

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

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### Services this Sunday - 23rd March 2025

8am at COGS - Communion Service  
9.30am at COGS - All Age Service with sung worship, kids church, creche and youth (on 2nd and 4th Sundays)  
11am at St Andrew's - Cafe Church  
4pm at Medstead Church Hall - Medstead Family Church

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### Lent Lunches at St Andrew's

During Lent, St Andrew's, Medstead runs a series of charity lunches in the church hall. Delicious homemade soups, cheese and bread are served and a speaker is invited to give a short talk about their charity. Entry is free but donations are welcomed and after the final lunch, all money raised is split equally between the host charities.

**All lunches start at 12.30** and dates are as follows:

**Thursday 3rd April - In aid of a Village Defibrillator**

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Please pray as we launch the Medstead Church Family Service on Sunday 23d March. If you know families associated with Medstead please pass on the details to them.

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**Preparation of a New Electoral Roll**  
**Our APCM takes place on 29th April this year**  
Prior to our APCM will be in preparation of a New Roll.

Every person who wishes to have his or her name entered on the new Roll, whether it is entered on the present Roll or not, is requested to **apply for enrolment not later than 13th April.**

Please [click here](#) for further details and electronic copies of the application form  
Paper forms will be available at COGS and St Andrew's.  
Please speak to Frank Maloney, if you have any queries

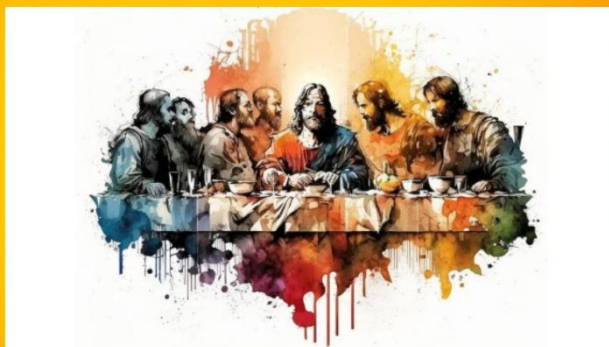
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**Easter Cards on Bookstall**

Easter Cards & also Books relevant to Easter for both Adults & Children are now available from the Church Bookstall.

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*Alton Churches Lent 2025*



*Table Talk - Conversations with Jesus*

**Wesley Room, The Maltings**

**7.15pm - refreshments**

**7.30-8.45pm**

**Worship, Prayer Teaching & Discussion**

**Thursday 20th March - Welcome to the Table**

*David Chattell - Parish of the Resurrection*

**Thursday 27th March - Dinner at the Table**

*Andrew Lawrence - Harvest Church*

**Thursday 3rd April - Turning over the Tables**

*Andrew Micklefield - Parish of the Resurrection*

**Thursday 10th April - Supper at the Table**

*Howard Wright - Church of the Good Shepherd*

**Thursday 17th April - Breaking Bread around the Table**

*Tim Suffield - Harvest Church*

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**Nearly New Sale**




**Saturday 5th April**  
**9.30-11.30am**  
**The Good Shepherd church, GU345AA**  
 Free entrance for buyers

**Sellers from 8.30am £5 per table, payable in advance**


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


 **Raffle**
 **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.**

Contact Jane for more information or to book a sellers table  
 07711407831  
[families@pmafam.co.uk](mailto:families@pmafam.co.uk)

We are looking for raffle donations to make up 2 hampers for the raffle, one for a family with children aged 1-3 years and one for a family with children age 3-5 years. Any new small toys, games, food donations would be appreciated.

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**EASTER  
TEA & PRAISE**  
SUNDAY 6TH APRIL, 3PM



This popular, traditional service will again be held on Sunday 6th April at 3pm and will be followed by refreshments.  
Please invite your neighbours and friends and bring them along. We look forward to seeing many of you.

 St Andrew's Church  The Good Shepherd  
Showing God's love in everything we do

We would be grateful to receive offers of cakes and savouries for after the service.  
Offers of help serving are also appreciated.  
Please speak to Anne Shaw, Debbie Norgate or Caroline Andrews for more information.

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**Our Alpha course is in progress. Please be praying for those taking part.**  
**If you'd like to know more about Alpha, talk to Howard or contact Matt in the office**

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## Can you join in?



Helping children of all ages to  
know God and grow in their  
relationship with Jesus



For some of our children, this means we need to give extra support.  
Will you be part of our team to help children of all ages and abilities know  
God and grow in their relationship with Jesus?

