



**The Good Shepherd**  
Four Marks

[www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk](http://www.goodshepherdfourmarks.org.uk)

**Week of 10th October 2021**



## 1 Service Sunday - 11am 31st October

On Sunday 31st October we are inviting the whole church family, across our congregations, to gather at a single service at 11am.

You are also invited to bring a picnic lunch, so we can gather together for food after the service

### Harvest Collection

Thanks to your generosity our Harvest Collection this year, in aid of Tearfund has raised (including gift-aid) £2412.50



#### 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](http://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](mailto: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

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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  
[d.l.bush@mac.com](mailto:d.l.bush@mac.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.

## 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](mailto:alpha.potr@gmail.com)



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## Litter Picking

Attention all Litter Pickers. We will be litter picking round the village again on **Saturday 16th October**. Please meet me at 10.00 in the car park behind the BP garage where I will give out equipment and bags. We would love some new volunteers to join us.

Elaine Moore 01962 772667

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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.

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## Vigil of Hope

A "Vigil of Hope" is being held in Alton's Market Square over the weekend of 30th and 31st October, immediately prior to the start of COP26, the crucially important Climate Conference at Glasgow in early November. It's being led by Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN), in conjunction with the local WI and Parish of the Resurrection. Local churches are being invited to participate, along with other groups such as schools, scouts and guides.

We are hoping for a COGS 'presence' during two separate one hour slots on the morning of Saturday 30th - at 10.00 am, and again at 12.00 midday, and to use the opportunity to engage passers-by in conversation, with prayers, songs and hymns, and other 'fun' activities such as climate board games, and a childrens' art display. Note that this is not a 'protest' or 'campaign' meeting, but simply a time of peace and reflection, and an opportunity for prayer for the best possible outcome from the Summit meeting. It's particularly pertinent that Tearfund happens to be our 'charity of the month'.

If you would like to assist in manning the stall during our allocated time, or would like to know more, please let us know. Otherwise, just turn up if you are able, and share this time together. Thank you.

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## 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](http://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



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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

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**BEYOND THE STREETS Sponsored Streetwalk  
Taking Steps Together - Sat.20th Nov.**



Join us to take steps together, raising funds for women experiencing sexual exploitation.

We'll be walking 12k through London after dark on Sat 20th November and asking people to sponsor our efforts, as we walk the streets in the footsteps of women experiencing violence and coercion. We'll talk about their stories, celebrate their courage and resilience, and by walking will raise awareness of the lives of women past and present.

Together we'll take steps towards a future where sexual exploitation is history.

*Beyond the Streets is one of the charities COGS supports & is November's Mission of the Month. Further details of the sponsored walk can be found on their website:*

<https://beyondthestreets.org.uk/november-campaign/>

*Please let me know if you are interested in taking part. Sue Paton 01420 561727*