



THE UNITED CHURCH

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(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.

Our Junior Church Groups take a break over the summer, from the 28th July to 1st September inclusive. Colouring of reflection on a Psalm and positive words are available on the little table in the far right of the sanctuary. Choose one and a few pens to take to your seat to colour during the service.

SUNDAY 28 JULY 2019

Hosea 1: 2 – 10; Colossians 2: 6 – 15 (16 – 19); Luke 11: 1 – 13

9.00 am Holy Communion: Revd Howard Mellor

10.30 am Morning Worship: Mr Ken Richardson

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2019

Hosea 11: 1 – 11; Colossians 3: 1 – 11; Luke 12: 13 – 21

9.00 am Word & Worship: Mrs Beth Sharratt

10.30 am Holy Communion (in seats): Revd Prof Neil Messer

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019

Isaiah 1: 1, 10 – 20; Hebrews 11: 1 – 3, 8 – 16; Luke 12: 32 – 40

9.00 am Word & Worship: Mr Chris Roles

10.30 am Morning Worship: Dr Mike Wood

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019

Isaiah 5: 1 – 7; Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2; Luke 12: 49 – 56

9.00 am Word & Worship: Mrs Margaret Axford

10.30 am Morning Worship: Revd Howard Mellor

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2019

Jeremiah 1: 4 – 10; Hebrews 12: 18 – 29; Luke 13: 10 – 17

9.00 am Holy Communion: Revd Ruth Fry

10.30 am Morning Worship: Mrs Beth Sharratt

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.

Two Themes for Prayer for August

1. *In August and beyond significant political events are likely in our country.*

'The Lord most high is to be feared: He is a great king, ruling over all the world.' Psalm 47

Almighty God, whatever happens this day in the corridors of power in our country, may your will prevail, that decisions made will be just and fair for the greatest benefit for all. In Jesus' name we pray this. Amen.

2. *Remember those on holiday, and those unable to enjoy a holiday; maybe someone you know.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Let us go off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest for a while'. Mark 6: 31

Loving Father, we thank you for opportunities to get away on holiday. We pray that you will bless us as we take a break; with safe journeys, freedom to relax and opportunities for enjoyment.

We also pray for those unable to go on holiday, for whatever reason. May they too receive some blessing and relief even without going away. 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. Valerie Wright will take them home and use them as part of her daily prayers.

NOTICES

CRAFT CLUB, in Room 1, **Monday 29 July, 10 – 12 noon**. Materials and equipment provided. Just drop in at any time for some craft and a chat.

YOURS MAGAZINE FOR SEPTEMBER: please submit any articles to the editor **by 5 pm on Monday 19th August**. *Please use the new Yours' email address: yours@ucw.org.uk* Thank you. Barbara Dunton & Sophie Armstrong

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB: Janet, and Jill, will be hosting a 'Main Course Only' lunch for those who usually lunch alone, on **Sunday August 4** before going on to Summer Desserts afternoon at Pat's. Please let us know on 849559 you would like to come. In support of Action for Child Trauma International, (formerly Luna), Charity No. 1172010.

SUMMER DESSERTS AFTERNOON: World Action Group are holding a Summer desserts afternoon in aid of Action for Child Trauma International on **Sunday 4th August** at Pat's, drop in between 2.15 and 4.30. Have your main course at home but join us for a summery dessert in my sunny (hopefully!) garden. If you haven't yet signed up, please do to help us plan. Please ask for address and parking details, bus no.3 and 7 stop nearby.

FAIR TRADE SHOP: open on **Wednesday 7 August**, then closed until **4 Sept**.

COFFEE BAR PLAYTIME is open on **Thursday 1 & 8 August**, 10 am – 1 pm, in Room 1, but is closed on **15 & 22 August**, and resumes on **29 August**.

AUGUST CLOSURES & HOLIDAYS - Sunday services continue as usual.

