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# WHAT'S BREWING?

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News from Alton Maltings & Harvest Church

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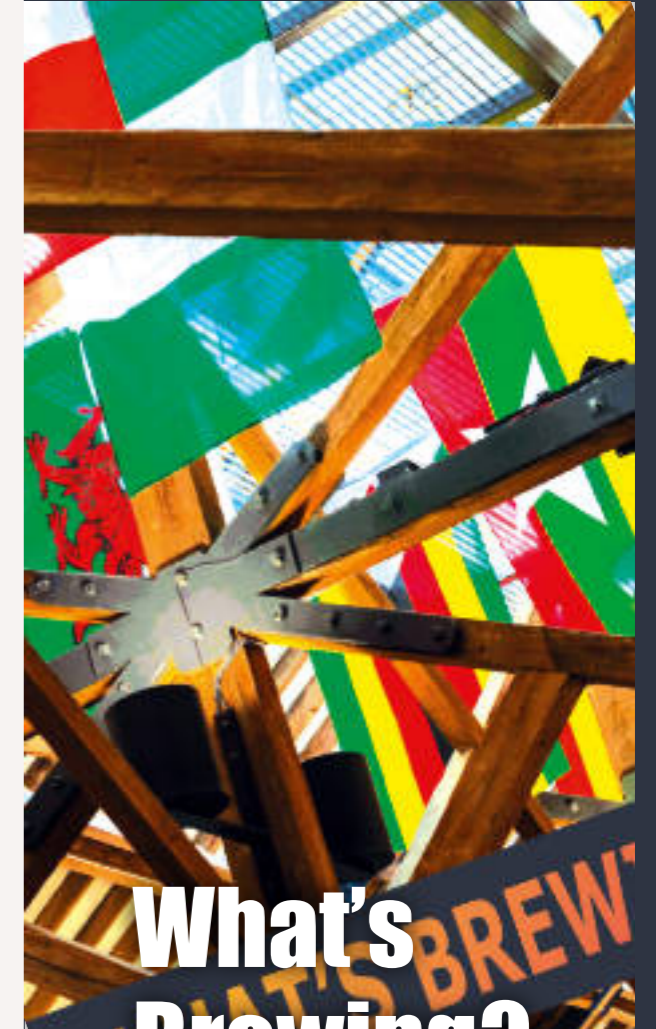
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## What's Brewing?

Welcome to our first ever What's Brewing?, the termly magazine covering what's happening in Alton Maltings and Harvest Church – we hope you enjoy it.

We expect to add additional features over the next few editions but would really appreciate any suggestions or feedback to [whatsbrewing@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:whatsbrewing@harvestchurch.uk)  
Enjoy!



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## FEATURE

Alton Maltings is one of only a few buildings left from Alton's brewing history and is now a Listed Building.

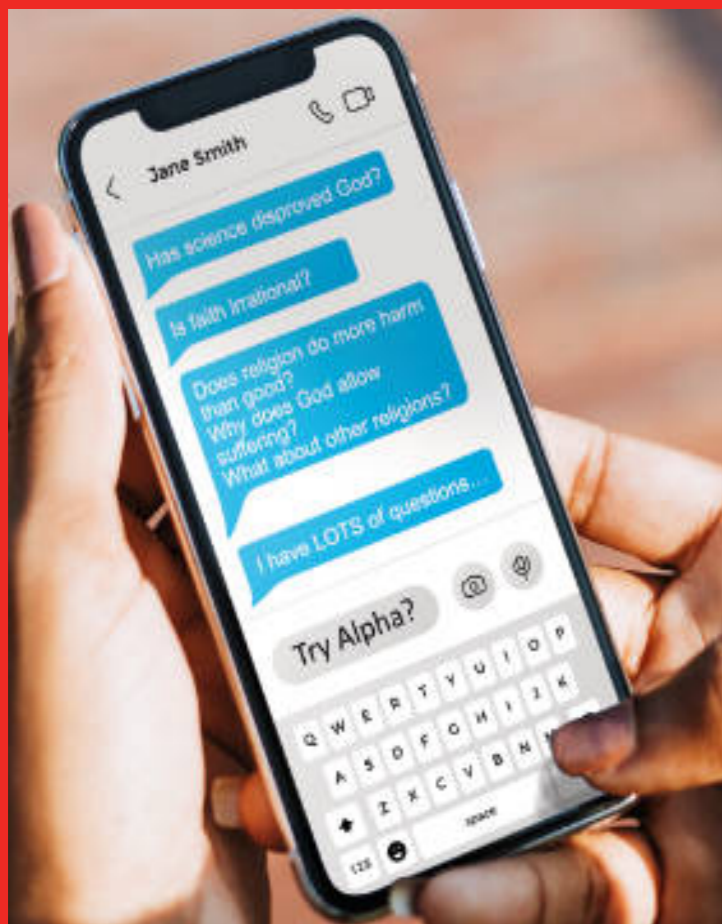
In the late 1990's it lay semi-derelict when Harvest Church (Alton Evangelical Free Church at the time) was approached about whether it could meet their needs for a larger facility to meet in, as they had outgrown the old Forresters Hall in Church Street.

