

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

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**Services on Sunday - 14th December 2025**

**8am at Medstead - Communion Service**

**9.30am at COGS - All Age Service service with sung worship, kids church and  
creche**

**4pm and 6pm at COGS - Carol Services**

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**Christmas is coming. Information of our various events and services are on the  
website (click the image to find it).**

**In the porch at COGS are cards for Carols by Candlelight, Crib service and Tea &  
Praise. Do take to pass on.**

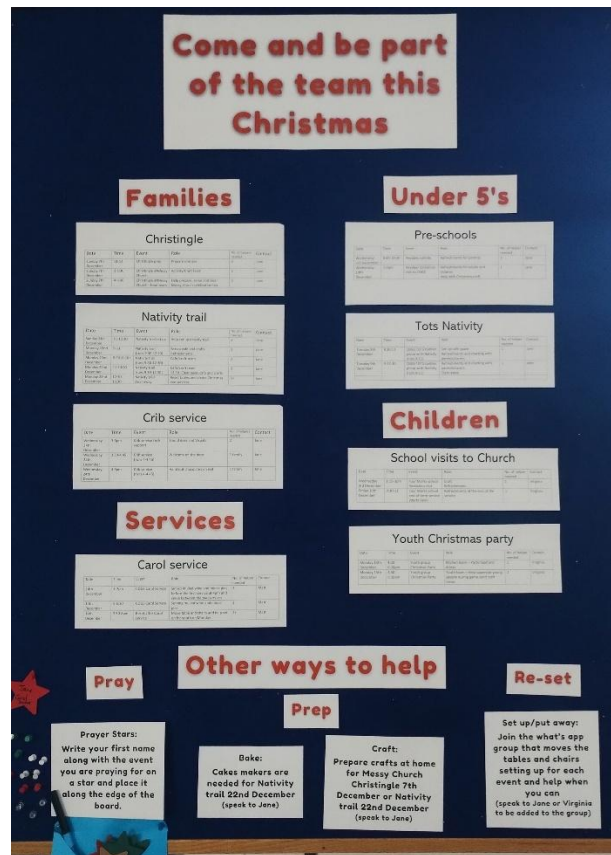
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**You are invited to be part of the team this Christmas!**

There's a lot planned for the couple of weeks and there are plenty of ways to be  
involved.

We're looking for help at Carols by Candlelight at COGS (Sunday 14th) and the Nativity  
Trail (Monday 22nd), and at a range of other services and events.

There's a board at the back of COGS listing the ways to be involved and help out or click  
here to view [Come and be part of the team this Christmas 2025.pdf](#) . Please have a  
look and see what you could do. As well as practical help we are also hoping for people  
to commit to praying for all that is going on in December. Please write your name and  
the event on a star and add it to the board!



**This evening!**



### Carols Round the Trees

6.30pm, Friday 12th December at St Andrew's Medstead  
with mulled wine and hot chocolate!



**Carols by Candlelight**

4&6pm Sunday 14th December at COGS

Mince pies and mulled wine between the services

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**Carols at Belford**

3pm Tuesday 16th December

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**Evening of Prayer**

7.30pm, Tuesday 16th December in COGS church hall

Do join us if you can

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**Carols at Oak Green**

11am Saturday 20th December

Weather-permitting



### **Christmas Tea & Praise - 3pm, 21st December at COGS**

A traditional Christmas service followed by tea and cake.  
Help is still required in providing cakes and savouries, and by serving on the day.

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### **CHILD SPONSORSHIP**

If you responded to the appeal on Compassion Sunday recently, or sponsor a child through any other charity, please may we have a photo for our revised sponsorship notice board?



We can scan the photos and return them to you. Please ensure your name, the child's, and their home country are on the reverse, and give them to Matt or Chris McGrath,  
thank you

### **Pilgrim accommodation**

A pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury, with members from St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wantage, will be stopping in Four Marks on 10th March.

The group, which is likely to be 2 or 3 gentlemen, are wondering if anyone might be able to put them up for the evening.

If anyone thinks they can help, please let Matt know, and he can put you in contact with the group leader, the curate of the parish.

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**Mike Saltmarsh's Christmas Quiz will be available this Sunday!**

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### **Bookstall**

Christmas Cards and other items are still available for sale from the Church Bookstall.

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**We are at the end of our autumn teaching series at COGS. Revelation Part 2 starts soon. Catch up on previous sermons on our website or YouTube channel. Click the image to view the series card. (Paper copies available at COGS)**

### Pop-Up Carols

Come and join us for  
**Alton Churches**  
**POP-UP CAROLS**  
On a green space near  
you 2025  
Everyone is welcome

Scan here  
for dates  
and locations

The Lord has  
come...  
Luke 2:11

www.harvestchurch.uk www.resurrectionbenefice.org www.thebuttschurch.org.uk

**POP-UP CAROLS**


On a green space near you this December

Friday 5	6.30pm Barleyfields, nr Holybourne
	7.00pm Charrington Close, Rivermead Gardens
Sunday 7	5.00pm Wentworth Gardens
Monday 8	6.30pm Vyne Close
Tuesday 9	6.30pm Hop Field Place
	7.30pm The Butts Green
	8.30pm Alton Sports Centre
Thursday 11	7.00pm Ridgeway (between Lingfield Close and Fontwell Drive)
	7.30pm Northanger Close
	7.30pm Sandringham Close
Friday 12	5.30pm Beech Village Hall
Saturday 13	5.00pm Lipscombe Rise
Monday 15	2.00pm The Lawn Care Home
Tuesday 16	7.00pm Holland Drive, Medstead
Thursday 18	2.00pm Brendon Care
Monday 22	7.00pm The White Hart Pub, Holybourne

For Christmas service details please visit our websites

www.harvestchurch.uk  
www.resurrectionbenefice.org  
www.thebuttschurch.org.uk  
www.altonmethodist.org.uk

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**Join Alton Choral Society**

**Happiness is singing in a Choir!**


ACS is a friendly choir welcoming singers of all abilities and voice types.

We perform regularly and raise much needed funds for local charities

Singing in a choir is also proven to improve health & wellbeing

We perform music from a broad range of musical genres and there is no audition. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 in The Salvation Army Hall in The Market Square Alton

**For more information please contact us:**  
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