

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

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### Church Events and Notices

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**Sunday - 1st February 2026**

**8am at COGS - Communion Service**

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

**11am at St Andrew's - Communion**

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**Messy Church**  
Sunday  
8th February  
3:45-5:45pm

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

**Messy Church - 8th February**

click the image to book in

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An evening of prayer is taking place at the church hall at COGS, Four Marks on **Tuesday 10th February** at 7.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

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# Pancake party

3-5pm  
Tuesday 17th  
February

Join us as a family to  
prepare, cook, flip and eat  
pancakes together

 Scan the code to  
book your space.  
Bookings close 10th  
February



**Pancake Party - 17th February**  
click the image to book in

## CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS

### What's on for Families in February

 <p>Baby group Monday mornings, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10:30-12 At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Monthly all age Messy Church Sunday 8th February 3.45-5.45 pm At The Good Shepherd</p>
 <p>Monthly Stay and play Toddler Group Tuesday 10th February 9-11 am At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Monthly all age Family Church Sunday 22nd February 4-5 pm At St. Andrews Church hall</p>



Contact Jane at  
[families@pmfam.co.uk](mailto:families@pmfam.co.uk)  
07711407831



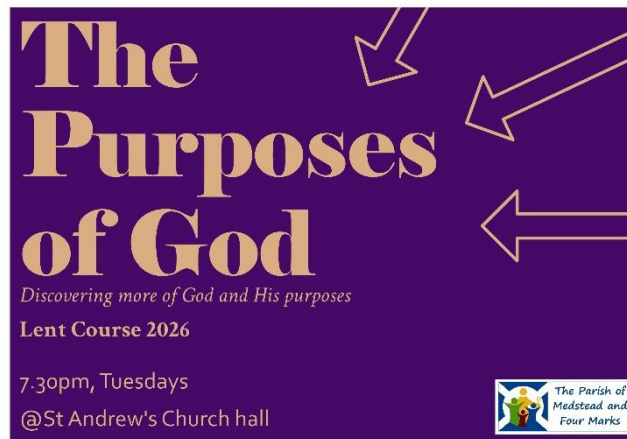
## CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS

### What's on for youth and children

  <p>Parents consent needed. Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p>
  <p>Please scan the QR code for more information.</p>	<p>Kids Church every Sunday morning. During the 9.30am Church Service Aimed for children aged 3-11</p> <p>At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p>



Contact Virginia at [youthandchildren@pmfam.co.uk](mailto:youthandchildren@pmfam.co.uk)  
for more information



### **Lent Course 2026 - The Purposes of God**

*Discovering more of God and His purposes*

7.30pm, Tuesdays in St Andrew's Church hall

Sessions will include presentations, group discussion and open question times

**24th February** - How to know God: The source of our understanding - the Bible as the revelation of the character and nature of God

**3rd March** - The nature of God: Seeking an understanding of God through his self-revelation in the Bible and supremely in Jesus

**10th March** - The purposes of God for the world: Plotting the story of salvation and mission through His-story.

**17th March** - The purposes of God for us: Seeing and taking our place in God's work.

No need to book, just show up.

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### **Child Sponsorship**

If you responded to the appeal on Compassion Sunday or sponsor a child through any other charity, please may we have a photo for our revised sponsorship notice board?



We can scan the photos and return them to you. Please ensure your name, the child's name, and their home country are on the reverse, and give them to Matt or Chris

McGrath, thank you



**Our new teaching series at COGS is Revelation Part 2: The King & The Wedding Day.**  
**Catch up on previous sermons on our website or YouTube channel.**  
**Click the image to view the series card. (Paper copies available at COGS)**

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### **Other events and notices**

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#### **ACTS**

A small group, which we have named ACTS (All Coming Together Socially) are endeavouring to arrange various social events during this coming year, some will be at the church and others using various venues. The aim is to encourage getting to know each other better, creating a greater sense of family.

We want to use the events, as an opportunity for inviting friends and neighbours to join with us and enjoy some fun together. These events will be for both Christians and 'not yet Christian', thus building bridges that Jesus can walk over. We are primarily looking at the age group, 20-70 years, though not exclusively.

**The first event being organised is a Skittles evening on Friday 27th February.**

 <p><b>YOU</b> are invited to Join with us for an evening of <b>SKITTLES FUN and FOOD</b></p> <p>Place: The Phoenix Inn Winchester SO21 1RF Date: 27th February Time: 7.00 pm Cost: £20.00 per person</p> <p><b>R.S.V.P</b> Neil &amp; Lorna 07519 119471 Doug &amp; Chris 07564 376850 <b>P.T.O</b></p>	<p><b>HOT FOOD MENU CHOICES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Spit Roast 1/2 Chicken &amp; Chips</li><li>- 3 Pork Sausages &amp; Chips</li><li>- Two Haddock &amp; Spring Onion Fish Cakes &amp; Chips</li><li>- Homemade HOT Beef Chilli, Boiled Rice &amp; Garlic Bread</li><li>- Phoenix Style Beef Lasagne, Mixed Salad, Homemade Coleslaw</li><li>- Vegetarian Lasagne, Mixed salad &amp; Homemade Coleslaw</li></ul> <p><b>MEAL CHOICE and PAYMENT or CONFIRMATION please</b></p>
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### **St Andrew's Quiz and Supper Night**

**Saturday 7th March 2026**

At Medstead Church Hall, 6.30pm, for a 7pm start

Teams of no more than 8.