- **Coffee Bar** is closed **12 August** and reopens on **27 August**
- **Annual August shutdown**, is **12 - 26 August**, when we will be doing a range of maintenance work and cleaning
- **Church Office** is closed **19 August** and reopens on **27 August**

CLEAR OUT ON TUESDAY 13TH AUGUST: During a Safety Group tour of the building we noticed that there was a lot of clutter in several areas, some of which could be a potential fire hazard. We'll be clearing items in the:

*storage area under the ramp; cupboard behind the parking bays;
storage area behind the men's toilets*

If there is anything in those areas which you are responsible for, please let me know if you would like to keep it there and/or label it clearly. Please do this by Monday 12th August. (We will not touch those items belonging to Toddler Group and WLAH.) *If you could help clear on the 13th, and by taking items to appropriate places for recycling, I would be very grateful. Bob Lord.*

WESSEX CANCER RESEARCH, near Waitrose, is asking for old bras. These are for the third world, not for resale. Wearing a bra has safety implications for many women as it implies they have a male relative in their lives and are perceived as 'not alone' so are less likely to be attacked.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our next **CHURCH MEETING** is on **22 SEPTEMBER**, after 10.30 am service
Any agenda items to Bob Lord at admin@ucw.org.uk by 11 September

The agenda will be published on Sunday 15 September
(NB there will be no bring & share lunch (Harvest Lunch is on the 29 Sept))

ADVENT. This year we need to keep Advent simple, to focus our creative efforts on Holy Week 2020. There are some ways you may be able to help: Do you have a nativity scene you are willing to lend? Would you like to create a nativity scene or decorate a Christmas tree to illustrate a line from a Christmas Carol? Please talk to Pat Fry if you would like to be involved.



MESSY CHURCH on **Thursday 5 September**, straight from School.
Fun, games, craft, meal, DVD, Bible stories. Free. Children must bring an adult with them. Future dates: 3 Oct, 7 Nov, 5 Dec.

FRIDAY WORSHIP recommences on **6 September**, 11-11.20 am. *Do come and join us for a short service of prayer and praise. All welcome.*

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on **9 September** at 9.30 am, in Room 1.

BABY & TODDLER GROUP resumes on **10 September** at 2pm. *We welcome Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Child-minders in fact anyone with a child of pre-school age. Our sessions include refreshments, singing and action rhymes.*

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP resumes on **11 September** at 2.30pm. *Come and enjoy midweek fellowship, a very good speaker, followed by tea and biscuits.*

HAMPSHIRE & THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST is organising its annual '**RIDE AND STRIDE**' event on **Saturday 14 September**. People of all ages are invited to spend an enjoyable time raising funds for repairs and restoration to the churches and chapels. Participants are asked to visit as many churches as possible, by cycle or on foot, or even by horse or mobility scooter! They obtain sponsorship, the proceeds are shared between HIHCT and their own church. *If you would like to take part, please speak to me, and I will give you details and a sponsorship form.* See the website www.hihct.org.uk for further information. *UCW will be open from 10 am to 2 pm on the 14th to welcome participants, so if you could help, please let me know. Graham Rolfe.*

WOMEN'S GROUP – Wednesday **25 September** (NB: no meeting in August)

HARVEST ALL-AGE SERVICE, followed by a **Harvest lunch**, on **29 September**. Invitations, with a reply slip, will be issued nearer the time. We will be collecting donations of food for the Basics Bank and Winchester Nightshelter.

SPACE IN THE CITY – Autumn series at The United Church
'ALONE' - six contemporary experiences of solitude

Wednesdays, 12.30 – 1 pm, 2nd October to 6th November (inc).

Our speakers include representative of The Samaritans, Friends of the Family, The Prison Chaplaincy, & Julia Mourant, Debbie Thrower & Terry Waite.

'MICHELANGELO'S SISTINE CHAPEL: A DIFFERENT VIEW' (UK premiere) **until 29th September**. The exhibition is split across three venues due to its sheer size: *City Space* (ground floor) and *The Gallery* (upstairs) in Winchester Discovery Centre, and finishes in the *Great Hall*. A special technique to create a true-to-life reproduction of the ceiling allows unprecedented closeness to the magnificent works, painted 500 years ago, on the chapel ceiling, normally 22 metres above visitors' heads. **Entry fee: £5 online, £6 on the door.**

ST PETER'S, are showing a short film, in the Parish Centre, by Bishop Robert Barron on Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel through the lens of faith **on Friday afternoons (3pm)**. They are also showing a longer version on Thursday 22nd August and 12th September at 7.30. **Entry is free.** All welcome.