

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

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### Services this Sunday - 30th 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 - Communion Service

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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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### Alton Churches Lent 2025

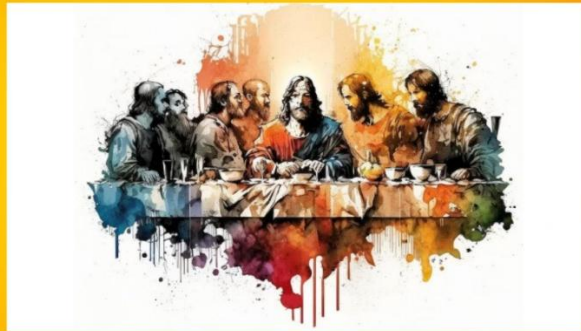


Table Talk - Conversations with Jesus

### 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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**Tuesday 1st April  
9-11am**

**Craft:**  
Easter biscuits

**Activity:**  
Egg Hunt

**Storytime at 10.30am**  
A very Happy Easter



**COGS Tots** **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@pmaf.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.



## Family Ministry, can you help during April?



**Cake makers needed for  
Nearly new sale 5th April and  
Easter trail 18th April**

**Raffle prizes wanted for  
Tots Nearly New sale**



**Help with Heydays preschool Easter visit 2nd April 1-3pm**

### Join in and be part of...

**Toddler Group**  
with egg hunt

**Tuesday 1st April**  
9-11.30am

chat with parents/carers  
play with the children

**Messy Church**  
The Easter Story

**Sunday 13th April**  
4-6.15pm

food team

**Family Easter Trail**  
with craft cafe

**Friday 18th April**  
9-10.30 Or 10.30-12

refreshments  
and craft tables



## Easter Trail and Craft Cafe

at The Good Shepherd



**Friday 18th April**  
**open 9.30-12**

Children to be accompanied by parent/carer

Easter  
crafts  
and  
cafe drinks

Chocolate  
eggs



Contact Jane  
for more information  
[families@pmafms.co.uk](mailto:families@pmafms.co.uk)  
07711407831

### 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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# 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.



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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### **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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## 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

#### 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.**

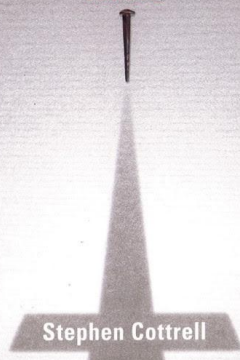
#### Maundy Thursday

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><small>Based on an idea by Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York</small></p>	<p style="font-size: small;">Being part of the Passion</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">the</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;"><b>NAIL</b></p>  <p style="font-size: x-small;">Stephen Cottrell</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.



# 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](mailto:seblackshaw@gmail.com) or  
Wendy Busby on 01420 564168  
E-mail: [wendy.busby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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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