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Services this Sunday - 15th December

8.00am at COGS - Communion Service

9.30am at COGS - All age service with sung worship, kids church, creche and youth

(on 2nd and 4th Sundays)

11.00am - St Andrew's

New Treasurer Needed

Claire is stepping down. We are so very grateful to her for all that she has done over the past couple of years in getting us to this point, following the formation of our new partnership as Medstead and Four Marks Parish.

We now need a new treasurer who can monitor our finances, update PCC on our status, and keep our congregations and wider donor base informed of vision and need. There is excellent contracted accounts support, and resources across PCC for help with communication. Please talk to one of our wardens, Claire, or Howard for more information.

Funeral for Tony Shaw

Tony's funeral is taking place at **11am, Monday 16th December** at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



5pm & 7pm, 15th December

At the Church of the Good Shepherd

Mulled wine and mince pies served between the services

For those of you who cannot make the Carol Service at 7pm, it will be live streamed, [click here](#)



Alton Food Bank Update

Together we can end hunger for good.

We know what's pushing people to need the food bank, so we know what needs to change to ensure everyone in your area has enough money to live on.

Will you play your part?

Volunteer - Your skills could make a real difference at your food bank - check our website or social for our current vacancies.

Donate - Food: visit our website to check what we need most and where you can donate
| Money: whatever you can afford to give, your support helps us to continue serving your local community.

The Trustees for the Alton Food Bank wish to thank you for the generous donations of finance and food received from The Good Shepherd & St. Andrews. If you would like to know more about ways you might be able to help support your local Food Bank, please look at www.trussell.org.uk and contact the Alton Manager sian@alton.foodbank.org.uk.

I regularly take food donations from the crate by the Mission Board in COGS to the Warehouse, where they're checked in, and donations left in the bin in Four marks Co-op store.

Ann Leahy (Parish Representative)

Kids Church Family

Christmas Movie

with Pizza, Popcorn and Hot Chocolate

Sunday 15th December
11am-2pm

Don't forget your cushion or bean bag

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| Book your space with | Virginia youthandchildren@pmafam.co.uk | Jane families @pmafam.co.uk |
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Nativity Trail

With craft cafe

Can you find all 7 characters from the nativity story?

Monday 23rd December
10.30am-2pm

The Good Shepherd

CAN YOU HELP share the Good News THIS CHRISTMAS?

Nativity Trail 23rd December

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| 5-6.30pm Sun 22nd | Set up tables and displays | Set up team |
| 9.45-10.45 10.30-12.00 12-1.30 1.15-2.30 | Set up cafe & crafts Refreshments Refreshments clear cafe & crafts | Craft cafe team |
| 5.45 - 6.45 | Clear tables and displays | Tidy and re-set team |

**Please speak to Jane if you can
help at our Nativity trail**

Other ways to Help...

With so many events now running in the building we need to widen the team that help move the tables and chairs.

Please consider joining our What's app group 'COGS Chairs' as an occasional helper. Each week we will send out a message saying what is needed for that week and then the load can be shared between those that are available that week- no rotas and no regular commitment needed.

Talk to Matt or Jane to find out more.

Help with cleaning

Unfortunately our cleaner is unable to work during December. If anyone is keen to volunteer to help us out during this month, please speak to Andy or David, or let Matt know in the office

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