



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 will resume next Sunday.

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 1st September 2019

9.00am WORD & WORSHIP

Preacher: **Mrs Margaret Axford**

Philippians 2: 1 - 11; Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14

10.00am Coffee in the Hall

10.30am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Preacher & Celebrant: **Revd Howard Mellor**

Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14 (NRSV)

*Coffee, together with a FairTrade stall, is served after the service.
Do join us!*

Sunday 8th September 2019 – Education Sunday

Jeremiah 18: 1 - 11; Philemon 1 - 21; Luke 14: 25 - 33

9.00 am Sunday Celebration (S): Revd Tim Searle

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.

RECORDINGS OF SERMONS are 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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

COFFEE BAR is open: Monday to Friday, 10am-2pm & Saturday 10am-12noon

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

TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

No Baby & Toddler Group - resumes on 10th

WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

10am-2pm

Fair Trade Shop in the Coffee Lounge

No Wednesday Fellowship - resumes on 11th

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

10-1pm

Coffee Bar Playtime in Room 1

3.30-5.15pm

Messy Church in the Hall

FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

11.20 am

Friday service in the Sanctuary: Maureen Heath

NOTICES

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)



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.*

YOURS magazine for September is now available. Would Pastoral Visitors please check the Letter Rack and take items of mail for those they visit.



WINCHESTER GREEN WEEK 2019: 'Make One Change', Sunday 29 September to Sunday 6 October. For details and the invitation to 'Write a Prayer' see the articles in this month's YOURS magazine, and winchestergreenweek@gmail.com



WINCHESTER GREEN WEEK AT THE COFFEE BAR: As last year we would like to serve some cakes made with garden surplus. Pat and Yvonne are both ready to cook with anyone else's surplus apples, and more volunteer cooks are always welcome. I would be glad of a trusted recipe for courgette cake, or raspberry cake. Also willing to make jam with other surplus fruit. Please see Pat if you can help.

THE URC PRAYER HANDBOOK 2020 (price £4.99 plus postage) is available for ordering. If you would like a copy please contact Jean Giles.

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 inviting students/Freshers to join us. We will be collecting donations of food for the Basics Bank and Winchester Nightshelter.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL: Leaflets are now available. If you do not feel able to fill a shoebox but have items that will help fill a shoebox (hats, gloves, soft toys - not knitted, toiletries – not toothpaste, stationery, no sweets, or would like to make a donation we will be pleased to receive them. **The last day for handing in completed boxes is Friday 15th November** (but it would be helpful if they could be brought in when they are ready). Yvonne & Ann.

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. Speaker: Richard Costard: *Love and Loss. Come and enjoy midweek fellowship, a very good speaker, followed by tea and biscuits.*

SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB: Pat will be hosting the next lunch on Sunday **15 September**, after the 10.30 am service. If you tend to eat lunch alone, you are very welcome to join us. Ring Pat (880748) to book a place. We make a donation of £5 each for the meal, any surplus to our current World Action Project – Action For Child Trauma International (formerly Luna) Charity no. 1172010.

HAMPSHIRE & THE ISLANDS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST is organising its annual **'RIDE AND STRIDE'** event on **Saturday 14 September**. *UCW will be open on the 14th, 10 am - 2 pm to welcome participants, so if you could help, please let me know. Graham Rolfe.*

WOMEN'S GROUP – Wednesday 25 September, 7.30 pm at The Queen.

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.

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.

AN INVITATION FROM ALRESFORD: If you are coming to the Alresford Show on the 7th September, we would love to see you at Alresford Methodist Church between 9.30 and 11.30 for a Bacon Buttie and a cup of freshly brewed coffee. Donations to Zane, a Zimbabwean Charity.

AN INVITATION FROM WESLEY METHODIST CHURCH, WEEKE: They are holding a Church Mission Projects' charity concert with the Winchester Fusion Choir on **Saturday 28th September** at 7.30pm in aid of Brickworks, Water Harvest and the West London Mission. Tickets are £10 – including coffee and desserts in the Interval – and are obtainable from Richard (880842) and Chris (852996).

MARY GALBRAITH: Friends will be sad to learn that Mary Galbraith died on the 19th August, aged 93. Mary was a member here for many years. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 4th September, at 2 pm, at Basingstoke Crematorium. The service will be led by Libby Merriman's niece, who is training for the ministry. United Church friends are warmly invited to attend and to the tea afterwards. We remember in our prayers all Mary's family and friends, especially Libby and Brian.

PRAYERS

Jesus said: *'Everyone who makes himself great will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be made great.'* Luke 14 v11

Lord, open the eyes of those in power to the plight and needs of those whose lives they affect. Help them to remember that they are accountable not just to those who lobby, or vote, or donate, and not only to those who look and speak like them, but to the voiceless, the impoverished and the disenfranchised. Help them and us to keep in mind your call to love the 'other', not just to those made in our own image, but all who are made in yours. Amen.

(Cat Jenkins, Methodist Prayer Handbook)

Loving Lord, we pray for those of our fellowship who are unwell or in hospital, and we ask for your blessing on them. We give thanks for the life of Mary Galbraith, and ask for your comfort, O Lord, for Libby and Brian Merriman, and for all Mary's family and friends, as her funeral is held this week.

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.