

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

*Building community
through the love of Christ.*

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The United Church can be found right in the centre of Winchester and is located in Jewry Street between the Old Gaolhouse and Sofaworkshop. As a city centre church we have a range of opportunities and activities available to those that live and work in central Winchester as well as those who choose to come to our church from the surrounding areas. We are an ecumenical church that came together in the 1970's from the merging of Methodist and United Reformed churches in the city centre.

On the first floor our church has a beautiful worship area whilst on the ground floor we have a coffee bar, rooms for hire, and a hall plus kitchen. All of the spaces are well used throughout the week either by us or by other organisations.



Over the years we have been fortunate to have leadership from both Methodist and United Reformed Ministers. Our current Minister, Tim Searle, has been with us for two years and under his and our Church Council's guidance we have begun an exciting journey to consider how God is calling us to serve the community over the next five years.

Our plan has three main strands:

1. Ensuring that our church responds to the urgent need to preserve and conserve our earth by auditing our church's impact on the environment and making lasting changes to ensure sustainability; our responsibility for God's planet.
2. Supporting ourselves and others, of all faiths and none, by embracing Christian mindfulness in which we seek to examine our lifestyles from a spiritual perspective, particularly those aspects that affect our mental health and well being; our responsibility for God's people.
3. Encouraging spiritual growth. We live in a culture that puts a high value on individualism and material wealth. In this challenging environment we want to nurture the spiritual needs of all by increasing our knowledge and understanding of God's Word and what it means for us in today's world; our response to God's life-giving Word.

We are an outward looking church that works with and supports a whole range of local organisations including those that support older people, provide counselling, and help the homeless or those struggling to make ends meet. We also look to how we can support aid work in other parts of the world as part of our wider mission to God's world

If you want to know more about us take a look at our website or find us on Facebook. If you visit us please make yourself known to a member of the team who will be happy to help.