After a lot of prayer and consideration the leaders at the time felt it was right to pursue the building but with a clear sense that the Church was to acquire it for the benefit of the whole community with a view to creating the largest community seating space in

Alton together with many ancillary rooms.

The costs were phenomenal (approx. £4.3 Million) but in Autumn 2005 Harvest Church moved into the building and opened it to serve Alton as a community facility, albeit with borrowings approaching £1.9 million.

As the building reaches its 18th birthday Alton Maltings has become a key venue for Alton and the surrounding district. It's still funded by Harvest Church who after countless gift weeks over the last 25+ years this year managed to clear the mortgage. Income generated by room hires and bookings help with the running costs.



*Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group. We shall enjoy a free hot meal together and watch a video on a different question of faith - then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.*



Alpha is an 11-week course that creates a space, online or in person, where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God.

Course starting Monday 8<sup>th</sup>  
January 2024 7pm  
Alton Maltings



## Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Getting Older but Were Too Afraid to Ask About

# Health

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**  
**7:30 - 9pm**  
**Alton Maltings**

A presentation from Sylwia Tickle and team from the A31 Social Prescribers.

Focusing on physical and mental health covering a wide range of topics including advanced care planning, and plenty of time for Q&A.

**FREE  
EVENT**

Booking not essential but helpful  
For more information use the QR code  
or email [connect@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:connect@harvestchurch.uk).



CHILDREN

The Source is the name given for our Sunday children's groups that run during our morning meeting.

Splashers Age 0-4

Rapids Year R-2

Flow Year 3-6

Delta Year 7-9

# THE SOURCE

## Introducing our NEW Children and Families Ministry Leader.

**SPECIAL  
EDITION**

Harvest Church's children's and youth groups have grown over the last year by approx. 50%. As a result and combined with our desire to support and help families from across our town we have decided to add a new role to our staff team. Their purpose will be to strengthen and further equip our existing 'The

Source' Sunday groups but also to develop other projects which serve children and families from across our town and district. We are calling this role our Children and Families Ministry Leader and are thrilled to have recruited Hannah Turner starting on 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Hannah Turner**  
*Children and Families Ministry Leader*



"I'm Hannah the new Children and Families Ministry Leader at Harvest Church. I live with my husband Lee and two children Isla and Reuben in a little village just outside Alton. We have two dogs, a little flock of

chickens and love spending time stomping around the countryside. We have been part of Harvest Church since 2021. I have spent the majority of my working life in youth and community work

and am excited to expand the support Harvest Church can offer to children and families both in the church and in the wider community."

RELAX

# COFFEE MORNING



On the fourth Thursday of the month, we have a chance to gather at Alton Maltings for a delightful Coffee Morning.

You are welcome to join us for freshly brewed coffee, assorted teas and delicious homemade cakes.

