

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

Church Events and Notices

Sunday - 15th February 2026

8am at COGS - Communion Service

9.30am at COGS - All Age Service with sung worship, kids church & creche

11am at St Andrew's - Communion Service



Pancake party
3-5pm
Tuesday 17th
February
Join us as a family to
prepare, cook, flip and eat
pancakes together

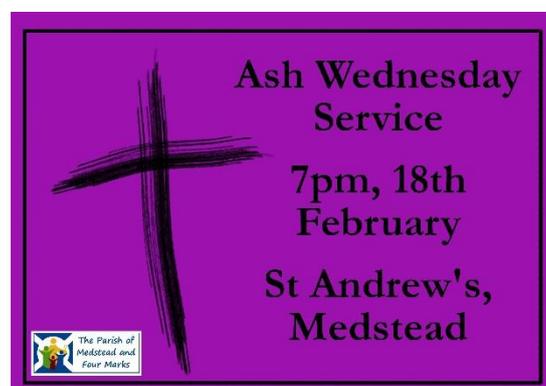
Scan the code to
book your space.
Bookings close 10th
February

 Kids **Church**
Family

The image shows a top-down view of a breakfast table with several pancakes on plates, some topped with blueberries and chocolate. There are also bowls of blueberries, a sliced apple, and a small bowl of chocolate sauce. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the advertisement.

Pancake Party - 17th February
click on the image to book in

Ash Wednesday 18th February 7pm at St Andrew's



Ash Wednesday
Service
7pm, 18th
February
St Andrew's,
Medstead

 The Parish of
Medstead and
Four Marks

The advertisement has a solid purple background. On the left side, there is a large, hand-drawn black cross. The text is in a white, serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for 'The Parish of Medstead and Four Marks' which includes a small icon of a church and a cross.

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS

What's on for Families in February



Baby group
Monday mornings,
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd Feb
10:30-12
At The Good Shepherd



Monthly all age
Messy Church
Sunday 8th February
3.45-5.45 pm
At The Good Shepherd



Monthly Stay and play
Toddler Group
Tuesday 10th February
9-11 am
At The Good Shepherd



Monthly all age
Family Church
Sunday 22nd February
4-5 pm
At St. Andrews Church hall



Contact Jane at
families@pmfam.co.uk
07711407831



CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS

What's on for youth and children



Parents consent needed.
Please scan the QR Code to
complete the form.

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.

At The Church of The Good
Shepherd in Four Marks



Please scan the QR code
for more information.

Kids Church every Sunday
morning.
During the 9.30am Church
Service
Aimed for children aged 3-11

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Shepherd in Four Marks

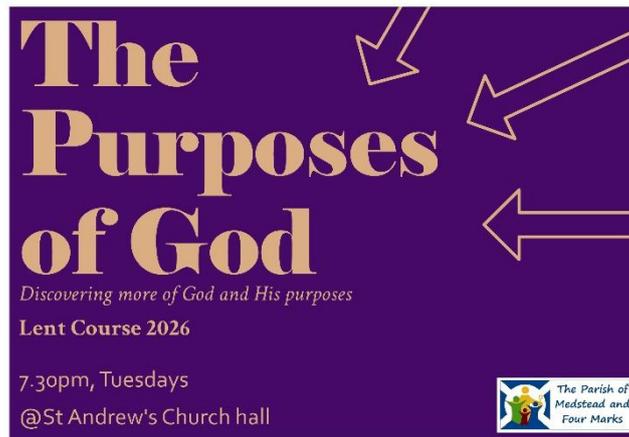


Contact Virginia at youthandchildren@pmfam.co.uk
for more information

Medstead Family Church 4th Sundays at St Andrew's 4pm



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



Lent Course 2026 - The Purposes of God
Discovering more of God and His purposes

7.30pm, Tuesdays in St Andrew's Church hall

Sessions will include presentations, group discussion and open question times

24th February - How to know God: The source of our understanding - the Bible as the revelation of the character and nature of God

3rd March - The nature of God: Seeking an understanding of God through his self-revelation in the Bible and supremely in Jesus

10th March - The purposes of God for the world: Plotting the story of salvation and mission through His-story.

17th March - The purposes of God for us: Seeing and taking our place in God's work.

No need to book, just show up.

