

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

Church Events and Notices

Sunday 8th March 2026

8am at St Andrew's - Communion Service

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

3.45pm at COGS - Messy Church

St Andrew's Boon Day - Saturday 7th March

Join us from 10am at the church armed with gardening equipment, etc, to, at least, finish off the 'pruning' of the laurel in the Church Hall car park. The kettle will be on and, if you fancy it, you can stay on for the Lent Soup Lunch.

Thanks very much for giving up your time to keep our church looking its best.

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS
What's on for Families in March

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

 **Contact Jane at**
families@pmafm.co.uk
07711407831



CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS

What's on for youth and children

Youth



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

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

Kids Church



Please scan the QR code
for more information.

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



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

**Could you be part of COGS Team
and share the hope of Easter?**

[Come and be part of the team this Easter.pdf](#)

Please see the noticeboard at the back of church and sign up!



@ The Good Shepherd

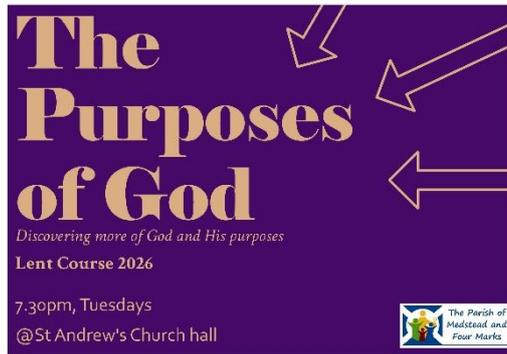
8th March
3.45-5.45pm

Growing Christian Values part 7:
INTEGRITY
Doing the right thing, even when it is hard.



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

Click image for Messy Church booking link



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

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.



St Andrew's Church Medstead
Charity Lenten Lunch

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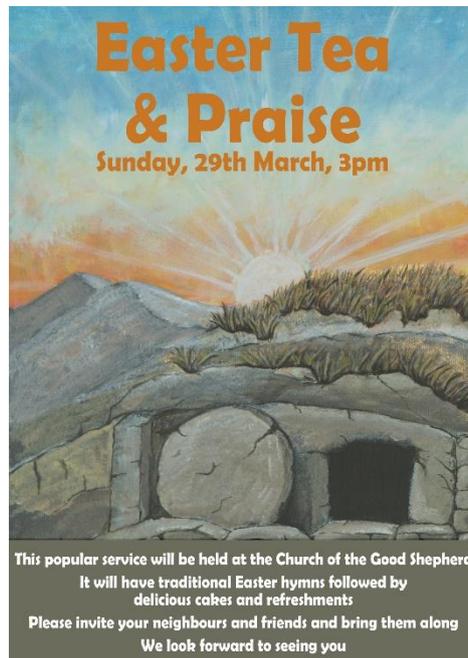
Please join us for delicious home-made soups, bread and cheese

St Andrew's Church Hall Medstead from 12.30

Saturday 7th March - MIND

Friday 20th March - Hampshire & IoW Air Ambulance

Entry is free. donations welcomed and all proceeds will be shared equally between the 4 charities involved.



Easter Tea & Praise, Sunday 29th March, 3pm

Help Needed

If anyone is able to help with providing cakes and savouries, or by serving on the day please do speak to Anne Shaw or to Debbie Norgate.

COGS Tots Nearly New Sale - Saturday 18th April

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Saturday 18th April
9.30-11.30am
The Good Shepherd church, GU345AA
Free entrance for buyers

Cafe open for tea and coffee and cake
Raffle and play space for littleones

Tombola Play space Cafe

Help us to fundraise and support our weekly baby group and monthly toddler group and at the same time find new homes for your baby and toddler clothes, toys and equipment, from bump to age 8 years.

Sellers from 8.30am.
Tables from £5, payable at time of booking

Scan the QR code to book a sellers table or
Contact Jane for more information 7711407831
families@pmfam.co.uk

The poster has a blue background with white and yellow text. It features a QR code in the bottom left corner and a small illustration of baby clothes hanging on a line.

St Andrew's Jumble Sale - Saturday 25th April



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

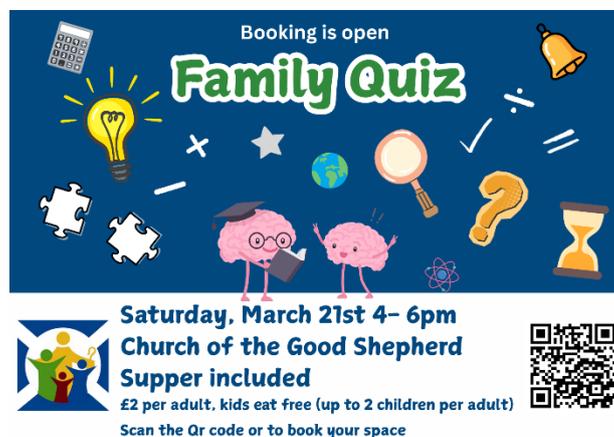
Re-Ordering of St Andrew's

St Andrew's LCG (Local Church Group) are moving forward with various options that will provide a much improved and up to date environment for our regular services, for the school, and for weddings, baptisms and funerals.