**BEING TOGETHER**  
*reconnecting and  
story-sharing*

Our coffee morning is a place of laughter and relaxed conversations, and is open to all.

This monthly get-together is our way of reconnecting and story-sharing, making it a definite highlight to anticipate.

**“It is a great time to slow down and meet with friends.”**

Coffee Morning Dates :

**January 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**February 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**April 25<sup>th</sup>**

10:30am- 11:30am

# Sundays

with harvestchurch



We meet together every Sunday, 10:30am for worship, Bible teaching, and prayer. The Source are our fun and engaging groups for children and youth aged 0-14, which run alongside our adult meeting.

Our building is fully accessible for wheelchair users, we have amplification for hearing aid users, and we offer Makaton signing of our worship.

**Guests are always welcome.**

# Are you new?

*We would love to get to know you...*

## CONNECT CARD

To find out more about us and to help us connect with you, please fill in our Connect Card. This will enable us to serve you and help you connect with our Harvest Church Family.



## WELCOME TEA

We run Welcome Teas throughout the year on a Sunday afternoon. If you would like to join us please visit <https://harvestchurch.uk/welcome> or speak to one of the welcome team on a Sunday morning.



## SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF THE WELCOME TEAM

*Our Welcome Team would be happy to chat to you about Harvest Church and introduce you to a member of leadership team.*



*Next steps...*

# exploring membership

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**10.45am - 12pm**

An opportunity to learn more about our vision, values and culture and what membership means in Harvest Church.



For more information pack and to register please email  
[connect@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:connect@harvestchurch.uk)

# BAPTISMS



Would you like to be baptised?  
Would you like to know more about  
believer's baptism?

We are planning baptisms for Easter Sunday,  
**31<sup>st</sup> March** and will be holding a baptism class  
for those interested on the  
**31<sup>st</sup> January - 7.30pm.**

For more information please email [connect@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:connect@harvestchurch.uk)

# ChurchSuite

What is my ChurchSuite?

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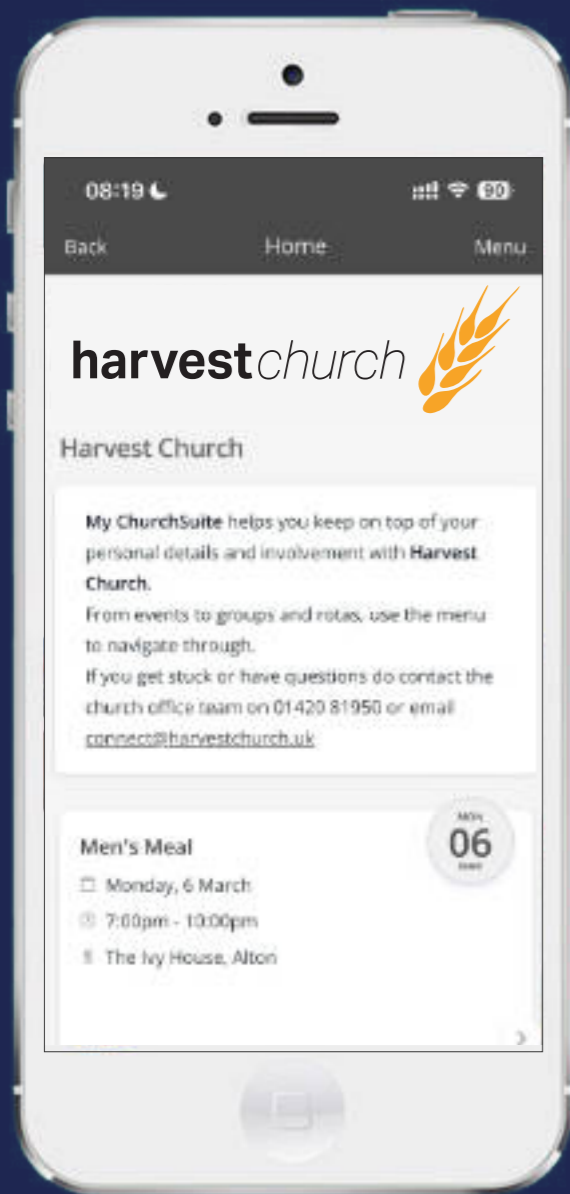
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For more information  
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# Events Diary

# January 2024 -

# April 2024

# Pull out and keep!

COMING UP...

