

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

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**Church Events and Notices**

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**Sunday 19th April 2026**

**8am at COGS - Communion Service**

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

**11am at St Andrews - Communion Service**

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**Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on **Tuesday 28th April** at 7.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

The evening will be a chance to reflect on the past - hearing various reports of the previous year - and to think about the future.

We will also be electing churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and PCC members.

More information (including our accounts and the evening's agenda) will be appearing on the website (<https://parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk/resources/apcm/>) in due course. You can already find there nomination forms for the various roles.

If you are interested in standing for a position, do talk to Howard, one of the wardens, a current PCC member, or contact the office.

Please join us for the evening if you are able, and do be praying for the parish, as we go through this significant annual event.

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**Be Alert!**

A member of our congregation recently received an email claiming to be from Howard and asking them to carry out some transactions on his behalf.








We would encourage you to be cautious with any unexpected or out of the usual emails you receive. Be especially cautious of attachments and hyperlinks.

None of the church staff would email you asking you to spend or move money, and genuine emails would come from our email addresses that end with [@pmafms.co.uk](mailto:@pmafms.co.uk)

If you receive an email from a staff member that you are unsure about, do contact the staff member directly with a new email (not a reply) or phone them for clarification.

If you receive anything that is clearly suspicious or fraudulent, do let us know.

Thank you.

CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS What's on for Families in April		CHURCHES OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS What's on for youth and children	
 <p>Baby group Monday mornings, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12 At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Monthly all age Messy Church Sunday 12th April 3.45-5.45 pm At The Good Shepherd</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. At The Church of The Good Shepherd in Four Marks</p> <p>Parents consent needed. Please scan the QR Code to complete the form.</p>	
 <p>Monthly Stay and play Toddler Group Tuesday 14th April 9-11 am At The Good Shepherd</p>	 <p>Monthly all age Family Church Sunday 26th April 4-5 pm At St. Andrews Church hall</p>	 <p>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</p> <p>Please scan the QR code for more information.</p>	
 <p>Contact Jane at families@pmfam.co.uk 07711407831</p> 		  <p>Contact Virginia at youthandchildren@pmfam.co.uk for more information</p>	

 <p>On 4th Sundays in Medstead Church Hall parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk</p>	
 <p>Dates for 2026 Sundays, 4-5pm 25<sup>th</sup> January 22nd February 22nd March 26th April</p> 	<p><b>What is Family Church?</b> Family church is a welcoming, fun, café-style church for all ages. Each month, we explore a Bible story that engages both children and adults discovering together more about Jesus and the life and hope he offers. Everyone is invited</p>



**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@pmfam.co.uk](mailto:youthandchildren@pmfam.co.uk)

**COGS Tots Nearly New Sale - Saturday 18th April**

## Nearly New Sale

**Saturday 18th April**  
**9.30–11.30 am**  
**The Good Shepherd church, GU34 5AA**  
 Free entrance for buyers

Cafe open for tea, 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  
 07711407831 families@pmfam.co.uk

**St Andrew's Jumble Sale - Saturday 25th April**



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### Summer 2026 Teaching Series



**Our new series starts this week! Click the image to view the series card.**

**(Paper copies are available at COGS)**

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

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### Parish Directory

As we have recently revised our electoral roll, we have had requests to reinstate the Parish Directory. In previous years, those who wished to be included had their names

and contact details compiled in a booklet for members of the church to enable easy communication.

To be included in the 2026 Parish Directory, please let Matt know by emailing [office@pmafm.co.uk](mailto:office@pmafm.co.uk) and letting him know which contact details (address, telephone number, email) you would like to include. Copies of the directory will only be made available to those who have requested to be included. Your details will not be shared beyond the directory members.

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## Other events and notices

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### Family 'Play Outside' Day and Community Social Event



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April**  
**From 1pm - 6pm**  
**Four Marks Recreation Ground**  
Uplands Lane, Four Marks GU34 5AF

Bar open at Benians Pavillion from 3pm



Help  
protect the  
Day of  
Action  
for nature,  
parks and  
green spaces

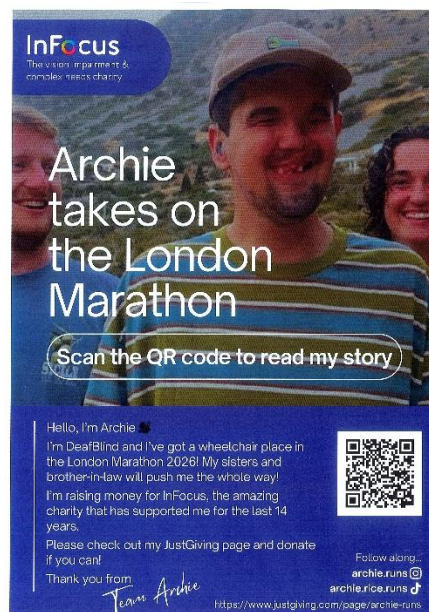
Find out more about  
development plans for  
the area from local  
campaign groups  
while the kids play



Let's show  
politicians we  
care

**18th April  
2026**

This event is part of the Community Planning  
Alliance's UK wide 'Day of Action' to  
protect and restore our countryside.  
Join the fight against excessive development.



