

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

Church Events and Notices

Sunday 21st June 2026

8am at St COGS - Communion

**9.30am at COGS - All Age Service, with sung worship,
Kid's Church and Creche**

11am at St Andrew's - Communion

Village Picnic Sunday 28th June

Your opportunity to help on the day and bless others.

Please see Jane or Virginia for more information.



**Village
Picnic
28th June
Children/youth
and family tent**

Can you help on the day?

10:15-12 Set up
12-2 pm or 2-4 pm Help with crafts/tots play/youth space
3:30-5 pm Pack down
Please contact Jane or Virginia for more information or to volunteer

Help still needed at the Village picnic for set up, during the event and close down.

Many of our usual helpers are either helping on other stands or unavailable this year.

We need another 1 or 2 people to help set up the tents from 10:15 for about an hour. Then we need people to help for an hour or two to chat with families and help with crafts while we are open, between 12 and 4pm. Finally another 2 people are needed to pack everything away again at the end, from 3.45 pm.



The ACTS (All Coming Together Socially) Group are endeavouring to arrange various social events in 2026. The next one planned is a Canal Boat Trip, on July 25th at 7.00pm- more details are to be found on the Poster and Invitations in church entrance.

This event will be for both Christians and 'not yet' Christians.

The aim is :

- 1 - To provide an opportunity to invite neighbours and friends.
- 2 -To encourage getting to know each other better at COGS, creating a greater sense of family.

We are primarily looking at the ' middle age' group , though not exclusively..... Some of us are still young at heart.

Numbers are limited due to the size of the boat, so we would like to encourage early booking.

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS
What's on for youth and children

Youth

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

Parents consent needed.
 Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.



Kids Church

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

Please scan the QR code for more information.




Contact Virginia at youthandchildren@pmfm.co.uk
 for more information




**HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE, FAITH, OR
WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY MEANS?**

All young people aged 12 and above are invited to join us to explore the Bible together in a friendly, welcoming space and get to know and connect with Jesus more closely.

Join us every Tuesday from 4:00–5:30pm at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Four Marks.



*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
Psalm 119:105*



For more details please contact Virginia at youthandchildren@pmafm.co.uk

Summer 2026 Teaching Series



Catch up on previous sermons on our website or YouTube channel.

Our Next Parish Gathering

We plan to gather as a whole parish on Sunday 19th July for our summer picnic.

(further details to follow)

Other events and notices

Roberta and friends walking for Alzheimer's

A message from Roberta at St Andrew's.

"Hello everyone,

From the 22nd to 24th June 2026, myself and three other college girls from Queen Mary's College will be completing a 57km walk across the three days to support the 57 million people worldwide living with Alzheimer's and dementia because memories should last a lifetime. The Alzheimer's society brings hope to those living with dementia and their families. It funds essential research, provides vital support and helps make days as comfortable as possible for those living the condition. My Grandad has recently been diagnosed with dementia, so every step I take is also for him.

Please, if you can, give a small donation; because with your kindness, we can make a difference. Thank you."

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/57-km-in-3-days>

Medstead Village Hall Toddler Group Closing in July 2026

Unfortunately, Rachel, who has been leading the Thursday toddler group at Medstead Village Hall, can no longer continue. This means the village will be without a weekly toddler group unless a group of three or more volunteers is willing to take over starting in September. If no volunteers come forward, the toys and equipment will be removed.

Please contact Rachel directly on 07841 291995 if you think you can help.

A message from Kerry

"We have been hosting Ukrainians since 2023. We have a lovely Ukrainian house guest called Veronica, who has been with us for 18 months.

Would anyone be willing to become a Host for Veronica's Fiancé Alex? Alex is 31 yrs old and speaks good English. You'd need to provide a bedroom with the use of a bathroom for Alex.

Before the war Alex worked on the cargo ships, being away for long periods of time. When the war started he was away at sea and then the ships couldn't return. He eventually went and lived at his sister's house on an island off Thailand where he has been living and working ever since. Veronica does not want to live on Samui Island, says it's too hot, she likes her job in Alton and also having her mum and sister living locally - the 3 fled Ukraine together when the war started. They've decided that Alex will come to the UK so they can be together and plan their marriage. They've been saving and intend to get a flat together as soon as possible, but first he has to have a host as part of the Homes for Ukraine's Scheme by the Government (full information on the Government website)"

If anyone could help out, please email me at kerryprior@hotmail.com



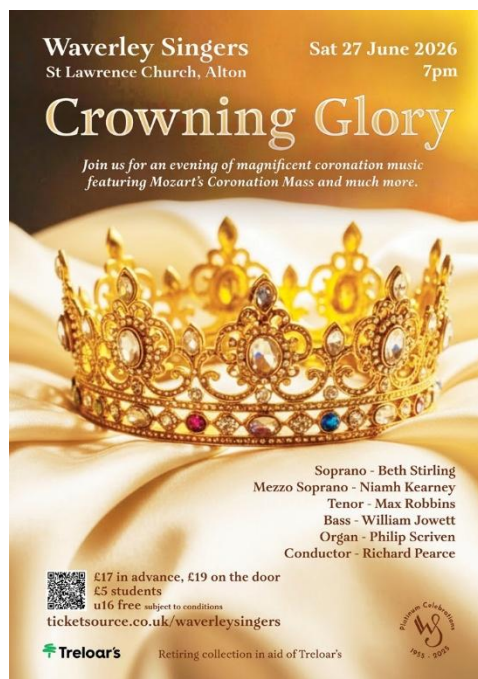
Alton Choral Society
Summer Concert
Saturday 27th June, 7pm
Alton Methodist Church

Featuring:-
Famous Opera Choruses and Arias

Tickets £12 adults, children under 16
free

Available through
www.altonchoral.org.uk
or on the door


In aid of Alton Food Bank



Waverley Singers Sat 27 June 2026
St Lawrence Church, Alton 7pm

Crowning Glory


*Join us for an evening of magnificent coronation music
featuring Mozart's Coronation Mass and much more.*



Soprano - Beth Stirling
Mezzo Soprano - Niamh Kearney
Tenor - Max Robbins
Bass - William Jowett
Organ - Philip Scriven
Conductor - Richard Pearce

£17 in advance, £19 on the door
£5 students
u16 free subject to conditions
ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers

Treloar's Retiring collection in aid of Treloar's



Waverley Singers return to St Lawrence Church for an evening of glorious coronation music, celebrating how composers over the centuries have helped celebrate these triumphal occasions.

For tickets, simply contact Rod Eckles rwteckles@gmail.com



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