# JANUARY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hour of Prayer	8pm	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Meal	7pm	The Ivy House
8 <sup>th</sup>	Alpha Taster Session	7pm	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Meal	7pm	The Crown Inn
10 <sup>th</sup>	Leaders Summit	7.30pm	
14 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup>	Encounter Week	Various	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Encounter Evening	7.30pm	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30am	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Tea	4.30pm	
31 <sup>st</sup>	Baptism Class	7.30pm	

# FEBRUARY

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quiet Day	10am	Newlands Farm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Team Training	7.30pm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Meal	7pm	The Ivy House
6 <sup>th</sup>	Hour of Prayer	8pm	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Meal	7pm	The Crown Inn
19 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Team Training	7.30pm	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Leaders Summit Cluster Grps	7.30pm	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Exploring Membership	10.45am	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Church Family Meeting	7.30pm	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30am	

[harvestchurch.uk/diary](http://harvestchurch.uk/diary)

COMING UP...

# MARCH

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Offering Sunday	10.30am	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Encounter	7.30pm	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Men's Meal	7pm	The Ivy House
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ministry Team Training	7.30pm	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Hour of Prayer	8pm	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Meal	7pm	The Crown Inn
13 <sup>th</sup>	Leaders Summit	7.30pm	
18 <sup>th</sup>	All you ever wanted to know HEALTH	7.30pm	
22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Weekend		Poole
28 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30am	
29 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Social	TBC	Details to follow
31 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Sunday & Baptisms	10.30am	

# APRIL

1 <sup>st</sup>	Men's Meal	7pm	The Ivy House
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hour of Prayer	8pm	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome Tea	4.30pm	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Meal	7pm	The Crown Inn
25 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning	10.30am	

*All events at Alton Maltings unless otherwise stated.*

*For more information please go to the online diary.*

[harvestchurch.uk/diary](http://harvestchurch.uk/diary)



Come and join us

# ENCOUNTER

## Week

15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

**“Encountering Jesus changes lives.”**

Our Encounter weeks exist for just that reason – wanting to help everyone be intentional at the start of the year to focus our attention on Jesus with the additional option of a dedicated space with a great range of resources to help us take time out and meet Him.

The Quiet Room in Alton Maltings will be available throughout the week from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Saturday together with a special Encounter evening on Sun 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30pm. During the daytime you don't need to book the room, just turn up. Monday to Thursday it will be available in the evening between 6-9pm for families, Life Groups, Ministry teams etc to use, so please book a one hour slot in the room via this link.



We will also be sending out daily resources via email to everyone on our Update list - not on it? Email [admin@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:admin@harvestchurch.uk)

If you would like to publish an event in the next What's Brewing? please email details to - [whatsbrewing@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:whatsbrewing@harvestchurch.uk)

Photographs / text or complete advertisements accepted.  
Closing date for next issue - 18th March 2024.



**Discipleship Triplets**  
*helping each other grow to live like Jesus.*

In Harvest Church we have a vision to help people to grow as disciples of Jesus. For many of us, a small group of 3 people can help us do this by occasionally meeting every 3 or 4 weeks for a season to ask and answer a few simple questions:-

1. WHAT'S GOD DOING IN OUR LIVES?
2. HOW ARE WE RESPONDING TO THIS?
3. HOW CAN WE HELP EACH OTHER TAKE 'THE NEXT STEP'?

See our Discipleship Triplets leaflet for more information or chat with Ruth Rumsby [ruth.rumsby@gmail.com](mailto:ruth.rumsby@gmail.com)

# Interest Groups

Interest Groups are gatherings of like-minded people who have a passion for an activity, a skill or developing their knowledge.

