

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

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### Services this Sunday - 25th August

8am at COGS - communion service  
9.30am at COGS - all age service with sung worship, kids church, and creche  
11am at St Andrew's - cafe church

### Services next Sunday - 1st September

8am at COGS - communion service  
9.30am at COGS - all age service with sung worship, kids church, and creche  
11am at St Andrew's - communion service

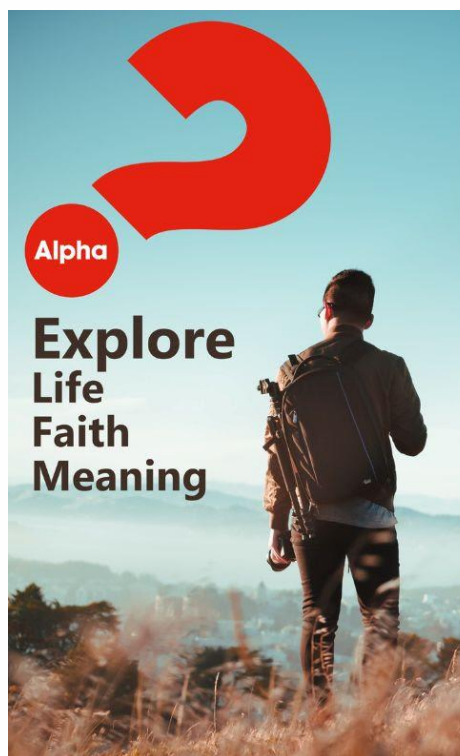
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### Summer Readings

Before we begin our autumn teaching series we are spending a couple of weeks in the Psalms. Here are our readings for this Sunday.

25th August	Psalm 92	John 1:9-14	Praise the Lord
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## Alpha Course coming soon

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith. It covers topics such as 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why and how should I pray?' and 'Does God heal today?'

Wednesday evenings  
Beginning September  
Contact - Jane, Howard or Matt  
in the church office  
01420 560622

Stay Curious #TryAlpha

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### 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.

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### Office Closed

Please note, the office is closed next week and there will be no weekly email next Friday.

Apologies for the inconvenience.

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### Baptism next Sunday

On 1st September Oliver (4 years old) and Archie (4 months old) will be baptised at St Andrew's Medstead.

Please pray for the family as they prepare for this special occasion.



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## Help Wanted

Volunteers needed to help in the Kitchen to cook for the Monday Youth Club. Starting from September 9.

Food will be served between  
5 and 5:45



If you can help please contact Virginia at [youthandchildren@pmafmc.co.uk](mailto:youthandchildren@pmafmc.co.uk).  
Or 07724141267

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## Autumn Teaching Series

From 1st September COGS will begin their new teaching series - Being Jesus. Series cards are available in church from this Sunday and can be found on the website, click the image to access.



St Andrew's will be following the lectionary this term.

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## Help Wanted

At present, all children aged 3-11 are in one kid's church group. This has created some challenges in meeting the needs across such a wide age range. Moving forward, we would like to create two separate groups for kid's church, allowing each age group to explore the Bible and build their relationship with Jesus alongside their peers. To make this possible we need volunteers to lead and help in the kids church.



If you can help, please contact Virginia at  
youthandchildren@pmafmc.co.uk or 07724141267

## New Bishop of Karamoja

This Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> of August, following the retirement of bishop Josphe, Michael Chorey is being consecrated as the new bishop of Karamoja. Please pray for him and his wife, Jane, who is an ordained priest. Michael brings lots of experience having been archdeacon of Amudat, and he has with Jane over the past few years planted 24 churches throughout the Pokot district of Karamoja. Christopher Ogilvie Thompson, assistant priest at Bentley, Binsted, and Froyle, and bishop David will be representing the deanery and diocese.

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## AMEN Shoe Boxes

We will again be supporting Amen in preparing shoe box gifts for Christmas. The Amen leaflets are here and available in the porch. Please save shoe boxes from any shoe/sandals you buy over the summer. Thank you

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*Alton  
Choral  
Society*

## JOIN OUR CHOIR !

Alton Choral Society welcomes new singers for their Autumn and Winter Season. The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings in the Salvation Army Hall, GU34 1HN (on the corner of Market Street and Amery Street) and welcomes new singers of all voice ages and voice types.

Our material ranges from sacred works to Musical Theatre. Some ability to read music is helpful, but not essential.  
**There is no audition.**

For more information please contact us:  
Phone: 07715 771489  
Email: [welcome@altonchoral.org.uk](mailto:welcome@altonchoral.org.uk)  
or see our website [www.altonchoral.org.uk](http://www.altonchoral.org.uk)



? Who is God?



**8th September**  
3.45-5.45pm

**Who does God say He is?**



Scan the code or visit:  
<https://pmafmc.churchsuite.com/events/cxunstg5>  
to book your space

**What's on**  
at  
**The Good Shepherd**  
for  
**under 5's**



Weekly bumps and babies group for babies under 12 months

**Mondays**  
(except bank holidays)  
10.30am-12 noon  
in the church hall





for ages 0-4

Once a month on a  
**Tuesday**  
9-11am  
9th July, 10th September  
15th October, 12th November  
10th December



Join us from 9am for breakfast snacks followed by our stay and play session till 11am

**Contact Jane**  
for more information:  
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**07711407831**  
**Family Worker**  
Parish of Medstead and Four Marks

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