There are two ways you can help:

1. Consider joining our kids church team, especially if you have experience working with children who have additional needs.
2. Consider joining our crèche team to release Jane who can then provide additional needs support in kids church.

Given the nature of these positions, both DBS clearance and safeguarding training will be necessary.

**For more information speak to Virginia or Jane**

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### Upcoming Special Services

**Easter Tea & Praise**  
**Sunday 6th April, 3pm at COGS**

**And in Holy Week...**

**A Service of Compline will take place at 7pm at St Andrew's on Monday 14th,  
Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th April**

#### **Evening of Prayer**

Our monthly evening of Prayer will take place on **Tuesday 15th April, 7.30pm in the  
church hall at COGS.**

#### **Maundy Thursday**

Our Maundy Thursday service will take place at **St Andrew's at 7pm, Thursday 17th  
April**

#### **Good Friday**

There will be a Good Friday Meditation at **St Andrew's at 2pm, Friday 18th April**

And at COGS...



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE NAIL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BEING PART OF THE PASSION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Who killed Christ? Who was responsible?</p> <p>A dramatic and meditative presentation reflecting upon the events of the days leading up to and including Good Friday.</p> <p>Hear how key witnesses describe Christ's crucifixion from their points of view.</p> <p>Each character will consider the part they played in hammering the nails into Jesus.</p> <p>Will you accept the nail that crucified Christ?</p> <p>Will you recognise your role in the drama of the cross?</p> <p><b>Good Friday, 7pm, Church of the Good Shepherd</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>Based on an idea by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York</small></p>	
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## Confirmation

We are hoping to hold a confirmation service at some point from late summer. If anyone is interested in getting confirmed, please speak to Howard, or contact the parish office.

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## Solar Panels Update

All our solar panels at COGS are now in place and functioning.



Since they have been operational they have generated 640kWh

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**Waverley Singers**  
waverleysingers.com

**Saturday 22 March 2025, 7:30pm**  
St Andrew's Garrison Church  
Aldershot GU11 2BY

Mendelssohn  
**Elijah**

BARITONE - ANDREW RUPP  
SOPRANO - MARIANA FERNANDES  
MEZZO - JULIA MERINO  
TENOR - HARUN TEKIN  
CHAMELEON ARTS ORCHESTRA  
CONDUCTOR - RICHARD PEARCE

**TICKETS**  
In advance/on the door  
**£20/£22 Premium**  
**£15/ £17 General**  
**£5 Students**  
U16 free subject to conditions  
*Ticket price includes a complimentary drink*



[ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers](https://ticketsource.co.uk/waverleysingers)

RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF STEP BY STEP





The Waverley Singers is Registered Charity no. 284123



**Waynflete Singers**

**Verdi Requiem**

**Winchester Cathedral**  
**Friday 4th April 2025**  
**at 7.30 pm**

**The Waynflete Singers**  
**Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra**  
**and Bournemouth Symphony Chorus members**

**Soprano: Elin Pritchard**  
**Alto: Rebecca Afonwy-Jones**  
**Tenor: Andrés Presno**  
**Bass: Ashley Riches**

**Conductor: Andrew Lumsden**

Tickets: £15.00 - £50.00  
From: [www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk/whats-on/)  
or call 01962 857275  
or via [www.waynfletesingers.org.uk/concerts](http://www.waynfletesingers.org.uk/concerts)



Registered charity no: 285107

www.altonchoral.org.uk  
Charity no.900258

Alton Choral Society Presents

Reflective Music for Good Friday

18th April, 6pm

Alton Methodist Church

Admission free

Retiring collection for



**St Andrew's Medstead Music Recital**  
**Saturday 26th April at 6pm**



*Come along and enjoy a mix of well-loved classical and light music, performed by local artists*

*Tickets - £12.50 (concessions for children) include: Finger Buffet and a Glass of Wine or Soft Drinks which will be served in the church hall after the concert.*

*For tickets please contact:  
Sharon Blackshaw on 01420 563937  
E-mail: seblackshaw@gmail.com or  
Wendy Busby on 01420 564168  
E-mail: wendy.busby@hotmail.co.uk*

**Raising money for:  
Kathryn's Mercy Home  
St Andrew's Fabric Fund**





## Our current series



Our new teaching series for spring at COGS has begun. Service cards are available in church or you can find it online

- <https://www.parishofmedsteadandfourmarks.co.uk/resources/teaching-series/>

Sermons can be found on our sermon page or in our whole service videos on our youtube channel

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