Lent Lunch - Friday 20th February 12:30pm

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Friday 20 February 12:30
St Andrews Church Hall, Medstead GU34 5LU

During lunch Dr Hugh Bethell will give a talk about Cardiac Health and the ways exercise can aid recovery whilst improving your overall fitness.

Enjoy a selection of home made soups, fresh bread and cheese.

Donations welcome to support Cardiac Health.

50 years
Cardiac Health
Fitness for Life

www.cardiachealth.org.uk
The Basingstoke & Alton Cardiac Rehabilitation Charity Ltd.



St Andrew's Church Medstead

Charity Lenten Lunch

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Please join us for delicious home-made soups, bread and cheese

St Andrew's Church Hall Medstead from 12.30

Friday 20th February - Cardiac Health

Thursday 26th February - St Michael 's Hospice

Saturday 7th March - MIND

Friday 20th March - Hampshire & IoW Air Ambulance

Entry is free. donations welcomed and all proceeds will be shared equally between the 4 charities involved.

Child Sponsorship

If you responded to the appeal on Compassion Sunday 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 name, and their home country are on the reverse, and give them to Matt or Chris McGrath, thank you

Re-Ordering of St Andrew's

St Andrew's LCG (Local Church Group) are moving forward with various options that will provide a much improved and up to date environment for our regular services, for the school, and for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

For more information, please visit:

<https://parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk/joining-with-medstead/st-andrews/reordering-of-st-andrews-church/>

Do speak to the LCG members (John Lofthouse, Ann Lofthouse, Ian Jurd, Sharon Blackshaw, Ian Trotter, Jeremy Griggs, and Howard Wright) if you have any comments.



Family Quiz

Saturday 21st March, 4-6pm

Supper included.

Save the date - bookings open soon.



Our new teaching series at COGS is Revelation Part 2: The King & The Wedding Day.

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

Click the image to view the series card. (Paper copies available at COGS)

Other events and notices

ACTS

A small group, which we have named ACTS (All Coming Together Socially) are endeavouring to arrange various social events during this coming year, some will be at the church and others using various venues. The aim is to encourage getting to know each other better, creating a greater sense of family.

We want to use the events, as an opportunity for inviting friends and neighbours to join with us and enjoy some fun together. These events will be for both Christians and 'not yet Christian', thus building bridges that Jesus can walk over. We are primarily looking at the age group, 20-70 years, though not exclusively.

The first event being organised is a Skittles evening on Friday 27th February.

ACTS
All Coming Together Socially

YOU are invited to
Join with us
for an evening of
SKITTLES FUN and FOOD

Place: The Phoenix Inn
Winchester SO21 1RF
Date: 27th February
Time: 7.00 pm
Cost: £20.00 per person
R.S.V.P
Neil & Lorna 07519 119471
Doug & Chris 07564 376850 P.T.O

HOT FOOD MENU CHOICES

- Spit Roast 1/2 Chicken & Chips
- 3 Pork Sausages & Chips
- Two Haddock & Spring Onion Fish Cakes & Chips
- Homemade HOT Beef Chilli, Boiled Rice & Garlic Bread
- Phoenix Style Beef Lasagne, Mixed Salad, Homemade Coleslaw
- Vegetarian Lasagne, Mixed salad & Homemade Coleslaw

MEAL CHOICE and PAYMENT on CONFIRMATION please

Patrick Busby Running the Brighton Marathon



On 12th April Patrick will be running in the Brighton marathon to raise money for the Alton Climate Action Network GUMBI Malawi Irrigation Project, especially important work given the recent severe droughts in Malawi.

If you would like to donate, please visit his JustGiving page:
[Patrick Busby is fundraising for Alton Climate Action Network](#)

Alton Foodbank

The Alton Foodbank (Charity name Alton Christian Care Limited, Charity Number England & Wales 1151471) is a local charity that supports some of the most vulnerable

people in Alton and the surrounding villages. For the charity to run well we need a dedicated team of trustees and volunteers. Recently the following roles have (or are about to become) vacant: Charity Trustee and Treasurer (does not need to be a trustee also)

A summary role description for the trustee role can be viewed here.

[ACCTrusteeJD_V1.pdf](#)

If you would like to find out more about either role, please contact Ian Dane, Chair of Trustees Alton Foodbank on imdane@alton.foodbank.org.uk or 07768 711679

C.A.P.

