

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

Church Events and Notices

Sunday 26th 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 - Café Church

4pm at St Andrew's - Medstead Family Church

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Date Change

With our apologies, **the date for the APCM is now the 12th May, 7.30pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd.**

This postponement is to ensure that all the necessary information and paperwork is in place in good time for the meeting.

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.

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 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.



Parish Sunday - 11am, 31st May

On the last Sunday of May, there will be a single service in the parish. It will take place at 11am at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

We hope to see you there.

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 [@pmafm.co.uk](mailto:office@pmafm.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

 <p>Baby group Monday mornings, 13th, 20th and 27th 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>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>

Contact Jane at
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 **for more information**



On 4th Sundays
in Medstead Church Hall
parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk





Dates for 2026
Sundays, 4-5pm

25th January
22nd February
22nd March
26th April



What is Family Church?

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





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



St Andrew's Jumble Sale - Saturday 25th April



Summer 2026 Teaching Series



**Our new series has started! 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.**

Come And Meet Each Other
Friday 1st May and first Friday of the month thereafter

COME & MEET EACH OTHER

A new opportunity - all are welcome

Come and join us for some quality time together.

Friday 1st May
2:45pm
Medstead Church Hall

We are launching our first **CAMEO session**
(Come And Meet Each Other)

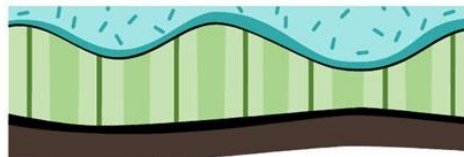
There will be tea, cake, and a chance to relax, chat, and enjoy one another's company.

Stay for an hour or two—whatever suits you.

We hope many of you will come along and join us for what promises to be a very pleasant afternoon.

Going forward:
WE WILL MEET ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

THE PARISH OF MEDSTEAD AND FOUR MARKS



You're invited to
A Coffee Morning and card sale!!
May 19, 2026, 10.00-12.00
Church of the Good Shepherd
Lymington Bottom, Four Marks

Proceeds to be shared between MAF and the Diocese of Karamoja
Further details from Jill Williams at
jil_b_ivor@yahoo.co.uk



Other events and notices

Of Joy and Journeys

LUMINOSA
OUTSTANDING CHOIRS

with
**LUMINOSA
CHAMBER VOICES**

Music by Elgar, Quartel,
Whitacre and much-loved
jazz pieces.

6 PM SATURDAY, 9 MAY 2026
ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, CHAWTON, GU34 1SJ

 **TICKETS: £10**
To purchase, scan QR code or visit
ticketsource.com/luminosa
boxoffice@luminosamusic.com | luminosamusic.com

InFocus
The vision impairment & complex needs 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



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[archie.rice.runs](https://www.tiktok.com/@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



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

The course is free and completely confidential.

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

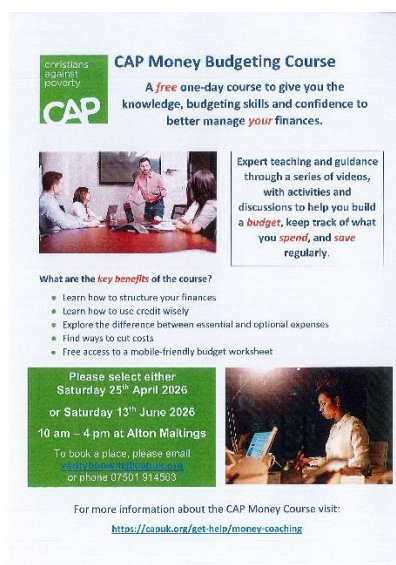
C.A.P. Seeking Volunteer Befrienders

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](#)

C.A.P. Money Budgeting One Day Course



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?

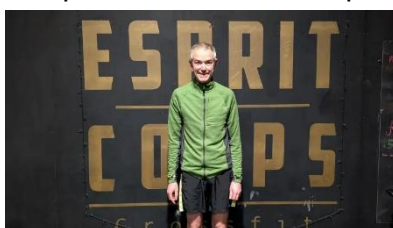
- Learn how to structure your finances
- Learn how to use credit wisely
- Explore the difference between essential and optional expenses
- Find ways to cut costs
- Free access to a mobile-friendly budget worksheet

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
info@capuk.org
or phone 07501 914503

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 THIS Sunday 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>

Heydays PreSchool Open Morning



Vicar: Howard Wright

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