



**The Good
Shepherd**
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Our church diary is available to view on
the website

12th January 2020



**Our next Alpha Course starts
13.01.20, Mondays at 7pm.**

Contact: Nigel Pink
nigelpink.cogs@gmail.com
or the church office.

There's still time to invite somebody to come.



**Malawi Evening - Monday 20th January,
7.30pm**

Do come along to hear stories of Ali's work at Starfish
Malawi. The evening will start with puddings.

David Bush is running the Mindfulness
Based Stress Reduction course beginning
Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm.
Fliers available in the porch



Date for your diary

WORSHIP MATTERS - 28th Feb 2020

From Mike Saltmarsh..

The Christmas Quiz raised £306. My grateful thanks to those who
contributed. The money has gone off to the Church Homeless Trust

Parish Magazine on Website and Contributions Please for the Next Magazine

The magazine is on the website and I encourage you to view it there.

Your contribution to the next magazine is invited and should reach Robert Parker
(parker305@btinternet.com) not later than the 15th of the month. Thank you.

The Week Ahead

Sunday 12th January

Gifted | What Do We Have?

Exodus 3-18-4:5 & John 6:5-13

Note: Gospel reading is John, not as stated on early versions of teaching series card)

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Service of the Word

11.30am - Cell Church in the chapel

7pm - Celebration Service (with a bring and share tea party from 6.30pm)

Monday 13th January

8am - Prayer in the chapel

10am - Bumps & Babies in church hall

7.30pm - Alpha

Tuesday 14th January

7am - Early Morning Prayer in the chapel

7/7.30pm - Ministry Leaders

Wednesday 15th January

2pm - Tea & Bowls in the church

2pm - Tea & Chat in the church hall

6pm - Youth Wednesdays in church hall

Thursday 16th January

9.45am - Ladies Small Group in upper room/
church hall

7.30pm - Mindfulness course in church hall

Friday 17th January

8am - Prayer in the chapel

Saturday 18th January

10am - Litter Picking at Oak Green

Sunday 19th January

Gifted | Building God's House

Ephesians 4:1-16 & Matthew 10:1-10

8am - Said Communion

9.30am - All Age Communion Service

11.30am - Cell Church in the chapel

7pm - Celebration Service with communion

Caring in Prayer

New/Updated

Alpha – Pray for attendees for the course and pray for anyone who God may be calling you to invite to attend. Pray that as a church, we are looking outward to those who we could share Jesus with

Mindfulness – Pray for those booked in, or those considering attending the mindfulness course beginning on Thursday. Pray that the course will help to improve people's well-being. Pray for David as he leads the course .

Christmas – Give thanks for the visitors who came to our Christmas events in the last few weeks. Pray that the seeds of faith will have been sown by the messages they heard and by the Spirit's presence. Pray for a growth in faith in our community .

Continuing

Election – Pray for our new government and for those who will serve in parliament. Pray for unity, justice and God's guiding.

Carmen – Has finished her course of chemotherapy and has now begun radiotherapy. Pray the cancer will be killed and pray for Carmen and her family..

Youth – Pray that Lorna and the team will continue to dream big for the young people around us following the encouragement of the Youth Ministry Weekend..

Doreen – The results of Doreen's biopsy showed all traces of the tumour had been removed. Thank the Lord for his healing. She has been told to telephone the hospital if any more appear.

William – William is back to usual. He is on new medication. Pray that it will be successful in controlling his fits.

We do not take offerings at our services. Our preferred method of financial giving to continue the excellent work of Church is via Standing Order. Please contact the Church Office or our Treasurer, David Craigen (01420 564152 or davidacraigen@gmail.com) for more details or pick up a Standing Order Mandate at the back of the church. If you wish to make cash or cheque donations, please place in the receptacle. If you wish to donate online, these are our account details:

Giving

Acc No: 60003685. Sort Code: 60-01-13. Many thanks for your generosity.

Opportunity for employment with Harvest Church and Alton Maltings.

Harvest Church counts itself very fortunate to own and operate Alton Maltings, a former maltings lovingly restored to become not only the home of Harvest Church but also a major communal asset that Harvest Church wish to make available to the community to the greatest extent possible. Alton Maltings not only accommodates a multitude of church activities but also attracts use from external clients including the public sector (Hants County Council, EHDC, Hampshire Police), commercial enterprise, charities, community events and private hire.

