



The Good Shepherd
Four Marks

www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk

Week of 3rd October 2021

Harvest Collection

Our Harvest Collection this year will go to Tearfund in response to their Afghanistan and Haiti Appeals. Contributions can be made online by transfer, or by our paypal button; cash and cheques can be given on Sunday 3rd October.

Please give donations 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.

Thank you for your generosity.

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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

October - AMEN



Supporting Christian Ministries in Developing Countries

"AMEN is a conduit for channeling resources to many overseas Christians working to make a difference in their own countries."

www.amentrust.co.uk

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.**

Giving

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.

[Donate](#)

Many thanks for your generosity.

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Services

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

No tickets are required, but sanitization and face masks are encouraged.

Morning Prayer / Compline: Contact David Bush
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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.

Alpha - starting 12th October

Our neighbouring parish - Parish of the Resurrection, Alton - has an alpha course starting soon. The first session will be on 12th October. If anyone is keen to attend, or would like to accompany someone they are inviting, or if you would like to be involved in some way, do contact the church office, speak with Jonathan or email alpha.potr@gmail.com



Amen - God's love in action

Thank you for all who are choosing to support this charity.

Handmade knitted or crotched blankets of any size from cot to lap to bedding will be most gratefully received. Also a standard shoe box filled as the Christmas gift to a very poor family is such a blessing to those receiving. These families seriously cannot even afford toiletries like shampoo let alone a sweet or teddy bear or crayons. Using the leaflet available in the church foyer ideas of what to include are given. Also this leaflet needs to be attached according to instructions so that the boxes can go through customs and also be a guide to the contents so the Amen partners in the local church in Sighisoara Romania can distribute the box most suitable to the families they know. The collection of boxes and blankets from our church is done by a volunteer and then taken to a central place in Kent where a larger lorry accompanied by volunteers is driven to Romania for sharing these wonderful gifts. The whole process is very personal and guarantees the delivery and distribution to those in great need with the added blessing of prayer and Gods evidence being displayed.

Please check out the photos and video on amentrust.co.uk to understand what this charity offers and what a blessing your kind gifts are making to those far less fortunate than ourselves. This is certainly God's love in action and we are delighted The Church of the Good Shepherd Four Marks has chosen to be part of this mission outreach.

The Christmas shoe boxes we send are given to the children of the families. So please include a soft toy and other toys games and stationary as well as toiletries and gift eg necklace / hair grips and razors , scissors, hat ,socks, so all the family receive a special gift at Christmas.

Please use standard shoe box size. An enclosed Christmas card is a lovely gesture especially with a few of their own words

Happy Christmas = Craciun Fericit

God bless you = Dumnezeu Sa Ta Binecuvanteze



Collection for shoe boxes and blankets will be in the church car park directly into a car boot on two different Sundays: Sunday 31st October and Sunday 7th November 9-9.30 am and 3-3.30pm

Thank you so much again and may you be blessed as you show Gods Love in Action

Any questions please call Di on 07912630088

Fresh Start

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

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 alton@capuk.org.

fresh start
from Christians Against Poverty