## Interested?

You do not have to be part of Harvest Church to join an Interest Group. Please contact the group leader for more information.



### Alpha

**Contact:** Rob  
rob.ahearn@harvestchurch.uk  
**Mondays. 7pm**  
Alton Maltings

Alpha is an 11 week course where people are excited to bring their friends for a conversation about faith, life and God.



### Bible Reflection/Personal Study Group

**Contact:** Dave.  
david@burnhamsfamily.co.uk  
**Saturdays Weekly. 8.30am- 9.45am**

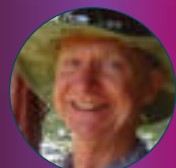
A group that gathers on Saturdays to discuss a Bible passage that they have all looked at and reflected on during the previous week.



### Classic Cars Group

**Contact:** Chris.  
candsparis@aol.com  
**Saturdays Monthly. 9am-11am**

Meet for breakfast and a chat at a local cafe. Bring your classic car, a friend or just your enthusiasm! Optional drive outs and visits to classic car shows. Plus a mid month curry night.



### Cap Job Club

**Contact:** Alastair.  
alastairsmith711@gmail.com  
**Tuesdays 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan-26<sup>th</sup> March. 10am**  
Alton Maltings

A friendly place to get practical help and advice around employment. Discover your strengths, write a strong CV, develop all-important interview skills and re-build confidence.



### Fresh Start

**Contact:** Mark.  
mark1.rumsby@gmail.com  
**Wednesdays 31<sup>st</sup> Jan-27<sup>th</sup> March. 7:30pm**  
Alton Maltings

Fresh Start supports people who want to change a life-controlling habit. Working through an 9-week course to help tackle and break free from these dependencies.



### Ladies Meal

**Contact:** Jan.  
kenandjan@mayl.co.uk  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday Monthly. 7pm**  
The Crown Hotel

Enjoy a relaxed evening with good food, great conversation, and a drink. A fantastic opportunity to invite your friends. No booking required, just turn up.



### Lighthouse

**Contact:** Sue.  
Suebatstone.sb@gmail.com  
**2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays. 7:15pm-8:30pm**  
Alton Maltings

A group open to adults with special needs who would like to join with others, make new friends and learn about God's love.



### Men's Meal

**Contact:** Chris.  
candsparis@aol.com  
**1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly. 7pm**  
The Ivy House

Enjoy good food, great conversations, and a drink. A fantastic opportunity to invite your mates. No booking required, just turn up.



### One Way

**Contact:** Glenda or Terry.  
glendablandford@yahoo.co.uk  
**Wednesdays. 10am- 3pm**  
Alton Maltings

An opportunity for anyone looking for friendship and to grow in confidence. Enjoy games, puzzles, art or chat over a cup of tea.



### Sewing and Crafting Group

**Contact:** Lynn.  
Lynn\_cg@btinternet.com  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Monthly. 10am-12:30pm**  
Alton Maltings

If you enjoy sewing or crafting, we would love to welcome you to our group. Try something new or bring along your own project and craft; together with of course tea and cake.



### Walking Group

**Contact:** Debbie.  
debhaddow@gmail.com  
**Fridays. 2pm**

Come and enjoy 5 mile walks. Great for getting to know others. Waterproofs and sturdy footwear essential . . .!



### Yarn and Natter

**Contact:** Sarah.  
candsparis@aol.com  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Monthly. 2pm-4pm**  
Alton Maltings

A chance to gather with like-minded people, have a good chat, eat cake and do some knitting or crochet. You are welcome to attend as a one off and we are able to teach beginners too.

Alternatively if you would like to start a group please email -  
[connect@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:connect@harvestchurch.uk)

# YOUTH LIFE GROUP

## Who are we?

Youth Life Group or YLG for short is a group for youth in school years 10 to 13. Our regular weekly meetings on a Tuesday take place at the Kings Arms Youth Centre situated at **5a Vicarage Hill, Alton.**

Our weekly sessions during term time follow a structured schedule: starting promptly at 7:15 pm until 8:00 pm, we have discussions and Bible studies exploring a wide range of topics.