**InFocus**  
The vision impairment &  
cancer research charity

# Archie takes on the London Marathon

Scan the QR code to read my story

Hello, I'm Archie  
I'm DeafBlind and I've got a wheelchair place in  
the London Marathon 2026! My sisters and  
brother-in-law will push me the whole way!  
I'm raising money for InFocus, the amazing  
charity that has supported me for the last 14  
years.  
Please check out my JustGiving page and donate  
if you can!  
Thank you from  
*Team Archie*

Follow along:  
archie.runs  
archie.rice.runs

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/archie-runs>

**A message from Patrick Busby:**

*Hi everyone,*

*Thank you so much for all your generous sponsorship for our ACAN Malawi Irrigation Project.*

*I completed the Brighton marathon on Sunday in a good time for my age in beautiful sunny cool conditions with a very warm welcome from the residents of Brighton.*

*So far we have raised over £3,500 which will supply solar pumps representing a once-in-a-lifetime chance for the Gumbi Malawi community to work towards ending food poverty. Thousands of local farmers will be able to harvest twice a year, which is a practical solution that will alleviate severe food shortages.*

*If you have not already done so and would like to donate please visit our Justgiving page: [Patrick Busby is fundraising for Alton Climate Action Network](#)*

*Many thanks for your generosity, it will make a huge difference for years to come!*

*Best wishes*

*Patrick and ACAN Gumbi Malawi*



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A new Fresh Start course begins on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April (7:30pm at the Maltings).

The course is free and completely confidential.

<https://harvestchurch.uk/fresh-start>

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### C.A.P. Seeking Volunteer Befrienders

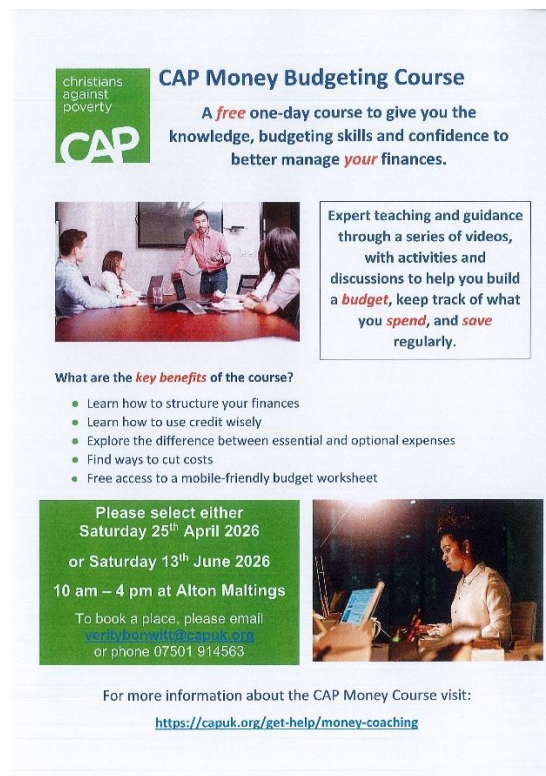
We are looking to expand our team of befrienders, both men and women, who accompany our Debt Coaches on visits to clients. Befrienders are essential members of our team, without whom, we cannot operate effectively. Over the past 12 years C.A.P. has helped 128 families to become debt free and we are currently helping 20+ families through our three-home visit process on their journey out of debt.

For more befriender information please read here;

[Befriender Letter Mar26.docx](#)

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### C.A.P. Money Budgeting One Day Course




The flyer for the CAP Money Budgeting Course features a green header with the CAP logo and the text 'christians against poverty'. The main title is 'CAP Money Budgeting Course' in bold. Below the title is a sub-headline: 'A free one-day course to give you the knowledge, budgeting skills and confidence to better manage your finances.' There are two images: one showing a group of people in a meeting and another showing a woman working on a laptop. A text box describes the course as '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.' A list of key benefits includes learning to structure finances, use credit wisely, explore essential vs optional expenses, find ways to cut costs, and access to a mobile-friendly budget worksheet. The flyer provides two dates: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026, both from 10 am to 4 pm at Alton Maltings. Contact information includes an email address and a phone number. At the bottom, it provides a URL for more information: <https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching>.

**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 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
or Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
10 am – 4 pm at Alton Maltings

To book a place, please email  
[scott@capuk.org](mailto:scott@capuk.org)  
or phone 07501 914563



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

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## 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>

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## Heydays PreSchool Open Morning



**HEYDAYS**  
EST. 1993  
**PRESCHOOL**

**OPEN MORNING!**  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
9:30am - 11:00am

Come and see our warm, welcoming preschool in action!

- ♥ Meet the team
- 🌿 Explore our setting and what's on offer!
- 📅 Learn about sessions, funding & September places
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Families welcome to bring their child along

**Book Your Place**  
Call: 07955 288741  
Email: heydayspreschool@aol.com

**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](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/alton-concert-band)

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