

## Church Events and Notices

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**Sunday - 25th January 2026**

**8am at COGS - Communion Service**

**11am at St Andrew's - Café Church**

**9.30am at COGS - All Age Service with sung worship, kids church and creche**

**4pm at Medstead Church Hall - Medstead Family Church**

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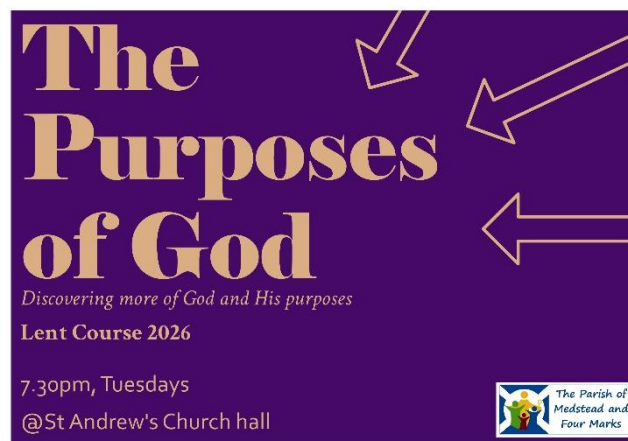


Medstead Family Church is back on 25th January!

4pm, at Medstead Church Hall.

Do come along and spread the word

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### **Lent Course 2026 - The Purposes of God**

*Discovering more of God and His purposes*

7.30pm, Tuesdays in St Andrew's Church hall

Sessions will include presentations, group discussion and open question times

**24th February** - How to know God: The source of our understanding - the Bible as the

revelation of the character and nature of God

**3rd March** - The nature of God: Seeking an understanding of God through his self-revelation in the Bible and supremely in Jesus

**10th March** - The purposes of God for the world: Plotting the story of salvation and mission through His-story.

**17th March** - The purposes of God for us: Seeing and taking our place in God's work.

No need to book, just show up.

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### **Child Sponsorship**

If you responded to the appeal on Compassion Sunday or sponsor a child through any other charity, please may we have a photo for our revised sponsorship notice board?



We can scan the photos and return them to you. Please ensure your name, the child's name, and their home country are on the reverse, and give them to Matt or Chris

McGrath, thank you

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**Our new teaching series at COGS is Revelation Part 2: The King & The Wedding Day.**

**Catch up on previous sermons on our website or YouTube channel.**

**Click the image to view the series card. (Paper copies available at COGS)**

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## Other events and notices

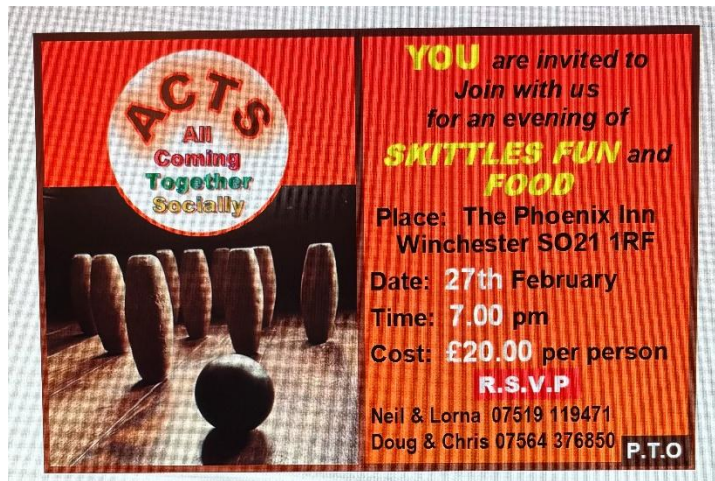
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### ACTS

A small group, which we have named ACTS (All Coming Together Socially) are endeavouring to arrange various social events during this coming year, some will be at the church and others using various venues. The aim is to encourage getting to know each other better, creating a greater sense of family.

We want to use the events, as an opportunity for inviting friends and neighbours to join with us and enjoy some fun together. These events will be for both Christians and 'not yet Christian', thus building bridges that Jesus can walk over. We are primarily looking at the age group, 20-70 years, though not exclusively.

**The first event being organised is a Skittles evening on Friday 27th February.**

A poster for a Skittles evening event. On the left, there is a photograph of a bowling ball about to hit several bowling pins on a wooden lane. Above the photo is a circular logo with the word 'ACTS' in large, stylized letters, and below it, 'All Coming Together Socially' in smaller text. To the right of the photo, the text reads: 'YOU are invited to Join with us for an evening of SKITTLES FUN and FOOD'. Below this, it lists the details: 'Place: The Phoenix Inn Winchester SO21 1RF', 'Date: 27th February', 'Time: 7.00 pm', and 'Cost: £20.00 per person'. A red box with white text says 'R.S.V.P'. At the bottom, it lists contact information: 'Neil & Lorna 07519 119471' and 'Doug & Chris 07564 376850'. In the bottom right corner, there is a small black box with white text that says 'P.T.O.'.

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for an evening of  
**SKITTLES FUN and FOOD**

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Winchester SO21 1RF  
Date: 27th February  
Time: 7.00 pm  
Cost: £20.00 per person

**R.S.V.P**

Neil & Lorna 07519 119471  
Doug & Chris 07564 376850

**P.T.O.**

A poster titled 'HOT FOOD MENU CHOICES' with a list of food options. The title is in bold, black, uppercase letters. Below it, there is a list of six food choices, each preceded by a hyphen. The choices are: 'Spit Roast 1/2 Chicken & Chips', '3 Pork Sausages & Chips', 'Two Haddock & Spring Onion Fish Cakes & Chips', 'Homemade HOT Beef Chilli, Boiled Rice & Garlic Bread', 'Phoenix Style Beef Lasagne, Mixed Salad, Homemade Coleslaw', and 'Vegetarian Lasagne, Mixed salad & Homemade Coleslaw'. At the bottom of the poster, there is a red banner with white text that reads 'MEAL CHOICE and PAYMENT or CONFIRMATION please'.