Following this, from 8:15 pm until 9:15 pm, we transition into a vibrant social period, utilising the fantastic facilities available at the Kings Arms.

During this social segment, we engage in an array of activities, catering for diverse interests.

These include an assortment of group activities, board games, consoles, quizzes, and much more; ensuring an engaging and enjoyable time for all who join.

We also run a number of additional activities with at least one offsite activity a term.

### Additional dates

**12<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - 7:30-9:30pm  
Joint with Odiham and Fleet meeting at Church Crookham Community Centre.

**23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024** - 7:30-9:30pm  
Trampolining (Details to follow.)

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024** - 7:30-9:30pm  
Quiz at the Kings Arms (Details to follow.)

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2024** - 7:30-9:30pm  
Joint with Odiham and Fleet meeting at Church Crookham Community Centre.

# NEWDAY 2023

YOUTH

Newday stands out as a major Christian gathering for youth in the UK. Each year a wave of enthusiastic 12 to 18-year-olds descends upon Norfolk Showground, near Norwich, where they join with hundreds of churches from across the UK and Europe.

Each year, we take a crew of youth to the Newday Festival, and 2023 was no different. This time, 72 of us ventured to Norfolk for a week of fun together packed with organised gatherings, sports, trendy cafes, quirky shops, thrilling funfair rides, scrumptious food, live music, enlightening seminars, talks and free time to just soak it all in.

Together, we delve into learning about and worshipping God, camping, and basking in that vibrant summer festival vibe.

Next up, mark your calendars for the Newday Festival 2024 happening from **29<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. We're aiming to bring a similar number with us, so if you're keen on joining us either as a youth delegate or as part of the team, shoot an email over to Tom at [tom.evans@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:tom.evans@harvestchurch.uk) or scan the QR code for more information.



Photographs from Newday 2023

# Book Recommendations

## Deeper

*Dane Ortund*

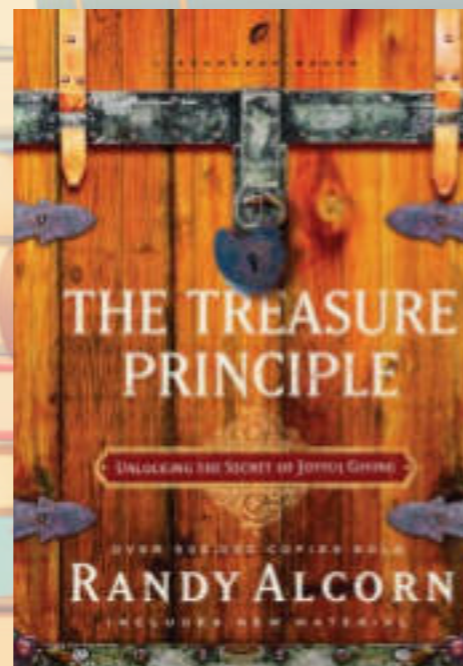
“A thought provoking and action stirring book to help us grow deeper in our relationships with God”



## The Treasure Principle

*Randy Alcorn*

“This beautifully sets out a biblical view on how we handle those financial resources God blesses us with.”



## Incomparable

*Andrew Wilson*

“A great book to catch a bigger picture of who God is, His character and ultimately His love for us, His creation.”

If you have a recommendation you would like us to share in our next issue please email details to [whatsbrewing@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:whatsbrewing@harvestchurch.uk)





# MY STORY

Shared with Harvest Church  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



Pam Woolford

This is my story of how my knee was healed.

About a year ago, I embarked on a running program despite never having run before, but it led to a complex tear in my knee. Months of physio, injections, and consultations followed, all while persistently praying for healing.

I kept saying, “oh, why am I not healed yet, Lord? I've got the faith for it.” Then someone said to me, the word I've got for you is “patience.”

