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Week of 26th September 2021

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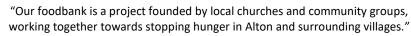
September and Sunday 3rd October. Please give cheques in envelopes with the name of the donor, and please mark any online donations for Harvest or Tearfund. We will assume that registered gift-aiders are also gift-aiding their donations, unless instructed otherwise. If you have any queries please contact David or the church office.

Confirmation

Bishop David will be joining us for a confirmation service at COGS at **7pm, 14th November**. If anyone is interested in discussing confirmation or would like to explore getting confirmed at this upcoming service, please let Matt know, or chat to Howard.

MISSION OF THE MONTH September - Alton Food Bank

Helping Local People in Crisis



PAPER SERVICE

We produce a paper version of our online services for anyone who cannot connect to us online. These are found with our service videos on the website. If you know someone who would benefit from this, please print and deliver, or alert the office.

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Giving

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We do not take offerings at our services, even when we are able to meet. Our preferred method of financial giving to continue the work of the Church is via Standing Order. Please contact the Church Office or our Treasurer, David Craigen (01420 564152 or cogstreasurer@gmail.com) for more details. If you wish to donate online, these are our account details:

Acc No: 60003685. Sort Code: 60-01-13. You can also find a Paypal donate button.

Many thanks for your generosity.

Ministers: All of Us Together	Services
Vicar: Howard Wright Tel: 01420 563344 Email: howardwright.cogs@gmail.com Curate: Jon Rooke Tel: 07519 046593 Email: jonrooke@hotmail.co.uk	8am is a said communion 9.30am is a service of the Word or a communion service with Kids Church and Live Worship Band. (Service is Live Streamed) 7pm informal celebration church in the church hall
Church Office: Matt Senior Email: cogsoffice@googlemail.com	No tickets are required, but sanitization and face masks are encouraged.
Family Worker: Jane Hughes Tel: 07711 407831 Email: Jane_COGS@btinternet.com	Morning Prayer / Compline: Contact David Bush d.l.bush@mac.com
Youth & Children's Worker: Lorna Littlewood Tel: 07914 519998 Email: lorna.cogs@gmail.com	For weekly notices, please contact Matt to be added to the church mailing list. For prayer updates, please contact Matt to be added to the email prayer chain.

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Amen Christmas Appeal...God's love in action

Today is Amen Christmas launch day.

A short video will be shown at each service and leaflets will be available at the back of the church.

One can also personally view the video and see the wonderful photographs taken when the Christmas shoe boxes were distributed and other photos capturing the poverty in the community. Just such a contrast to our fortunate life style. Please view at amentrust.co.uk.



Thank you so much to all who sent boxes before and please would each family consider sending a family Christmas gift to a family who may well have this gift this Christmas as their only gift. We can show Gods Love in Action.

Hand knitted and crotched blankets will be collected and send out along side standard shoe box Christmas gifts.



Leaflets give help and suggestions and need to be filled in and attached to the wrapped Christmas family gift.

Anyone who wishes a leaflet to be delivered to their home or has any questions please contact Di on 07912630087

(Blankets and boxes will be collected end of October)

Friday night is Music Night

With live music returning to our 9.30 services, the band members will be rehearsing on Friday evenings. Led by the Worship Leaders, the primary focus will be on the worship for the Sunday, but new songs may be trialled too, and anyone is welcome to come along and join in. Bring your instrument if you can, or join in with the singing. We would especially welcome those learning an instrument wishing to gain confidence in a group. Appropriate social distancing precautions will be taken.

For further information and confirmation of timing, please contact Chris (chrismcgrath175@gmail.com) or the church office

Fresh Start

Do you know anyone who wants to break free from a lifecontrolling habit such as smoking, gambling, over-eating, internet or social media addiction, shopping compulsions, binge drinking, soft drugs, etc. ?

fresh start from Christians Against Poverty

Fresh Start is a free 8-week course based on principles from the 12-steps-of-recovery process, backed by 1-to-1 coaching and a support group of others wanting to tackle their dependencies. If you want to tackle a life-controlling habit, join the **Fresh Start** course. It's free and completely confidential.

The next local courses will start on Wednesday 6th October at Alton Maltings Centre - one in the morning (10:30 - 12:00) and the other in the evening (19:30 - 21:00). To register for the course, call Mark Rumsby on 07769 030913 or email <u>alton@capuk.org</u>.

William

Many of you will have joined in praying for William, who appeared on our prayer list over several years. William has now passed away. Please do keep the whole family in your prayers at this time.