

Church Events and Notices

Sunday 12th April 2026

8am at St Andrew's - Communion Service

9.30am at COGS - All Age Service with sung worship, Kid's Church and Creche.

3.45pm at COGS - Messy Church

Electoral Roll Revision - Last Chance!

It is that time of year again. The Electoral Roll annual revision has commenced. The Roll is now open for those who wish to join it.

If you would like to join the roll, do talk to Frank (or contact Matt in the office)

office@pmafam.co.uk

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Our annual parochial church meeting is taking place at the Church of the Good Shepherd, on the evening of Tuesday 28th April.

Further details and documents to follow.

Be Alert!

A member of our congregation recently received an email claiming to be from Howard and asking them to carry out some transactions on his behalf.

We would encourage you to be cautious with any unexpected or out of the usual emails you receive. Be especially cautious of attachments and hyperlinks.

None of the church staff would email you asking you to spend or move money, and genuine emails would come from our email addresses that end with @pmafam.co.uk

If you receive an email from a staff member that you are unsure about, do contact the staff member directly with a new email (not a reply) or phone them for clarification.

If you receive anything that is clearly suspicious or fraudulent, do let us know.

Thank you.

St Andrew's April Boon Day

St Andrew's April Boon Day takes place on Saturday 11th April from 10am. The kettle will be on for the workers and there is a plan for bacon and egg rolls!

Messy Church - Sunday 12th April





**Sunday 12th
April**
3:45-5:45pm



Showing God's love in everything we do



Scan the code or visit:
<https://pmafm.churchsuite.com/events/losqnoa9>
to book your space

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS What's on for Families in April		CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS What's on for youth and children	
 <p>COGS Tinytots</p> <p>Baby group Monday mornings, 13th, 20th and 27th 10:30-12 At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Messy Church</p> <p>Monthly all age Messy Church Sunday 12th April 3.45-5.45 pm At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Youth</p>  <p>Parents consent needed. Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.</p> <p>Monday youth Club(weekly) 4:15 to 6:00 pm. For Young people in year 6 onwards. Toast and Drinks provided at the beginning of the session.</p> <p>At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p>	 <p>Kids Church</p>  <p>Please scan the QR code for more information.</p> <p>Kids Church every Sunday morning. During the 9.30am Church Service Aimed for children aged 3-11</p> <p>At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p>
 <p>COGS Tots</p> <p>Monthly Stay and play Toddler Group Tuesday 14th April 9-11 am At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Medstead Family Church</p> <p>Monthly all age Family Church Sunday 26th April 4-5 pm At St. Andrews Church hall</p>	  <p>Contact Virginia at youthandchildren@pmafm.co.uk for more information</p>	
 <p>Contact Jane at families@pmafm.co.uk 07711407831</p> 			



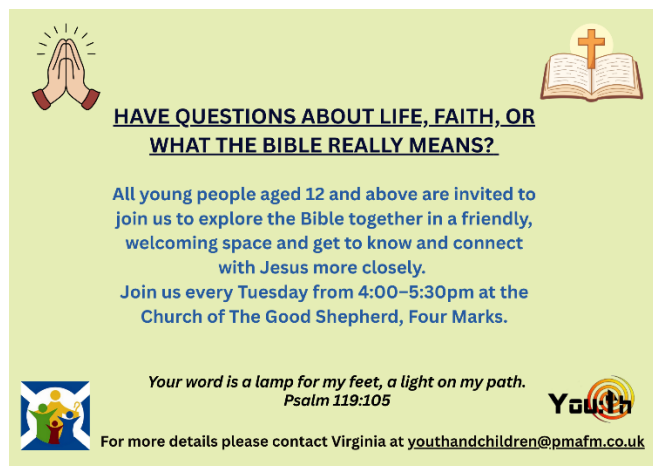
**Medstead
fAmiLy
Church**

On 4th Sundays
in Medstead Church Hall
parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk

Dates for 2026
Sundays, 4-5pm

25th January
22nd February
22nd March
26th April

What is Family Church?
Family church is a welcoming, fun, café-style church for all ages. Each month, we explore a Bible story that engages both children and adults discovering together more about Jesus and the life and hope he offers. Everyone is invited



**HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH, OR
WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY MEANS?**

All young people aged 12 and above are invited to join us to explore the Bible together in a friendly, welcoming space and get to know and connect with Jesus more closely.

Join us every Tuesday from 4:00-5:30pm at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Four Marks.

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
Psalm 119:105*

For more details please contact Virginia at youthandchildren@pmafm.co.uk

Evening of Prayer



Our next evening of prayer is taking place at the church hall at COGS, Four Marks on **Tuesday 14th April** at 7.30pm. Do come and join us if you can.

COGS Tots Nearly New Sale - Saturday 18th April



Nearly New Sale



Saturday 18th April
9.30-11.30 am
The Good Shepherd church, GU34 5AA
Free entrance for buyers

Cafe open for tea, coffee and cake
Raffle and play space for littleones

Tombola Play space Cafe

Help us to fundraise and support our weekly baby group and monthly toddler group and at the same time find new homes for your baby and toddler clothes, toys and equipment, from bump to age 8 years.



Sellers from 8.30am.
Tables from £5, payable at time of booking

Scan the QR code to book a sellers table
or Contact Jane for more information
07711407831 families@pmafam.co.uk

St Andrew's Jumble Sale - Saturday 25th April



JUMBLE SALE!