For more information, please visit:

<https://parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk/joining-with-medstead/st-andrews/reordering-of-st-andrews-church/>

Do speak to the LCG members (John Lofthouse, Ann Lofthouse, Ian Jurd, Sharon Blackshaw, Ian Trotter, Jeremy Griggs, and Howard Wright) if you have any comments.



Booking is open

Family Quiz

Saturday, March 21st 4- 6pm
Church of the Good Shepherd
Supper included
£2 per adult, kids eat free (up to 2 children per adult)
Scan the Qr code or to book your space



Family Quiz
Saturday 21st March, 4-6pm
Supper included.
Bookings open - click the image to register.



Easter Trail and Craft Cafe

at The Good Shepherd, GU345AA

Friday 3rd April open 9.30-12

Children to be accompanied by parent/carer

- Easter crafts and cafe drinks
- Chocolate eggs

Contact Jane
for more information
families@pmafms.co.uk
07711407831

Easter Trail - Friday 3rd April, 9.30-12



**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)**

Other events and notices

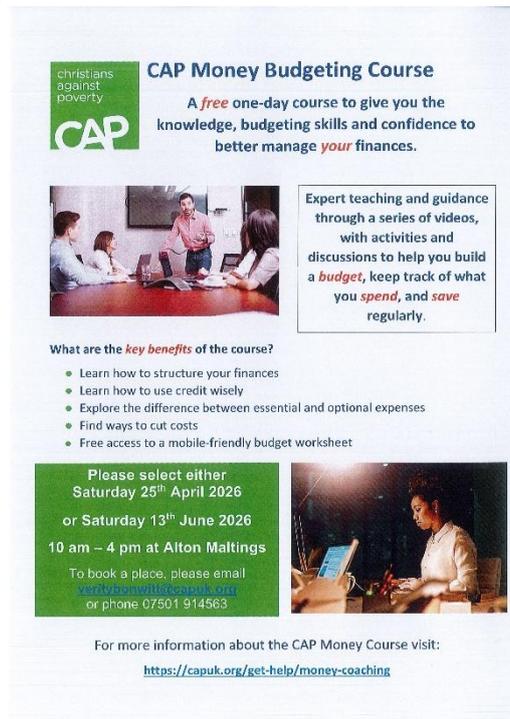
Patrick Busby Running the Brighton Marathon



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](#)

C.A.P. Money Budgeting One Day Course



The flyer for the CAP Money Budgeting Course features the CAP logo (Christians Against Poverty) in the top left. The main title is 'CAP Money Budgeting Course' in bold. Below it, a sub-headline reads: 'A free one-day course to give you the knowledge, budgeting skills and confidence to better manage your finances.' There are two photographs: one showing a group of people in a meeting and another showing a woman working at a desk with a laptop. A text box on the right describes the course as expert teaching and guidance through videos, activities, and discussions to help build a budget, track spending, and save regularly. A list of key benefits includes learning to structure finances, use credit wisely, distinguish between essential and optional expenses, find ways to cut costs, and access to a mobile-friendly budget worksheet. The flyer also provides two dates for the course: Saturday 25th April 2026 and Saturday 13th June 2026, both from 10 am to 4 pm at Alton Maltings. Contact information for booking is provided via email and phone. A URL for more information is also listed.

christians against poverty
CAP

CAP Money Budgeting Course

A **free** one-day course to give you the knowledge, budgeting skills and confidence to better manage **your** finances.

Expert teaching and guidance through a series of videos, with activities and discussions to help you build a **budget**, keep track of what you **spend**, and **save** regularly.

What are the **key benefits** of the course?

- Learn how to structure your finances
- Learn how to use credit wisely
- Explore the difference between essential and optional expenses
- Find ways to cut costs
- Free access to a mobile-friendly budget worksheet

Please select either
Saturday 25th April 2026
or Saturday 13th June 2026
10 am – 4 pm at Alton Maltings

To book a place, please email
christiansagainstpoverty@capuk.org
or phone 07501 914563

For more information about the CAP Money Course visit:
<https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching>

London Marathon

Andy Short is running the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April 2026 for the charity International Needs UK. They work in some of the most desperate situations worldwide with projects including water, sanitation and hygiene, children's access to education, farming techniques and disaster response.



