

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

Services on Sunday - 9th November 2025

8am at St Andrew's - Communion Service

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

3.45pm at COGS - Messy Church

Remembrance Services



Four Marks

Gather in the church car park from 10.30am ready to walk to the Memorial on Lymington Bottom. Refreshments back at the church, after the service.

Medstead

Gather at Medstead Memorial for 10.45am for Remembrance, then moving into the church. Refreshments in the church hall, after the service.

Finance Letters to our Regular Donors

Chris Nunn, our Parish Treasurer, has written a letter to our regular donors with an important update regarding our parish finances and giving. Letters will be distributed/available to collect from church very soon. Please look out for them.

Tomorrow at St Andrew's

For some years, the maintenance of St Andrew's has fallen to Stephen Blackshaw who has done a fantastic job - pretty much as a one-man-band. The time has come,

however, for us to step up and help him and re-instate the **monthly get-together for church and church-yard maintenance**. (What they used to call a 'Boon Day' up north.)

If you are free, willing and able, please **join us at St Andrew's at 10am on Saturday 8th November**. There will be tea, coffee and biscuits galore available as we do jobs like trim bushes, clear gutters and sweep paths - so that the church looks its best for Remembrance Sunday.

All are welcome - irrespective of age, gender or previous experience. If people could bring useful tools for the abovementioned jobs, that would be great - including bags to take away waste material.

Please bring in your shoeboxes this Sunday!



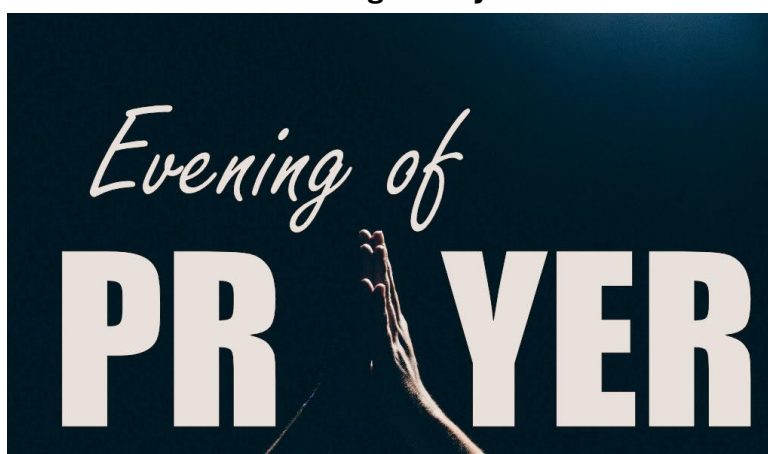
Supporting Christian Ministries in
Developing Countries

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

Our shoeboxes need to be brought to the church on 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.

Bob Lee

Some of us will remember Bob Lee, who was a member of COGS from 1979 - 2020, until Maureen passed away.

Bob died peacefully on 22nd October at his care home Fleet Hall in Fleet aged 92. He had caught a cold the week before which developed into pneumonia. Both Sue & Jane had spent the week with Bob but he hadn't been responsive for his last few days. He is at peace now and reunited in God's holy care with Maureen. His funeral will be at All Saints Church in Fleet on 17 November at 1pm.

Harvest Collection

At our Harvest services we took collections for Alton Foodbank and Karamoja (our link diocese in Uganda). We raised approximately £1,700. Thank you for your generosity!

Next week



The poster features a blue background with a white cloud in the center. On the cloud, there is a yellow fish, a green bird, a green mountain, a red tomato, and a man in an orange shirt holding a camera. The text 'The Big Quiz Night' is written in large, bold, black letters across the cloud. Below the cloud, there is a white box with text and logos. The logos include 'St Andrew's Church' and 'The Good Shepherd'. The text in the white box reads: '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'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a yellow banner with the Tearfund logo and contact information.

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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.](#)



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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

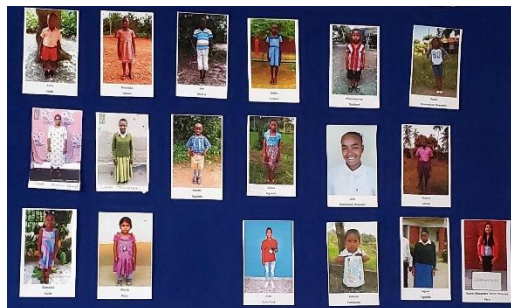


Contact the church office for more information
office@pmafmc.co.uk

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

"Good Morning, Your Majesty"



Will Torrent, Friend of the David and Jill, as well as pastrycook to Royalty and Waitrose and TearFund Ambassador, recently wrote this article. He has kindly agreed to have it available in our email. Click the file below to open.

[good morning your majesty.pdf](#)



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.

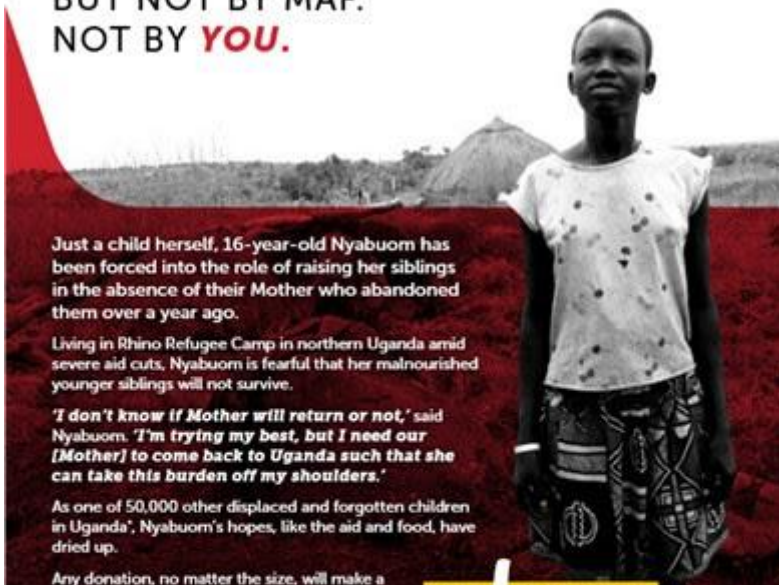
We are planning another Alpha course in the new year - do be thinking and praying about who you could invite.

Bookstall

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

ABANDONED

BUT NOT BY MAF.
NOT BY **YOU**.



Just a child herself, 16-year-old Nyabuom has been forced into the role of raising her siblings in the absence of their Mother who abandoned them over a year ago.

Living in Rhino Refugee Camp in northern Uganda amid severe aid cuts, Nyabuom is fearful that her malnourished younger siblings will not survive.

'I don't know if Mother will return or not,' said Nyabuom. 'I'm trying my best, but I need our [Mother] to come back to Uganda such that she can take this burden off my shoulders.'

As one of 50,000 other displaced and forgotten children in Uganda*, Nyabuom's hopes, like the aid and food, have dried up.

Any donation, no matter the size, will make a big impact, and could enable more vital MAF flights to support abandoned children, like Nyabuom, and help bring a lifeline to those most in need.

GIVE THE GIFT OF
hope
THIS CHRISTMAS

 No child should be left abandoned this Christmas. Donate today.
Visit www.maf-uk.org/nyabuom
Scan the QR code with your phone to send your gift immediately.

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*Displacement in Uganda and other countries is a result of conflict, persecution, and other factors. MAF is a registered charity in the UK (1040000) and in the USA (501(c)(3) 13-0900000).

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



REVELATION
PART 1:
THE WEDDING
PREPARATIONS

AUTUMN 2025

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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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