

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

Services on Sunday - 16th 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

Giving

Howard recently gave an important notice about giving which we summarise here:

Thank you to God for his provision to us. In 2024, we started the year with an anticipated deficit of £50,000, but by the grace of God and the generosity of his people we ended the year with a deficit of just £2,000.

God honoured our faith and our commitment to his mission across this parish. We are so grateful to God, and thankful to you all for your giving in prayer, of time and skills and of money. This enables us to hold services and share Jesus in schools and pre-schools and our wider community as we serve them with a huge range of activities – these are seen in our notices week by week and our monthly catchups – along with maintaining our buildings.

This year we started with another deficit, and as we approach the end of the year a significant amount still needs to be covered. We have reserves to cover this but also have dreams for more that God wants to do among us. Thank you to those of you who give financially already and you should be receiving a letter, if not already.

We encourage all to be reviewing their giving regularly, and if you're not already and would like to begin so, please speak to Chris, our treasurer, or Matt, our administrator, who can sign you up for Gift Aid to amplify your giving.

Letter to our Regular Donors

Chris, our Parish Treasurer, has written a letter to our regular donors regarding our church finances and giving.

Please read and return any completed forms to the Parish Office.

Last chance to bring in your shoeboxes this Sunday!



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

Shoe boxes will be collected on 17th November.

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

Roger Fletcher

There will be a thanksgiving service for Roger, who passed away on Monday 13th October, at COGS on Saturday 6th December at 12 noon.

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.

Taking place tomorrow!



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

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.](#)

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@pmaf.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 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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