

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

Church Events and Notices

Sunday - 1st March 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

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS What's on for Families in March		CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS What's on for youth and children	
 <p>COGS Tinytots</p> <p>Baby group Monday mornings, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 10:30-12 At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Messy Church</p> <p>Monthly all age Messy Church Sunday 8th March 3.45-5.45 pm At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Youth</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. At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p> <p>Parents consent needed. Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.</p>	 <p>Kids Church</p>  <p>Kids Church every Sunday morning. During the 9.30am Church Service Aimed for children aged 3-11 At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p> <p>Please scan the QR code for more information.</p>
 <p>COGS Tots</p> <p>Monthly Stay and play Toddler Group Tuesday 10th March 9-11 am At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Medstead Family Church</p> <p>Monthly all age Family Church Sunday 22nd March 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> 			



@ The Good Shepherd

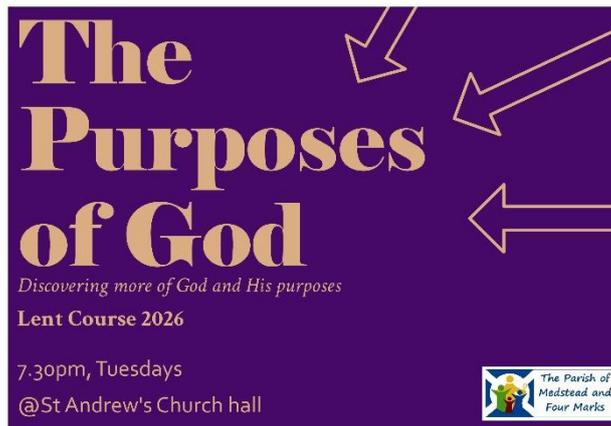
8th March
3.45-5.45pm

Growing Christian Values part 7:
INTEGRITY
Doing the right thing, even when it is hard.



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

Click image for Messy Church booking link



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

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.



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

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.



Saturday, March 21st 4- 6pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
Supper included

£2 per adult, kids eat free (up to 2 children per adult)
Scan the Qr code or to book your space



Family Quiz

Saturday 21st March, 4-6pm

Supper included.

Bookings open - click the image to register.

**Easter Trail and
Craft Cafe**
at The Good Shepherd, GU345AA

Friday 3rd April
open 9.30-12

Children to be accompanied by parent/carer

Chocolate eggs

Easter crafts and cafe drinks

Contact Jane
for more information
families@pmafam.co.uk
07711407831

Easter Trail - Friday 3rd April, 9.30-12



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

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](#)

A vertical poster for the World Day of Prayer. The top section is dark blue with white text: "WORLD DAY OF PRAYER", "A service for everyone!", "Friday 6 March", and the quote "I will give you rest, come". The middle section is light blue with black text: "Nigeria 2026" (written vertically), "METHODIST CHURCH", "DRAYMANS WAY", "ALTON GU34 1AU", "at 2pm", and "ALL WELCOME". There is a small illustration of people carrying items on their heads. The bottom section is dark blue with white text: "INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION", "24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led", "wwdp.org.uk", and "Registered Charity Number 222242".

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.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



The advertisement features a top banner with the UK Guardians logo and a QR code. Below this is a blue banner with the text 'DO YOU HAVE A SPARE ROOM SITTING EMPTY?'. The main body of the ad is light blue and contains the following text: 'We Are Looking For HOST Families in Your Area!' with house and location icons. It asks if the reader can offer a home to an international student and lists requirements: a friendly home, breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and a DBS check. A circular badge states 'YOU COULD EARN UP TO £330 PER WEEK'. Contact information includes the website www.ukguardians.co.uk, email claire@ukguardians.co.uk, mobile 07709294559, and office 01425 529118. At the bottom are logos for UK Guardians, British Council, BSA (Boarding Schoolists Association), and AEGIS.

UK GUARDIANS

DO YOU HAVE A SPARE ROOM SITTING EMPTY?

We Are Looking For HOST Families in Your Area!

Can you offer a welcoming home-from-home to an international student visiting the UK? If so, you could receive weekly pay as a host family.

YOU COULD EARN UP TO £330 PER WEEK

You simply need to provide:

- A friendly and welcoming home
- Breakfast, packed lunch & dinner
- Information for a DBS check

You can **APPLY** through our website or contact us for more information at:

www.ukguardians.co.uk

claire@ukguardians.co.uk

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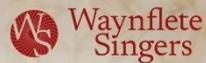
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Saturday 21st March 2026,
7pm

St. Lawrence Church
Church Street
Alton, GU34 2BW

TICKETS: £16 (Children £9)
www.ticketsource.co.uk/luminosa-music
Box Office: boxoffice@luminosamusic.com
luminosamusic.com



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

Registered charity no: 285107

**ST MATTHEW
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

www.altonchoral.org.uk
Charity no. 900255

Alton Choral Society Presents

Music for Good Friday

Featuring Fauré's Requiem

3rd April, 6pm

Alton Methodist Church

Admission free

Retiring collection for

Wagon House & Jacksplace
hospice for children and young adults

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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