Tickets are £15, including a fish and chips supper (bring own drinks)

**Contact:** [medsteadchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:medsteadchurchbookings@gmail.com) /07709553804 to book

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### **Patrick Busby Running the Brighton Marathon**

On 12th April Patrick will be running in the Brighton marathon to raise money for the Alton Climate Action Network GUMBI Malawi Irrigation Project, especially important work given the recent severe droughts in Malawi.

If you would like to donate, please visit his JustGiving page:

[Patrick Busby is fundraising for Alton Climate Action Network](#)

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### **Alton Foodbank**

The Alton Foodbank (*Charity name Alton Christian Care Limited, Charity Number England & Wales 1151471*) is a local charity that supports some of the most vulnerable people in Alton and the surrounding villages. For the charity to run well we need a dedicated team of trustees and volunteers. Recently the following roles have (or are about to become) vacant: Charity Trustee and Treasurer (does not need to be a trustee also)

A summary role description for the trustee role can be viewed here.

[ACCTrusteeJD V1.pdf](#)

If you would like to find out more about either role, please contact Ian Dane, Chair of Trustees Alton Foodbank on [imdane@alton.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:imdane@alton.foodbank.org.uk) or 07768 711679

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### **C.A.P.**

With the burden of debt being an ever-present concern in our community, Christians Against Poverty in partnership with Harvest Church are constantly seeking to reach out to those within the local area in most need of our debt help service.

If you or someone you know is seeking help with debt, please contact CAP on 0800 328 0006



- 1 Free help, for you**  
Start your debt-free journey at [capuk.org](http://capuk.org) or via 0800 328 0006. Because one size doesn't fit all, we will always analyse your specific situation to identify the best, most effective route to freedom for your circumstances. And our locally-based teams, ensure someone is always there for you in-person. You can also contact [moneyhelper.org.uk](http://moneyhelper.org.uk)
- 2 Making the call**  
When you call our friendly New Enquiries team, their goal is to always ensure our service fits your needs and that you feel welcomed. If we have a debt centre in your area, they will then book an appointment with one of our local Debt Coaches to get you started.
- 3 Friendly home visits**  
With CAP you are not alone: over three visits, your Debt Coach and a supportive befriender will come to you to listen, gather paperwork, and explain the best solution recommended by our experts.
- 4 Your expert plan**  
Our advisors build a realistic budget that prioritises essentials like food and housing. We then handle negotiations with creditors to freeze interest and set up affordable repayments or other debt options.
- 5 A fresh start**  
Choose your route and let us handle the heavy lifting. Your budget and plan will focus on clearing your debts and helping you build the habits needed to manage your money long-term so you can build up your financial stability.

**Christians Against Poverty is here to support you throughout your journey!**

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## International Needs UK

### New Job Opportunity with International Needs

#### Join our team as Programme Support Manager!

International Needs UK is looking for a **Programme Support Manager**

As part of our team, you'll use your **skills** to support International Needs partners to develop and shape high-quality, community-focused programmes, which are aligned with Gospel values. You'll be involved in supporting the entire programme cycle. From design into implementation, and on into monitoring, whilst generating reporting that evidences programme impact - being able to craft compelling stories that highlight the difference programme outcomes make to support both future proposals and fundraising.



Application deadline: 30th January 2026

**APPLY HERE**

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who shares our **Christian values** and wants to **be part of an organisation that transforms lives**.

Please apply via:

**www.charityjob.co.uk**

The **QR code** will take you straight to the full details on their site and explain how to apply



**International Needs**  
Empowering families

01883 331332 | [inuk@ineeds.org.uk](mailto:inuk@ineeds.org.uk)

**ineeds.org.uk**

Charity Number: 1175526  
International Needs UK  
50 Biddulph Road  
South Croydon  
CR2 6QB

<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/international-needs-uk/programme-support-manager/1050959?tsld=36>

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### Pilgrim accommodation

A pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury, with members from St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wantage, will be stopping in Four Marks on 10th March.

The group, which is likely to be 2 or 3 gentlemen, are wondering if anyone might be able to put them up for the evening.

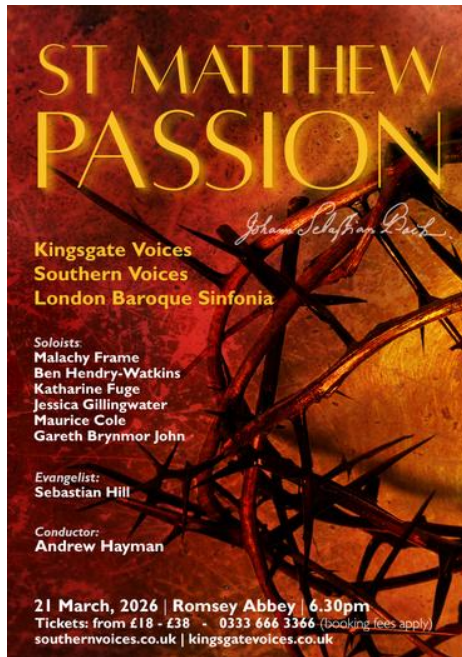
If anyone thinks they can help, please let Matt know, and he can put you in contact with the group leader, the curate of the parish.

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### Bookstall

Bible Reading notes and other items are available for sale from the Church Bookstall

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