



## Our Services

Services are taking place at 8am & 9.30am.

8am is a said communion

9.30am is a service of the Word or a communion service. (Live Streamed)

**Kids Church is back this weekend, and we have the live band leading us in sung worship.**

No tickets are required, but sanitization and face masks are encouraged.

## Live Streaming

This Sunday we are livestreaming our 9.30am service. This means those not able to join us in the building on Sunday morning will still be able to be with us online (or to catch up after the service). Find the video at [www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/online-church/](http://www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/online-church/)

## Monday Club

Thank you for your prayers - we had a fabulous time at Monday Club. We had 61 children connect with us over the weeks. Do keep praying for all the families that were involved. And our grateful thanks to the team who made it happen.



### MISSION OF THE MONTH

#### September - Alton Food Bank

*Helping Local People in Crisis*

"Our foodbank is a project founded by local churches and community groups, working together towards stopping hunger in Alton and surrounding villages."

[alton.foodbank.org.uk](http://alton.foodbank.org.uk)



### 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](mailto: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.

[Donate](#)

Many thanks for your generosity.

## Ministers: All of Us Together

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## Staying Connected

[www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk/online-church](http://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](mailto: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.

## Finance Report from the Treasurer

A brief over-view of the church finances after the first seven months of the year reveals that COGS has realised a deficit of £2,000 to date, with donations slightly below forecast and expenses likewise. However, the updated forecast for the year indicates that this deficit will have increased to over £20,000 by year-end.

The most significant feature this year has been, despite one or two regular donors increasing their contribution (thank you!), the overall downward trend in monthly donations. This is explained by people leaving the village, and/or the church, or choosing/ needing to reduce their regular donation amount for personal reasons. To date we have seen a reduction of around £25,000 on an annual basis, which represents over 11% of total income.

This significant downturn in income has prompted the PCC urgently to consider what options there are in order to address the growing imbalance between income and expenditure. The obvious one is to review the established COGS policy of tithing 10% of all donated income to outside missions, which is understandably keenly supported by some of the congregation. But for this policy to continue into 2022 one has to pose the question "What other ideas can you suggest to redress the unsustainable over-spending of our resources?" It is important to note that there is also, within the congregation, a number of people who are not supporters of this long-standing policy, and who would prefer for their contributions to be used to support the vital in-house "mission" work provided by our Youth, Children and Family activities.

Please talk with me, Howard or any member of the PCC if you would like to register your reaction and ideas.

Thank you all for your continuing generosity.

**David Craigen**

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## 7pm Service

The 7pm Sunday congregation are gathering on zoom. You can join the service via the link on the website. Please join us, all welcome.

**7pm  
Service**

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## Amen Shoebox Appeal

We're looking for a few extra volunteers to help run the annual Amen Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This involves just a few hours in the autumn checking the shoeboxes are wrapped securely, forms completed properly and any money donations collected and counted. The shoeboxes are then transported to Manna Church in Sighisoara, Romania where they are distributed to families in one of the most marginalised communities in Europe. If you have a heart for this mission and would like to see it continue at COGS then please contact Matt/Howard/the Church Office as soon as possible.

## Update of Amen Christmas Shoeboxes

Thank you again to all who kindly managed to provide a shoebox or knitted blanket for Christmas Amen last year despite all the difficulties.

It was a blessing to know that even through Covid and travel restrictions God enabled the lorry to arrive and enter Romania a few days before Christmas!!

This year 2021 we again plan to collect and send Christmas Shoe Boxes and hand knitted blankets.

This is advanced notice to enable those who wish to....are welcome to.....

- a) start knitting
- b) start crocheting ( blankets,.... lap, cot and bed sizes)
- c) attain an empty regular size shoebox
- d) start collecting items for families gifts including children.

Past photos and information is available online at [Amentrust.co.uk](http://Amentrust.co.uk) and 2020 video. Romanian Appeal under the Relieving Poverty tab.

Leaflets will be available in church from mid September. Any questions please ring Di Loosemore 07912630088



## Friday night is Music Night

With live music returning to our 9.30 services, the band members will be rehearsing on Friday evenings. Led by the Worship Leaders, the primary focus will be on the worship for the Sunday, but new songs may be trialled too, and anyone is welcome to come along and join in. Bring your instrument if you can, or join in with the singing. We would especially welcome those learning an instrument wishing to gain confidence in a group. Appropriate social distancing precautions will be taken.

For further information and confirmation of timing, please contact Chris (chrismcgrath175@gmail.com) or the church office

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## Car Boot Sale in aid of St Peter's Ropley

**Sunday 5th September (8.30am—12 noon)** at Sation Hill, Ropley, SO24 0BL

A cash only event. Burgers and Ice Cream available. More info on [www.stpetersropley.org.uk](http://www.stpetersropley.org.uk)

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## OLD BAGS 2 SALE



*Designer, new and nearly new handbags, shoes, belts,  
scarves, jewellery and some clothes*

**In aid of St Peter's Church Ropley Appeal**

## Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*At Ropley House, Berry Hill, Ropley, SO24 0EB*

*By kind permission of Mrs Sarah Habib*



## Champagne Lunch

*11.30 am for 12.30 pm* - giving guests time to shop beforehand

**£30.00 tickets payable in advance please**

*Sale - 2.15pm - 3.30pm* ~ **Entry £5.00: to include tea and cake**

## Champagne and Canape Reception

*6.00 pm - 8.00 pm* - **£12.50 tickets payable in advance**

*Parking near the house*

**Enquiries: please ring 01962 773749**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM: [www.stpetersropley.org.uk](http://www.stpetersropley.org.uk)**

**We regret that the venue is not suitable for mobile children.**