



# THE UNITED CHURCH

Jewry Street, Winchester  
(Methodist and United Reformed)



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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 16<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - Advent 3

**9.00 am WORD & WORSHIP**

Led by: **Revd Adrian Roux**

*Matthew 11: 2 - 11; Isaiah 35: 1 - 10; Luke 1: 46b - 55*

**10.00 am Coffee in the Coffee Bar**

**10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by: **Revd Tim Searle**

*Philippians 4: 4 - 7; Luke 3: 7 - 18*



#### **Advent Liturgy – Week 3:**

As we think about the news of your coming brought to both shepherds  
and wise men:

We light this candle for all God's messengers, spreading the news of your love  
today, pointing forward to your kingdom.

*God, as we wait for your promise, give us light, give us hope.*

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 - Advent 4

*Micah 5: 2 - 5a; Hebrews 10: 5 - 10; Luke 1: 39 - 45 (46 - 55)*

**9.00 am Sunday Celebration (S):** Revd Tim Searle

**10.30 am Morning Worship:** Revd Bob Kitching

**6.00 pm Candlelit Carol Service:** Revd Tim Searle

*preceded by refreshments from 5 pm*

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: 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10 am–2 pm & Sunday mornings

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

### MONDAY 17 DECEMBER

4.15 pm Kid's Dress-Up Nativity

### TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER

- - No Baby & Toddler Group until 8 January 2019

### WEDNESDAY 19 DECEMBER

- - No Wednesday Fellowship until 23 January 2019

### THURSDAY 20 DECEMBER

10am–1pm Coffee Bar Playtime in Room 1

### FRIDAY 21 DECEMBER

11–11.20am Friday service in the Sanctuary: Graham Rolfe

## NOTICES

**INVITATION TO OUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES:** Christmas Greetings/ Invitation cards are available so please do take some and invite family, friends and neighbours to our services. Thank you.

## Live At Home Carol Service

on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am,

Join us for festive carols and a performance by their Singing for Wellbeing choir. All welcome.



## Kids' 'Dress~Up' Nativity

on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 4.15 pm

You are invited to dress up as a shepherd, angel, king, or animal and join us at the crib.

Followed by refreshments.



**NEW LETTER RACK:** Many thanks to Luke Grigorian for constructing a new letter rack. Please take a look at it on the landing/Church Office – it is fantastic!

SUNDAY, 23 DECEMBER AT 6 PM:

# Candlelit Carol Service

Join us for a special service of readings and carols *preceded by Christmas tea from 5 pm.*



**ADVENT ANGELS:** the response to the Angels has far exceeded our expectations! People are loving them! So well done and thanks again to all who were involved. *It feels sad to be thinking of taking them down, but they will be going on 6 January.* If you produced one and wish to take it home, please ensure you are at church that day or ask someone to collect it for you. If you'd like one of the other angels, ask me or Jo Crocker. Any that are not claimed that day will be going to the Great Reclamation site in the sky. Juli

## CHRISTMAS POST BOX & CARDS:

- ✳ There is a notice board in the Hall for those who wish to display a card to the whole Church Fellowship.
- ✳ There is also a postbox in the Hall for those who wish to send individual cards to members of the congregation.
- ✳ There is a money box adjacent to the postbox and you are invited to make a donation to the WAG Mission Project in lieu of postage costs.

Please collect your cards from the hall and take any for people who are unable to be here. Thank you.

**TRAIDCRAFT: *Good news!*** Traidcraft plc has confirmed that it will continue trading in the New Year but will have to downsize and streamline the company. This means it will no longer be able to carry all the goods and support all the producers that it has in the past. ***Our church will continue to have a Fairtrade Stall*** and, although it is not yet clear exactly which goods will be available, it looks as if it will still be possible to order from Traidcraft many of the items which we have always had. ***Please continue to support our Fairtrade Stall*** as each item bought enables some of the world's poorest producers to get a fair price for their products. Hilary Lock.

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURE:

- ✳ **The Coffee Bar** will be closed on Saturday 22 December and will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2018.
- ✳ **The Church Office** will be closed on from 22 December and will re-open on Friday 4 January 2018.
- ✳ **Tim Searle** will be on leave from 26 Dec – 2 Jan inc. If any pastoral concerns arise while Tim is on leave, please contact Graham Rolfe

**URGENT:** We are missing about 20 **SINGING THE FAITH HYMN BOOKS** which we need for Sunday 30 December. If by any chance you have any at home, we'd be grateful to have them returned. Thank you.

## PRAYERS

### Christmas Revealed:

*We continue to use the prayers from the final week of our Advent Angels, Christmas Revealed booklet.*

Heavenly father, you know the secrets of our hearts, you know better than we know ourselves what will make us whole; help us to follow the star that will lead us to you.

Give us perseverance in our quest and the belief that you are always with us, guiding us on our way.

We pray for all who may be regarded as outcasts, or on the edges, in our society, all who feel alone or abandoned or afraid. Give us eyes to see and loving hearts to care.

We stand amazed in awe and wonder as we recognise that you, creator of all that is, care about ordinary people like us.

We thank you for the message of the angels - that you sent your son, Jesus, to be our saviour and friend, to bring meaning and hope into our lives.

May we have the courage to bring your good news to others, to share in our lives and our words what it means to know that we are so loved by God that he sent his only son to be with us as our saviour and friend.

### 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.

**Recordings of sermons are now available on our new website – [ucw.org.uk](http://ucw.org.uk)**

We can also provide digital recording of services (a CD for playing on an ordinary CD player, or copy to memory sticks/cards) as well as tapes.