**“Lord, give me patience, but make it quick”**

Amidst highs and lows, a moment of hope emerged when I received a suggestion to seek being anointed by the Elders with oil as described in the Bible. I asked for this and the next day, I sensed improvement, and gradually, the pain vanished. Walking became painless. At a review of the planned surgery for a complex

tear to my meniscus the surgeon was astonished and confirmed there was nothing to be done. I said to him, “this is the Power of Prayer” and he replied, “you might well be right!”

It has taken nearly a year but I have regained full function in my knee. This journey taught me perseverance and the value of faith. My takeaway? Be Patient and keep persevering, even if you don't see healing straight away.

This is my story

**We love to hear stories of everything God is doing in and through our lives!**

It could be answered prayer; steps of obedience to the Holy Spirit's lead; healing; salvation; provision; finding freedom or anything else!...

Please use our “This is my story” card to share your story.

**Cards are available from the Alton Maltings reception under the displays** you can also email [mystory@harvestchurch.uk](mailto:mystory@harvestchurch.uk)

# INTERNATIONAL MISSION

“Mission is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Mission exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, mission will be no more. It is a temporary necessity.

*John Piper,  
Let the Nations Be Glad:  
The Supremacy of God in Missions*



**Uganda**  
*Mission trip to Uganda 2019*

In Harvest Church we believe we can all play a part in International Mission, whether to our neighbour in this country or far overseas.

## Japhet Diarra

Japhet will be travelling to Mali on 21<sup>st</sup> December until 21<sup>st</sup> March and will be working with the organisations: 'Centre Gideon' and with 'Youth With A Mission' offering evangelism outreach and seminars for youth.



## Kate, Mary & Noella Tolhurst

Kate, Mary & Noella live in a small town called Jinja, Uganda. Kate works for Ekisa Academy where she is the Special Education Director supporting vulnerable children with disabilities and their families.



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# Stepping Stones

Meet new friends, relax and chat over a cuppa, while the children play, create and have fun in a safe and friendly environment.

**Every Monday & Friday during term time, 9.30-11.30am for Under 5's and their carers.**

**Mondays** at Alton Maltings, behind Sainsbury's  
**Fridays** at Alton Air Cadets, in Anstey Park (for local families)



Find us on facebook ...  
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facebook.com/groups/fridaysteppingstones

Strictly  
SHOWTIME  
Musical theatre for young people

ALTON  
FARNHAM  
BORDON

Weekly tuition in singing, dancing and acting and then staging full scale musical shows by ages 7-12 and 11-18.

Weekly tuition and termly mini musicals performed just by children aged 4-8.

We also put on two-day musical theatre workshops in school holidays- two days of singing, dancing and acting ending with a mini-show.

Contact [bookings@strictlyshowtime.co.uk](mailto:bookings@strictlyshowtime.co.uk) or 07875 764788

Check our website at [www.strictlyshowtime.co.uk](http://www.strictlyshowtime.co.uk)

Currently planning performances of Matilda, Mary Poppins, Lion King and Frozen.



## Baby and Toddler Classes

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Contact Georgie on 07500 110622 or  
[georgieb@totsplay.co.uk](mailto:georgieb@totsplay.co.uk) for more information

## COMMISSION FESTIVAL 2024

*Commission Festival is a festival for the Commission family of Churches, a fantastic summer event for everyone, where churches from across the south of the UK and further afield gather together for worship, teaching and lots of fun together.*

**“I loved spending time with our Harvest Church family and hearing from God.”**

In 2023 around 70 of Harvest Church made their way to Bath and West Showground for an exciting fun-filled bank holiday weekend together.

With great teaching, worship, food, organised activities, and events for the whole family. Commission Festival is one not to be missed.

The dates for 2024 are Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August.

If you would like to join us please visit -

[commission.global/festivalhome](https://commission.global/festivalhome)



# Discover

# *alton* maltings

a community initiative of **harvestchurch**



## Contact us now to find out more!



**Competitive Prices\***, duty manager on site, setup included in hire charge, versatile meeting rooms/event spaces, and much more.

*\* Discounts available for regular bookings, charities, community groups, individuals and public sector.*