**HOT FOOD MENU CHOICES**

- Spit Roast 1/2 Chicken & Chips
- 3 Pork Sausages & Chips
- Two Haddock & Spring Onion Fish Cakes & Chips
- Homemade HOT Beef Chilli, Boiled Rice & Garlic Bread
- Phoenix Style Beef Lasagne, Mixed Salad, Homemade Coleslaw
- Vegetarian Lasagne, Mixed salad & Homemade Coleslaw

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### **St Andrew's Quiz and Supper Night**

**Saturday 7th March 2026**

At Medstead Church Hall, 6.30pm, for a 7pm start

Teams of no more than 8.

Tickets are £15, including a fish and chips supper (bring own drinks)

**Contact:** [medsteadchurchbookings@gmail.com](mailto:medsteadchurchbookings@gmail.com) /07709553804 to book

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### **Patrick Busby Running the Brighton Marathon**

On 12th April Patrick will be running in the Brighton marathon to raise money for the Alton Climate Action Network GUMBI Malawi Irrigation Project, especially important work given the recent severe droughts in Malawi.

If you would like to donate, please visit his JustGiving page:

[Patrick Busby is fundraising for Alton Climate Action Network](#)

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### **Alton Foodbank**

The Alton Foodbank (*Charity name Alton Christian Care Limited, Charity Number England & Wales 1151471*) is a local charity that supports some of the most vulnerable



people in Alton and the surrounding villages. For the charity to run well we need a dedicated team of trustees and volunteers. Recently the following roles have (or are about to become) vacant: Charity Trustee and Treasurer (does not need to be a trustee also)

A summary role description for the trustee role can be viewed here.

[ACCTrusteeJD\\_V1.pdf](#)

If you would like to find out more about either role, please contact Ian Dane, Chair of Trustees Alton Foodbank on [imdane@alton.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:imdane@alton.foodbank.org.uk) or 07768 711679

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## International Needs UK

### New Job Opportunity with International Needs

#### Join our team as Programme Support Manager!

International Needs UK is looking for a **Programme Support Manager**

As part of our team, you'll use your **skills** to support International Needs partners to develop and shape high-quality, community-focused programmes, which are aligned with Gospel values. You'll be involved in supporting the entire programme cycle. From design into implementation, and on into monitoring, whilst generating reporting that evidences programme impact - being able to craft compelling stories that highlight the difference programme outcomes make to support both future proposals and fundraising.



Application deadline: 30th January 2026

**APPLY HERE**

This is a fantastic opportunity for someone who shares our **Christian values** and wants to be part of an organisation that transforms lives.

Please apply via:

[\*\*www.charityjob.co.uk\*\*](http://www.charityjob.co.uk)

The **QR code** will take you straight to the full details on their site and explain how to apply



<https://www.charityjob.co.uk/jobs/international-needs-uk/programme-support-manager/1050959?tsld=36>

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## Pilgrim accommodation

A pilgrimage from Winchester to Canterbury, with members from St Peter and St Paul's Church, Wantage, will be stopping in Four Marks on 10th March.

The group, which is likely to be 2 or 3 gentlemen, are wondering if anyone might be able to put them up for the evening.

If anyone thinks they can help, please let Matt know, and he can put you in contact with the group leader, the curate of the parish.

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### Bookstall

Bible Reading notes and other items are available for sale from the Church Bookstall

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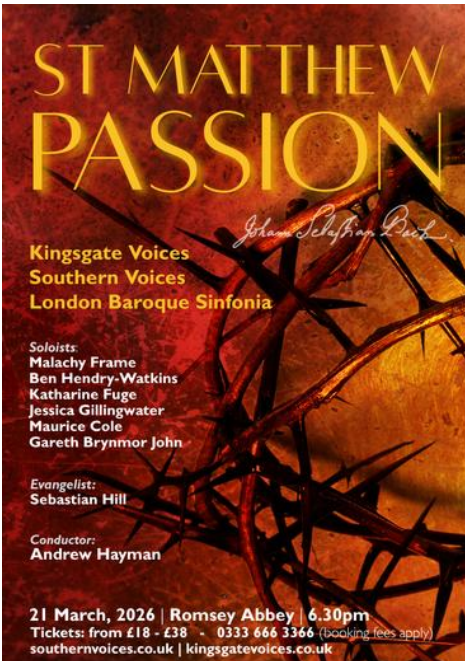
**Elgar: The Dream of Gerontius**  
**Winchester Cathedral**  
**Friday March 27th 2026**  
**at 7.30 pm**

Waynflete Singers  
Winchester Cathedral Chamber Choir  
English Chamber Orchestra

Mezzo-soprano: Dame Sarah Connolly  
Tenor: Andrew Kennedy  
Bass: Andrew Foster-Williams

Conductor: **Andrew Lumsden**  
Tickets: £15.00 - £50.00  
[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)

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Maurice Cole  
Gareth Brynmor John

**Evangelist:**  
Sebastian Hill

**Conductor:**  
Andrew Hayman

**21 March, 2026 | Romsey Abbey | 6.30pm**  
Tickets: from £18 - £38 - 0333 666 3366 (booking fees apply)  
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