

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

Services for Sunday - 2nd November 2025

8am at COGS - Communion Service

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

11am at St Andrew's - Communion Service

It's time to bring in your Amen Shoeboxes!



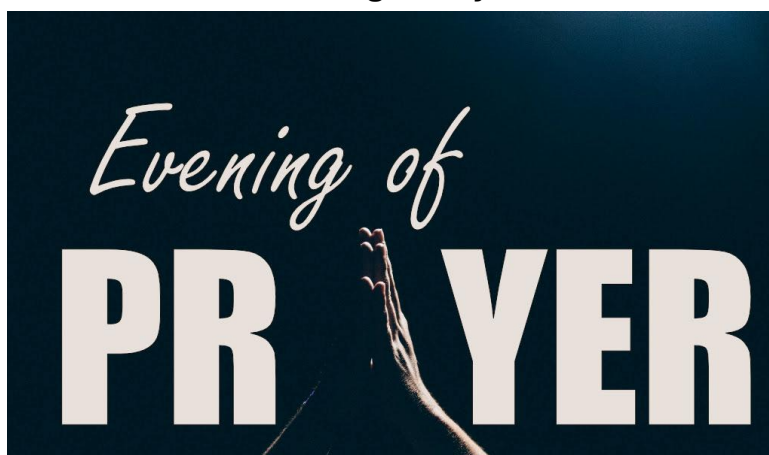
**Supporting Christian Ministries in
Developing Countries**

We are supporting Amen's Romanian Shoebox Appeal this year.

Our shoeboxes need to be brought to the church on the 2nd or 9th November. Shoe boxes will be collected sometime in the 2 weeks from 10th November.

If you are completing the gift-aid declaration, please add your name (apologies, a prompt for this was omitted from the form).

Evening of Prayer



Our next parish Evening of Prayer takes place at COGS on Tuesday 11th November at 7.30pm in the church hall. All are very welcome to join us.

Harvest Collection

At our Harvest services we took collections for Alton Foodbank and Karamoja (our link diocese in Uganda). Some parts of the collection are still to be counted up, but so far we have approximately £1,500. Thank you for your generosity!



With many thanks to all involved - at last Saturday's Jumble Sale, over £1,230 was raised!

Youth Project Upper Room Collection

With many thanks to everyone for their generosity (and to our youth for organising!), approximately £330 was raised for the Youth project to refresh and improve the upper room at COGS.

Coming up soon!

The Big Quiz Night

Join us for an evening of fun,
raising money to help end extreme poverty, on
Saturday 15th November
6.45pm for 7.00pm
Church of the Good Shepherd, Four Marks
♦ Free entry ♦ Teams of 6 - 8 people ♦ Cold buffet supper
For more information, email to: rwteckles@gmail.com
Every penny raised will go to support the work of Tearfund

tearfund.org/quiz
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CPR and Defibrillator Familiarisation Training

St Andrew's Church have raised the funds to install a defibrillator near the entrance to the Church Hall. This provides Medstead with defibrillators at both sides of the village and has been operational since the 9th October.

Several dates for CPR training and familiarising the use of a defibrillator have been organised. These will be run by representatives from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance , Alton Cardiac Rehab and Trustworthy Services Training and Support.

Dates and Locations of training

Saturday 8th November, 2pm. At St Andrew's Church Hall, Medstead

Wednesday 12th November, 12.30 - 2pm. At The Assembly Rooms, Alton

Wednesday 19th November, 10.30am - 12.30pm At The Assembly Rooms, Alton

Saturday 22nd November, 10.30am At The Church of the Good Shepherd
Four Marks

There is no need to book for the training, simply show up on the day.

[For more information on the story that led to the defibrillator's installation, please click here.](#)



**Sunday 9th
November**
3.45-5.45pm



PEACE
How can I be a peacemaker?



Scan the code or visit:
<https://pmafmc.churchsuite.com/events/v71at3gw>
to book your space

Click image to book in

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS

What's on for Families in November

 Monday mornings, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November 10:30-12 At The Good Shepherd	 Monthly all age Messy Church Sunday 9th November 3.45-5.45pm At The Good Shepherd
 Monthly Stay and play Toddler Group Tuesday 4th November 9-11 am At The Good Shepherd	 Monthly all age Family Church Sunday 23rd November 4-5pm At St. Andrews Church hall

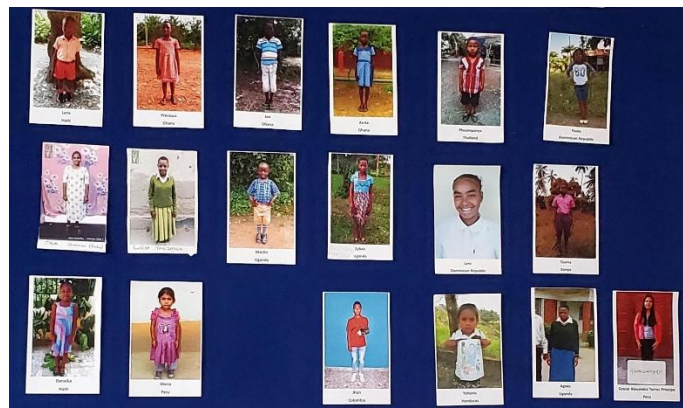


Contact the church office for more information
office@pmafmc.co.uk

Sponsored Children Display

Following the very successful visit by Compassion recently, our Sponsored Children board will be updated.

Firstly, if you recognise any of the children currently on the display, please let me, or Matt, know whether they are still sponsored.



Secondly, if you sponsor a child, through Compassion or another charity, please can we have a photo for the new display? Photos can be scanned and returned to you. Please write the child's Christian name and country on the reverse of the photo.

Thank you! Any questions? Please email me. Chrismcgrath175@gmail.com



We have two Alpha Courses currently running

One is a youth alpha taking place on Tuesday afternoons.
The other course follows on from Monday's Tiny Tots and is open to our baby and toddler families to explore Alpha together
Please pray for all those participating in the courses.

We are planning another Alpha course in the new year - do be thinking and praying about who you could invite.

Bookstall

Christmas Cards, Advent Candles & Advent Calendars are now available for sale from the Church Bookstall.

If you would like to make a donation to MAF, please click the image



We are well into our autumn teaching series at COGS. Catch up on previous sermons on our website or YouTube channel.

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

Service at Belford House

Our next service at Belford House will take place on **Tuesday 25th November at 10.30am.**

If anyone would like to join the team taking these services to Belford, please speak to Howard or contact Matt in the office.

Pop-Up Carols

We are hoping to join with the churches of Alton in an area-wide initiative this Christmas. If anyone is interested in organising a pop-up carol event for where you live, please contact Howard or to Matt in the office.



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:
 Email: welcome@altonchoral.org.uk
 Visit our website: www.altonchoral.org.uk
 Call: 07715 771489



Confirmation

We are holding a confirmation service with Bishop Philip on Sunday 30th November.

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