



# 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. This morning the Crèche and Junior Church meet downstairs from the start of the service and come to the Sanctuary to share Communion. Please ask if you would like directions.

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 Advent Sunday



**9.00 am**

#### **WORD & WORSHIP**

Led by: **Mrs Pat Fry**

*Genesis 28: 10 – 17; John 1: 1 – 18*

**10.00 am**

*Coffee in the Coffee Bar*

**10.30 am**  
Communion  
served in our  
seats

#### **MORNING SERVICE WITH COMMUNION**

Led by: **Revd Tim Searle**

*Jeremiah 33: 14 – 16; Luke 1: 26 – 38*

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

#### **Advent 2**

*Malachi 3: 1 – 4; Philippians 1: 3 – 11; Luke 3: 1 – 6*

**9.00 am**

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

**10.30 am**

**All Age Worship with Nativity: 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

**Recordings of Services are now available on our new website – [ucw.org.uk](http://ucw.org.uk)**  
We can also provide digital recordings (a CD for playing on an ordinary CD player, or copy to memory sticks/cards) as well as tapes.

## 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 3 DECEMBER

9.30–12noon Church Council in Room 1

2pm 'Pray the Angels' with St Cross House Group in the Church  
Followed by Advent tea (see below)

### TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER

2–3.30pm Baby & Toddler Group in the Hall

### WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

2.30pm Wednesday Fellowship:

### THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER

10am–4pm OPEN DAY – free tea & coffee available until 4pm

10am–1pm Coffee Bar Playtime in Room 1

3.30–5.15pm Messy Church (straight from school)

### FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

10am–4pm OPEN DAY – free tea & coffee available until 4pm

11–11.20am Friday service in the Sanctuary: Maureen Heath

### SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

10am–4pm OPEN DAY – free tea & coffee available until 4pm

10am–2pm Coffee Bar serving filled rolls, cakes, tea & coffee until 2pm

## NOTICES

**ADVENT ANGELS:** The St Cross House Group will 'Pray the Angels & the Open Days' on Monday 3 December, from 2 pm. You'd be very welcome to join us, in the Church at 2 pm, followed by an Advent tea. Thanks Juli and Jo.

### CHURCH RELAUNCH OPEN DAYS 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.

- **Open Days Catering.** The Coffee is likely to be extra busy so we would welcome offers to bake extra cakes. See Pat or Yvonne.
- **Please pray** for all those involved in welcoming visitors.
- **Date for your diary: Follow-up Welcome Evening on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7–8.30pm** in the Sanctuary.

**MESSY CHURCH - THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER, 3.30 pm until 5.15pm.**



*Fun, games, craft, meal, DVD, Bible stories. Free.*

*Children must bring an adult with them.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month.*



**NEXT SUNDAY:**

A colorful illustration of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, three kings, two shepherds, and a lamb, set against a yellow star background.

**ALL AGE WORSHIP**

*All welcome!* **with** **Nativity** *All welcome!*

**9 December at 10.30 am**

*You are invited to come dressed as  
angels, shepherds, kings, animals and join us at the crib.*

**SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB:** We shall be celebrating Christmas in style at Juli's place on **16 December**. If you tend to eat alone then please do join us. It's £10 per head and all money left over goes to our Mission Project – Luna Children's Charity. Ring Juli to book a place.

**Yours Magazine** for December 2018 and January 2019 is now available.

**PLEASE NOTE - NEW CHURCH OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS:** [office@ucw.org.uk](mailto:office@ucw.org.uk)

**WINCHESTER CHURCHES CHRISTMAS PROJECT:** Donations can be made via The United Church. *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.

**THE CHRISTMAS MARKET!** *Let's show our support for the Market as Christians and not stay away as Winchester residents!* 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. If anyone has some time to spare please check at <http://bit.ly/missionchalet18> or phone Lin Brewer, in the Christ Church office, on 854454 to discuss how to help. CTiW

## PRAYERS

In this first week of Advent, we pray for our church Open Days and we follow the prayers which accompany our angels.

### Christmas Revealed, week 1 Prayer

Father God, we thank you for sending angels as your messengers.

We ask that you would open our hearts and minds to hear your word for each one of us in this season of Advent.

Help us to have the courage to be the people you call us to be and to do the things you ask us to do.

Thank you that you love and care for each one of us, that we are all 'highly favoured' in your sight.

We give thanks for the gift of new life and pray for women who suffer because of prejudice and the harsh judgement of others.

We thank you, Heavenly Father, that you sent your Son to be our friend and companion along the way.

Give us the openness to listen to you and the willingness to obey.

Help us to trust you and to know that you will give us the courage to do what you ask of us. Amen.

### 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.*