.30pm and Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm**
(Zoom links on the church website)
- **By an online questionnaire (until the 9th May)**
- **By a written questionnaire on paper** (please get in touch to request a copy)

(There will also be opportunities for the younger members of our church family to be involved.)

For now, please pray. You might like to use this short prayer:

"Father God, thank you for your faithfulness to us so far. Please guide us now and fill us with wisdom. Show us how we can grow deeper in you and larger in mission, and give us the courage to follow wherever you may lead us."

Message from Ali Beckett - URGENT APPEAL

Many people are dying needlessly in Malawi because of Covid-19. God has put it on my heart to help as much as I can. The hospitals do not have sufficient resources to treat everyone. Starfish Malawi have set up the THE OXYGEN OF LIFE APPEAL to provide the urgently needed equipment and resources to the local hospital and health centres where we work in Salima. Starfish Malawi have opened a just giving page and all of the details are shown below. Even the smallest amount could help to save someone's life.

Thank you so much for your support. Ali. There are two ways to donate:

1. By visiting www.justgiving.com/campaign/fightingfundformalawi
 2. By BACS transfer to our bank: CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40, Account number 00018762
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Fresh Start Course from Christians Against Poverty

For some people, Lockdown has meant they spend more time and money on a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet addiction, online shopping, drinking, or taking drugs. **Fresh Start** helps you tackle such a habit. It's an 8-week course pioneered by Christians Against Poverty (CAP), based on principles from the Bible and the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their dependencies. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, see www.capfreshstart.org.

A new Fresh Start course will begin on **Monday 12th April, 7:30 - 9:00 pm** at the Alton Maltings Centre. Arrangements comply with Covid rules. If you, or anyone you know, would like to try the Fresh Start course, contact Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email markrumsby@capuk.org

COGS Tots at Home

COGS Tots at home is open for registration. You can find more information online or by speaking to Jane.



Ray Patey

Ray, who was known to some of us, celebrated his 100th birthday at the beginning of March and died peacefully at home on Palm Sunday. Please remember his family in your prayers. Thank you.