We are looking for a **Centre Assistant**. This would be a part time role, 15-hours per week to work mainly in the evenings and / or Saturday. The role involves meeting with clients, setting up rooms as required and taking down afterwards. Ensuring Alton Maltings is maintained in a good state of cleanliness and tidiness, inside and outside and other activities as required. Days and hours to be agreed. If you are interested, in the first instance please contact Karen, karen@harvestchurchalton.org for a job spec. Closing date for applications midday on **Friday 24th January**. We will then invite successful candidates for an interview in late January 2020

Fresh Start helps people who want to change a life-controlling habit such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet or social media addiction, shopping compulsions, binge drinking, soft drugs, etc.

fresh start
from Christians Against Poverty

The 8-week course from Christians Against Poverty is inspired by the Bible and the Twelve Steps of Recovery principles. It's led by trained coaches who also offer 1-to-1 coaching. The groups provide supportive communities where people can meet regularly and work through a plan of action in order to break free from their dependencies.

The next local Fresh Start course will start on Wednesday 22nd January, at Alton Maltings Centre (Nightingale Room), from 10:30am to 12:00, with free tea/coffee and biscuits. To register or for more information, call Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email alton@capuk.org.

Retro Disco

In aid of Four Marks Village Hall | 18th January 2020, 7pm
Poster in the porch

Community Cupboard - Avoiding Waste

There are plans to set up a Community Cupboard in the village, similar to the one already operating very successfully in Alton, and the organisers are appealing for volunteers.

This is a community initiative intended to prevent surplus food being thrown away by local supermarkets, by giving it away to local people instead of it going to the incinerator or landfill. It's not aimed at the needy specifically, and is certainly not competing with the Food Bank, but if it helps that's great. The main purpose is simply to avoid food being wasted. Some Four Marks residents have expressed an interest in helping man the distribution centre, but we need more.

The project is at an early stage, and the days when it will operate, and the distribution location, have yet to be decided, but if you would like to register interest, contact Ginny Boxall via ginnyboxall@hotmail.co.uk, or via Messenger.

Saturday 1st February 2020

from 10:00 – 4:00pm

Healing in The Steps of Jesus



is a day conference at **Guildford** Cathedral - open to all wanting to explore the Christian healing ministry. £25 per person booking via website.

With two keynote speakers including Bishop James Newcombe (patron of Acorn Christian Healing Foundation), and Rev Paul Harcourt (National Leader of New Wine), the day will be accompanied by three TED style talks focussing on the **church and disability, emotional well-being, and supporting children and young people and their mental health**.

A service of healing and prayer led by Bishop Andrew Watson will bring the day to a close. This promises to be an excellent day of **teaching, sharing, worship and healing prayer**.

Refreshments provided throughout the day but bring a packed lunch. Plenty of free parking

www.acornchristian.org

Ali Update: Ali's return date to Malawi is not yet decided. She is spending some time preparing work and resources for the children she is teaching when she returns.

Small Group Notes – 12th January 2020

Gifted – What Do We Have?

The account of the feeding of the 5000 contains two different responses to need within our society. We are invited to consider how we can use our gifts (which can be read as abilities or resources) to meet those needs. Jesus was confronted by a crowd in dire need - the economic situation in the area meant that the people of Galilee faced poverty, subsistence living, injustice and social division. What are the needs of our local community?

Philip's response is typical of so many of us. He sees the need, quantifies the resources available and resigns in defeat and hopelessness. Why might we be drawn to see the challenges facing our society in a similar light?

The young boy has every earthly right to see himself as powerless. He is poor, lacking any form of political or socio-economic influence, and yet he is willing to give that which he has. Consider what gifts we have as a church, as small groups and as individuals (this last one might feel uncomfortable, so you may wish to ask someone else you know well!).

In your small groups, offer these up to God - you may need to start by asking for the confidence to offer these gifts to Him. We pray for confidence in the knowledge that, for many of us, we will struggle to see our giftings as of value to God but also that He will receive them with thankfulness (He will!).

Litter Picking

**Come and help us show some of
God's love to the village.**

Saturday 18th January, 10-11am

Meet behind the garage at Oak Green



Carer Available

Carer and Companion – qualified female aged 52, with full NVQ training and years of experience and a passion for elderly care, would like to devote working life to caring in or near Alresford. Available Monday to Friday for companionship, good cooking, personal care, appointments, and all aspects of care. Advanced driver. Live in not required. Contact Melanie on 07845 997 416

PRAYER and PASTORAL REQUESTS

If you have any prayer requests for the prayer chain, please email or ring the Church Office on 01420 560622, Alan Thain (01420 85185), or Howard Wright on 01420 563344.

If it would be helpful for a member of the pastoral visiting team to call on you, please contact Howard, Debbie Norgate (01420 84534) or Gilly Cobb (01420 544404).



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Send Sunday Sheet items to the church office before end of day on Thursday



Everyone is welcome to join us for a chat and tea/coffee **between** morning services or **before** the 7pm service

For communion, gluten-free wafers are available and there is a chalice with non-alcoholic wine. Please ask when you come forward if you would like to take these.

MISSION OF THE MONTH - January

Bethany Children's Trust

BCT is a Christian charity for children at risk, in Africa and beyond.



www.bethanychildrenstrust.org.uk