With the burden of debt being an ever-present concern in our community, Christians Against Poverty in partnership with Harvest Church are constantly seeking to reach out to those within the local area in most need of our debt help service.

If you or someone you know is seeking help with debt, please contact CAP on 0800 328 0006



- 1 Free help, for you**
Start your debt-free journey at capuk.org or via 0800 328 0006. Because one size doesn't fit all, we will always analyse your specific situation to identify the best, most effective route to freedom for your circumstances. And our locally-based teams, ensure someone is always there for you in-person. You can also contact moneyhelper@cap.org.uk
- 2 Making the call**
When you call, our friendly New Enquiries team, their goal is to always ensure our service fits your needs and that you feel welcomed. If we have a debt centre in your area, they will then book an appointment with one of our local Debt Coaches to get you started.
- 3 Friendly home visits**
With CAP you are not alone: over three visits, your Debt Coach and a supportive befriender will come to you to listen, gather paperwork, and explain the best solution recommended by our experts.
- 4 Your expert plan**
Our advisors build a realistic budget that prioritises essentials like food and housing. We then handle negotiations with creditors to freeze interest and set up affordable repayments or other debt options.
- 5 A fresh start**
Choose your route and let us handle the heavy lifting. Your budget and plan will focus on clearing your debts, and helping you build the habits needed to manage your money long-term so you can build up your financial stability.

Christians Against Poverty is here to support you throughout your journey!

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>

Pilgrim accommodation

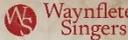
A pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury, with members from St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wantage, will be stopping in Four Marks on 10th March.

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.

Bookstall

Bible Reading notes and other items are available for sale from the Church Bookstall



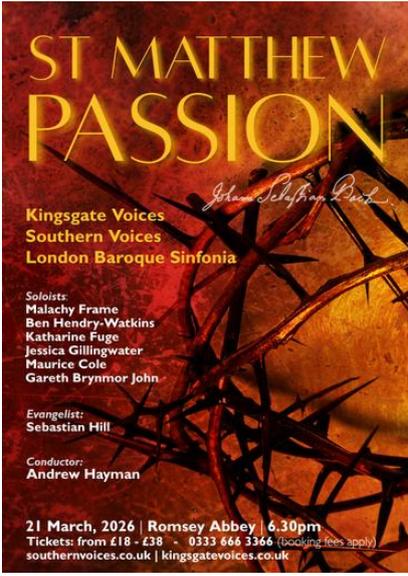
Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius
Winchester Cathedral
Friday March 27th 2026
at 7.30 pm

Waynflete Singers
Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir
English Chamber Orchestra

Mezzo-soprano: Dame Sarah Connolly
Tenor: Andrew Kennedy
Bass: Andrew Foster-Williams

Conductor: Andrew Lumsden
Tickets: £15.00 - £50.00
www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/
or call 01962 857275
or via www.waynfletesingers.org.uk/concerts

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PASSION**

Johann Sebastian Bach

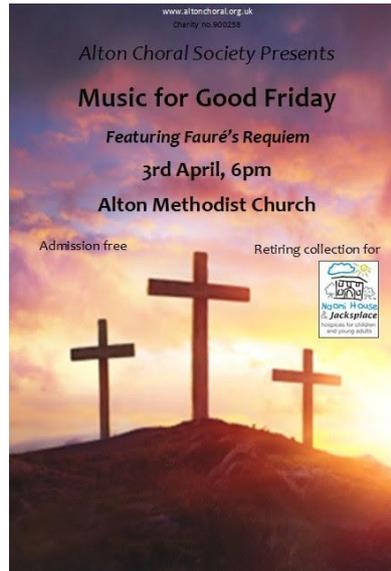
Kingsgate Voices
Southern Voices
London Baroque Sinfonia

Soloists:
Malachy Frame
Ben Hendry-Watkins
Katharine Fuge
Jessica Gillingwater
Maurice Cole
Gareth Brynmor John

Evangelist:
Sebastian Hill

Conductor:
Andrew Hayman

21 March, 2026 | Romsey Abbey | 6.30pm
Tickets: from £18 - £38 - 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)
southernvoices.co.uk | kingsgatevoices.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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