<https://www.givey.com/andrewslondonmarathonfundraiser>

Bookstall

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



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OUTSTANDING CHOIRS

GET TICKETS 

Forbes L'Estrange A SEASON TO SING

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Saturday 21st March 2026,
7pm

St. Lawrence Church
Church Street
Alton, GU34 2BW

TICKETS: £16 (Children £9)
www.ticketsource.co.uk/luminosa-music
Box Office: boxoffice@luminosamusic.com
luminosamusic.com



Waynflete
Singers

Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius

Winchester Cathedral
Friday March 27th 2026
at 7.30 pm

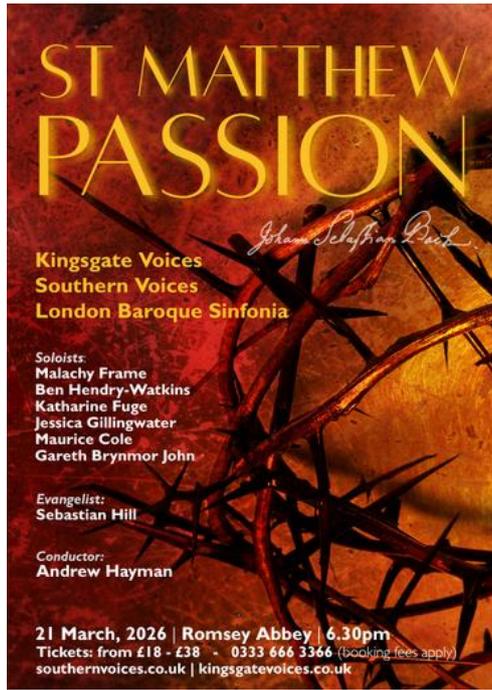
Waynflete Singers
Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir
English Chamber Orchestra

Mezzo-soprano: Dame Sarah Connolly
Tenor: Andrew Kennedy
Bass: Andrew Foster-Williams

Conductor: Andrew Lumsden

Tickets: £15.00 - £50.00
www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/
or call 01962 857275
or via www.waynfletesingers.org.uk/concerts

Registered charity no: 285107



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PASSION**

Johann Sebastian Bach

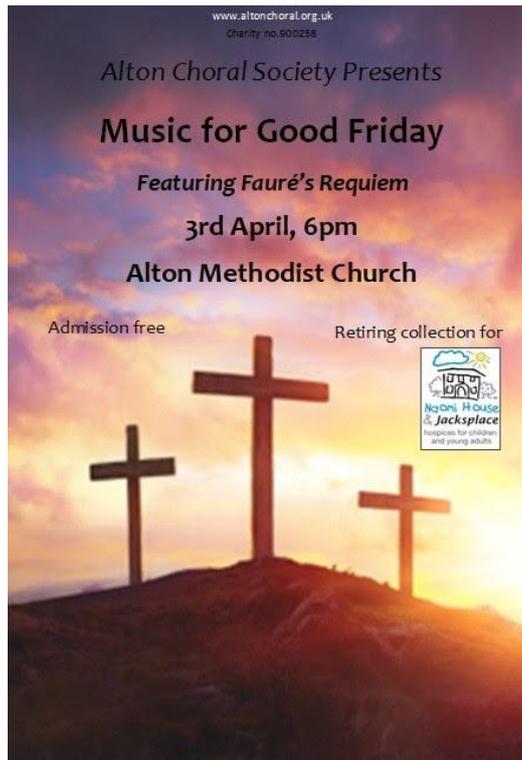
**Kingsgate Voices
Southern Voices
London Baroque Sinfonia**

Soloists:
Malachy Frame
Ben Hendry-Watkins
Katharine Fuge
Jessica Gillingwater
Maurice Cole
Gareth Brynmor John

Evangelist:
Sebastian Hill

Conductor:
Andrew Hayman

21 March, 2026 | Romsey Abbey | 6.30pm
Tickets: from £18 - £38 - 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)
southernvoices.co.uk | kingsgatevoices.co.uk



www.altonchoral.org.uk
Charity no. 900258

Alton Choral Society Presents

Music for Good Friday

Featuring Fauré's Requiem

3rd April, 6pm

Alton Methodist Church

Admission free

Retiring collection for



100% Local
No One is Left Behind
Jacksplace
Hospices for children and young adults

Alton Concert Band
and
The Lydian Singers
Musical Director for both
Jeremy Hilton Morrish

**“Thank You For
The Music”**

Saturday 18th April 2026
Alton Maltings: 7:00pm

Tickets : Adult - £12.00
12-18 - £6.00 (Under 12 free)

Available from Ticketsource
or at the door

For more information please contact :
altonconcertband@outlook.com or www.altonconcertband.co.uk
lydiansinfo@gmail.com or www.lydiansingersfarnborough.co.uk



The concert starts at 7.00 pm. Tickets will be available on the door or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/alton-concert-band

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