Saturday 25th April 2026

Donations: 10:00 – 12:00
Sale: 1:30 – 3:30 pm

For further details contact
07709 553804

Find a Bargain!
All Welcome!

Donations of Good Quality Items Wanted!

Alton Deanery's Overseas Link serving the Church of Uganda in Karamoja

Diocesan Training College - Lotome Project

Our funds have;

Enabled training for new ministers.

Supported the Bishops and existing ministers in their ministry including responding to famine need among their parishioners.

And, (as shown below) enabled the construction of a new house for the Ministry Training College Principal (the old one had collapsed)



Summer 2026 Teaching Series



Our NEW series starts on April 19th. Click the image to view the series card.

(Paper copies are available at COGS)

Catch up on previous sermons on our website or YouTube channel.

Other events and notices

Family 'Play Outside' Day and Community Social Event



Saturday 18th April
From 1pm - 6pm
Four Marks Recreation Ground
Uplands Lane, Four Marks GU34 5AF

Bar open at Benians Pavillion from 3pm



With
joining the
Day of
Action
for nature,
parks and
green spaces

Find out more about
development plans for
the area from local
campaign groups
while the kids play



Let's show
politicians we
care

**18th April
2026**

This event is part of the Community Planning
Alliance's UK wide 'Day of Action' to
protect and restore our countryside.
Join the fight against excessive development.

InFocus
The vision impairment & complex needs charity

Archie takes on the London Marathon

Scan the QR code to read my story

Hello, I'm Archie 🐶
I'm DeafBlind and I've got a wheelchair place in
the London Marathon 2026! My sisters and
brother-in-law will push me the whole way!
I'm raising money for InFocus, the amazing
charity that has supported me for the last 14
years.
Please check out my JustGiving page and donate
if you can!
Thank you from
Team Archie

Follow along...
archie.runs 📺
archie.rice.runs 🎵

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/archie-runs>



Alton Climate Action Network Registered charity no 1189431

**PATRICK BUSBY'S BRIGHTON MARATHON
FUNDRAISER for**

**ACAN's GUMBI MALAWI HOMESTEAD FARM
IRRIGATION PROJECT**

Help a village feed itself with a solar-powered water pump

Malawi in Africa is the 4th poorest country in the world, responsible for only 0.1% of global greenhouse gas emissions. Two thirds of the population live in food poverty.



ACAN's environmental justice initiative supports a permaculture demonstration farm and training centre in sustainable farming methods for homestead farmers in 22 villages around Gumbi in central Malawi.

The 525 farmers are organised into co-operatives of 20-25 homesteads. Irrigation is urgently needed to greatly improve crop yields, enable two harvests a year – and end hunger despite severe ongoing drought. We are fundraising for £26,000 to purchase a solar-powered water pump + 100m of hosepipe for each village (£1,200), to replace watering with buckets.



The Permaculture Community Training Centre is registered in Malawi as a social enterprise company. It is managed and delivered by Malawians who were beneficiaries of the Gumbi Education Fund <https://gumbieducationfund.org.uk>. We work with the Gumbi Chief, who links with the Group Village Headmen in each village. We have no overhead costs.

Donate through [JustGiving Link](#) [Patrick Busby is fundraising for Alton Climate Action Network](#)

Or Scan the QR Code Opposite:



[Click for sponsorship link](#)

C.A.P. Seeking Volunteer Befrienders

We are looking to expand our team of befrienders, both men and women, who accompany our Debt Coaches on visits to clients. Befrienders are essential members of our team, without whom, we cannot operate effectively. Over the past 12 years C.A.P. has helped 128 families to become debt free and we are currently helping 20+ families through our three-home visit process on their journey out of debt.

For more befriender information please read here;

[Befriender Letter Mar26.docx](#)

C.A.P. Money Budgeting One Day Course



CAP Money Budgeting Course

A **free** one-day course to give you the knowledge, budgeting skills and confidence to better manage **your** finances.



Expert teaching and guidance through a series of videos, with activities and discussions to help you build a **budget**, keep track of what you **spend**, and **save** regularly.

What are the **key benefits** of the course?

- Learn how to structure your finances
- Learn how to use credit wisely
- Explore the difference between essential and optional expenses
- Find ways to cut costs
- Free access to a mobile-friendly budget worksheet

Please select either
Saturday 25th April 2026
or Saturday 13th June 2026
10 am – 4 pm at Alton Maltings

To book a place, please email
veritybenwell@capuk.org
or phone 07501 914563



For more information about the CAP Money Course visit:

<https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching>

London Marathon

Andy Short is running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April 2026 for the charity International Needs UK. They work in some of the most desperate situations worldwide with projects including water, sanitation and hygiene, children's access to education, farming techniques and disaster response.



<https://www.givey.com/andrewslondonmarathonfundraiser>

Alton Concert Band
and
The Lydian Singers
Musical Director for both
Jeremy Hilton Morrish

**"Thank You For
The Music"**

Saturday 18th April 2026
Alton Maltings: 7:00pm

Tickets : Adult - £12.00
12-18 - £6.00 (Under 12 free)

Available from Ticketsource
or at the door

For more information please contact :
altonconcertband@outlook.com or www.altonconcertband.co.uk
lydiansinfo@gmail.com or www.lydiansingersfarnborough.co.uk



The concert starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets will be available on the door or
via www.ticketsource.co.uk/alton-concert-band

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