



THE UNITED CHURCH

Jewry Street, Winchester
(Methodist and United Reformed)



Minister: Revd Tim Searle
(Day off - Wednesdays)

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Building community through the love of Christ

Welcome to Worship: If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please make yourself known to us by name. The Crèche (available from 10.30) and Junior Church meet downstairs after the first part of our Morning Service; please ask if you would like directions.

Sunday 18th November 2018

9.00 am **WORD & WORSHIP**

Led by: **Mrs Elizabeth Britton**

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 19-25 (Good News Bible); Mark 13: 1-8

10.00 am *Coffee in the Hall*

10.30 am **MORNING SERVICE & dedication of the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes:**

Led by: **Revd Andrew Bird**

Matthew 11: 1-11 (NRSV)

Blessing:

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May his love dwell in you throughout every day.

May his countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May his Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Coffee, together with a Fair Trade stall, is served after the service. Do join us!

Sunday 25th November 2018

2 Samuel 23: 1-7; Revelation 1: 4b-8; John 18: 33-37

9.00 am **Sunday Celebration:** Revd Tim Searle

10.30 am **Morning Worship followed by Church Meeting and
Bring & Share Lunch:** Revd Tim Searle

S = Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

At the 10.30 am service hymns, songs and readings are on the screen. Hymn books and Bibles are available from the Stewards at the doors to the Sanctuary

Our Mission Statement

We proclaim the all-embracing love of Jesus Christ.

We are an inclusive church where all are welcome, whether joyful, hurting, confident or doubting.

We journey alongside all faiths and none, as we seek to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God, guided by the Holy Spirit.

The Week's Activities

COFFEE BAR is open: Monday to Friday, 10 am–2 pm & Saturday 10 am–12 noon

FAIR TRADE SHOP open: 1st + 3rd Wednesdays 10 am–2 pm & Sunday mornings

CHURCH OFFICE is open: Monday to Friday, 10.00 am–2.00 pm

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

2-3.30pm Baby & Toddler Group *in the Hall*

2.30pm Daytime House Group *in the Chapel*

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

2.30pm Wednesday Fellowship: Yvonne North: *Angel Crafting*

7.30pm Women's Group *at The Queen*

THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

10am-1pm Coffee Bar Playtime *in Room 1*

FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

11-11.20am Friday service *in the Sanctuary*: Margaret Axford

NOTICES

CHURCH MEETING on 25 November, after the 10.30am service

followed by Bring & Share Lunch.

The agenda is published today Sunday 18 November

NEW WEBSITE. Our new website is available for church members. We hope you like it! The address is ucw.org.uk. It is 95% ready. Please have a look at it. If you spot any typos, we would appreciate an email. If you are in one of the photos and do not wish it to stay on the site, please let me know boblord3004@gmail.com. The website will be advertised in the lead up to our Open Days starting on 6th December. **Recordings of Services are now available on our new website – ucw.org.uk** Bob Lord, on behalf of the Communications group (Richard Coleman, Dorothy Lusmore, Tim Searle).

ADVENT ANGELS: Preparations are going well, many thanks to everyone who has taken part in the workshops so far! **On Wednesday 21 November we would be very grateful if all the angels being made at home could be brought to the hall between 12 noon and 1.30 pm.** We will then know what else needs to be done at the **workshop on Tuesday 27 November at 4 pm** (please

come!!) Thanks Juli and Jo.

CHURCH RELAUNCH OPEN DAYS 6TH TO 9TH DECEMBER.

Can you spare some time to welcome visitors to the church during our open days at the beginning of Advent?

Could you welcome people at the door, show them round the sanctuary, play music, or sit with them in the prayer chapel?

If you would like to help with any of these roles, please email Dorothy Lusmore dotlusmore@gmail.com.

Dates for your diary:

Prayer for the Open Days, please join us on Thursday 29 November, from 10.30-11.30 am in the Sanctuary.

Follow-up Welcome Evening on Monday 10th December, 7-8.30pm in the Sanctuary.

CHANGE OF DATE: The next **WOMENS' GROUP** will be on **Wednesday 21 November** (not Thursday 29th), at 7.30pm, at The Queen, Winchester. We will not be meeting in December as the pubs get so busy with Christmas

DAYTIME HOUSE GROUP: We will be meeting in the Chapel on the Tuesday afternoon at **2.30 pm on 27 November**. Future date: 11 Dec.

URC PRAYER HANDBOOK FOR 2019 is now available. If you would like a copy please let Jean Giles know. Price £6.50 plus postage (approx £1).

WINCHESTER CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PROJECT: Donations can be made via The United Church – ideally by mid-November. *Cheques should be made out to "Winchester Churches Christmas Project" and if you pay tax and wish to Gift Aid please add "Gift Aid" to the project name.* Gift Aid envelopes and special collecting boxes are available in the church and church office. Thank you for your support and prayers. Helen McTiffin.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: Would you consider giving a room in Winchester to a refugee University student? She is mature, quiet and studious, looking for a room big enough to sleep and work in, of necessity at very low cost eg around £100 per month to cover expenses. Excellent references. For further information please contact: lgsraslewes@gmail.com

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET OPENS THIS WEEKEND! There will be more opportunities for **families** this year with a **trail to follow** and a **special Messy Church session for all ages on Saturday afternoon 8 December in the Education Centre**. Preparations are going really well and the **CTW Mission Chalet** looks good with encouraging numbers from all churches volunteering.

However they do need some more people to ensure complete cover, particularly this Saturday 17 and Sunday 18. If anyone has some time to spare between now and 20 December please check at <http://bit.ly/missionchalet18> where all available slots at the Mission Chalet may be found, or phone Lin Brewer in the Christ Church office on 854454 to discuss how to help. **The Lantern Parade is on 29 November with music and judging inside the Cathedral followed by fireworks.** (Churches Together Winchester)

PRAYERS

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy....

Psalm 16: 11

We pray for the loved ones of the victims of the two giant Californian wildfires, which have destroyed properties and driven thousands of people from their homes.

We give thanks for the church members, who worked hard, to fill and pack the shoe boxes for the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal, and we pray for the children who will receive them.

We pray for Traidcraft PLC, which provides the goods that stock our Fairtrade stall, that it may continue trading after December, and not cease to do so, as has been proposed.

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world, who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and, by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

In the shadow of your wings

I will sing your praises, O Lord.

Evening Prayers

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer Bowl in the sanctuary is for people to place their confidential prayers in. The bowl is brought forward during the service and prayed over but not read out. The Minister will take them home and use them as part of his daily prayers.