

7th September, 2025

The paper-version Service



St Andrew's
Church



The Good
Shepherd
Four Marks
Responding to God's Love



To Begin: Find a Bible and a comfortable place. If safe, light a candle and read prayerfully through the service. If you have access to worship music, choose a song and listen to it as you begin or read, or even sing, the song from this Sunday's Service.

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of the saviour;
The hope of nations.

So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again., i give my life to
follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.



The speaker from Compassion UK, Stuart (a minister who has spent time in Burundi as a missionary), spoke to us about their child sponsorship work. Excitingly, they recently started working in Karamoja, Uganda, which has been a focus of Alton Deanery and Diocesan support for many years. Indeed, reciprocal visits have been made. Overall, they work in 29 countries and partner with more than 8,600 local churches within local communities so that children and young people living in extreme need are helped to thrive both now and into the future.

It is Christ-centred, church-driven, and child-focused — primarily through 1:1 sponsorship of a child at £32 per month. Stuart spoke in the context of the parable of the good Samaritan, where at the end Jesus tells the expert in the law: “Go and do likewise.” If you would like to know more, please look at the website (<https://www.compassionuk.org>) or speak to Howard.

12th Sunday after Trinity: *Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

Blessing to be declared over yourselves, St Andrews and The Good Shepherd, the communities around us and our whole nation. ‘The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.’ (Numbers 6:24-26 NIV).

At the Church of the Good Shepherd

- Tea and Chat & Bowls: September 17th at 2pm in Church & Hall.
- Coffee and Questions: September 24th at 10.30am in Church Hall.

For Further information: This paper and all parish details are on the website at <https://www.parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk>

7th September, 2025

The paper-version Service



To Begin: Find a Bible and a comfortable place. If safe, light a candle and read prayerfully through the service. If you have access to worship music, choose a song and listen to it as you begin or read, or even sing, the song from this Sunday's Service.

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing;
Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
The kindness of the saviour;
The hope of nations.

So take me as you find me,
All my fears and failures,
Fill my life again., i give my life to
follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.

Saviour, He can move the mountains,
My God is mighty to save,
Forever, author of salvation,
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave.



The speaker from Compassion UK, Stuart (a minister who has spent time in Burundi as a missionary), spoke to us about their child sponsorship work. Excitingly, they recently started working in Karamoja, Uganda, which has been a focus of Alton Deanery and Diocesan support for many years. Indeed, reciprocal visits have been made. Overall, they work in 29 countries and partner with more than 8,600 local churches within local communities so that children and young people living in extreme need are helped to thrive both now and into the future.

It is Christ-centred, church-driven, and child-focused — primarily through 1:1 sponsorship of a child at £32 per month. Stuart spoke in the context of the parable of the good Samaritan, where at the end Jesus tells the expert in the law: “Go and do likewise.” If you would like to know more, please look at the website (<https://www.compassionuk.org>) or speak to Howard.

12th Sunday after Trinity: *Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.*

Blessing to be declared over yourselves, St Andrews and The Good Shepherd, the communities around us and our whole nation. ‘The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.’ (Numbers 6:24-26 NIV).

At the Church of the Good Shepherd

- Tea and Chat & Bowls: September 17th at 2pm in Church & Hall.
- Coffee and Questions: September 24th at 10.30am in Church Hall.

For Further information: This paper and all parish details are on the website at <https://www.parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk>