



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 9th December 2018 Advent 2



9.00 am SUNDAY CELEBRATION (S)
Preacher & Celebrant: **Revd Tim Searle**
Philippians 1: 3 – 11; Luke 3: 1 – 6

10.00 am Coffee in the Coffee Bar

10.30 am ALL AGE WORSHIP WITH NATIVITY
Led by: **Revd Tim Searle**

Advent liturgy – week 2:

*As we think about your birth in a stable, an outsider, far from home.
We light this candle for all who seek to bring comfort to others, and for all who
work for justice and an end to poverty.*

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

Sunday 16th December 2018 Advent 3

Zephaniah 3: 14 – 20; Philippians 4: 4 – 7; Luke 3: 7 – 18

9.00 am Word & Worship: Revd Adrian Roux
10.30 am Morning Worship: 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

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER

7–8.30 pm **Welcome Evening in the Church & Hall**
followed by nibbles and drinks

TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER

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

WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER

12 noon **Wednesday Fellowship Christmas Lunch**
(next meeting 23 January 2019)

THURSDAY 13 DECEMBER

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

FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

11–11.20am **Friday service in the Sanctuary:** Pat Fry

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.

ANGELS FOR ADVENT: Many thanks to all of our members and friends who helped create our wonderful angels. As I'm sure you can imagine, a lot of hard work went into creating Christmas Revealed and the work is much appreciated! And many thanks to Yvonne North who single-handedly transformed the Coffee Bar into a heavenly host of angels made by groups in the Church. Juli and Jo.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Many thanks to John Hillier for the magnificent Christmas tree in the Sanctuary and to the team who erected it.

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.

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. Do look at the cards on the board from friends far and near.
- ✳ 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 (even if you are not a regular in the Hall after the service) and take any for people who are unable to be here.

Live At Home Carol Service

on Monday 17th December at 10.30 am,

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



WINCHESTER LIVE AT HOME SCHEME: Christmas cards are now available to buy in support of WLAHS.

Kids' 'Dress-Up' Nativity

on Monday 17th 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.



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.



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. Helen.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET! Let's show our support for the Market as Christians and not stay away as Winchester residents! If anyone has some time to spare please check at <http://bit.ly/missionchalet18>

PRAYERS

Christmas Revealed prayer for week 2 (Sunday 9th December)

We pray for anyone who came to the church open days and who is now thinking about their own faith journey. We ask that this church might be the place where they find meaning and hope in Christ.

We continue to use the prayers which can be found in the Christmas Revealed booklet.

We pray for all in our world and in our city who live in poverty and give thanks for world-wide charities and local places like the Basics Bank.

Give us love, patience and respect for those who are much younger or older than we are, help us to know how we can be a support to one another.

We pray for all people who have had to leave their homes, their jobs and their communities because their lives as they knew them have been destroyed through war and civil unrest.

Be close to all those who tonight will sleep outside in the cold, afraid for their safety.

We give thanks for the blessing of the NHS and all the provisions available for mothers-to-be and pray for those who, rather than being joyful at the prospect of giving birth, face it with fear and trepidation.

We give thanks for the joy and wonder of new birth and we pray for new parents as they experience the delights and challenges of caring for a tiny baby.

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 Services are now available on our new website – 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.