



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 5th January 2020 Epiphany



9.00 am WORD & WORSHIP

Preacher: **Mrs Beth Sharratt**

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12

10.00 am Coffee in the Hall

10.30 am MORNING SERVICE

Led by: **Revd Dr Howard Mellor**

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12 (NRSV)

Coffee, together with a Fair Trade stall, is served after the 10.30am service. Do join us!

Sunday 12th January 2020 – Covenant Sunday

Isaiah 42: 1 – 9; Acts 10: 34 – 43; Matthew 3: 13 - 17

9.00 am Sunday Celebration (S): Revd Sue Keegan Von Allmen

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 website – ucw.org.uk

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.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

COFFEE BAR 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 open: Monday to Friday, 10.00 am–2.00 pm

THURSDAY 9 JANUARY

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

3.30-5.15 **Messy Church**

FRIDAY 10 FEBRUARY

11-11.20am **Friday service** *in the Sanctuary: Maureen Heath*

NOTICES

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- **COFFEE BAR** open Mon-Fri, 10am-2pm & Sat 10am-12noon
- **BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** resumes on **Tuesday 14th January, at 2 pm.** *We welcome Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Child-minders – in fact anyone with a child of pre-school age. Our babies' and toddlers' sessions include refreshments and, on most Tuesdays, singing and action rhymes.*
- **FAIRTRADE SHOP** open on **Wednesday 15th January, 10 am – 2 pm.** *(NB open on 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month)*
- **WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP** resumes on **15th January at 2.30 pm.** *Come and enjoy midweek fellowship, a very good speaker, followed by tea and biscuits.*
- **COFFEE PLAYTIME**, in Room 1, resumes on **Thursday 9th January, 10 – 12.30pm,** *for play, chat, coffee/tea, cakes and biscuits available from the Coffee Bar*
- **WINCHESTER MUMS' & DADS' CHAPLAINCY*** find us at Coffee Bar Playtime, **10 am – 12noon on Thursdays.** *Winchester Mums' & Dads' Chaplaincy is a free, confidential service for parents to share their parenting experiences, providing a listening ear, impartial support and encouragement. *Winchester Mums' & Dad's Chaplaincy is part of the Winchester City Centre Chaplaincy, serving people of all faiths or none by providing a pastoral and spiritual link in the workplace.*
- **FRIDAY WORSHIP** in the Sanctuary, resumes on **10th January, 11–11.20 am.** *Join us on for a short service of prayer and praise.*

TIDYING UP: A big thank you to everyone who lent nativity scenes or decorated trees for Christmas. *Please take home anything you lent or dismantle the tree you were responsible for today Sunday 5th after the service, or on Monday 6th.* Many hands make light work. After that anything left will be disposed of or packed away; we want to avoid the muddle of last year, when things were packed randomly. If you cannot manage either of those dates, please speak to Pat so your belongings get back to you safely.

MESSY CHURCH: **9th January, 3.30 pm** (straight from school) – **5.15 pm.** *Fun, games, craft, DVD, Bible stories and a shared meal. Children must bring an adult with them. (NB on the 2nd Thursday and not the 1st Thursday this month.) Future dates: 1st Thursdays - 6th February, 5th March.*

YOURS MAGAZINE FOR FEBRUARY 2020. Items should be with the editorial team by **Monday 13th January.** Please send them to yours@ucw.org.uk Thank you. Barbara & Sophie.

LENT ALREADY!? I know it seems a bit early to be thinking about Lent, but it's amazing how quickly the time goes. I'm thinking it would be good to do something engaging in the church for the last two weeks of Lent. If you've been a member for sometime, you may remember that in the past we have had Labyrinth-style events.

Would you be willing to be involved in the project in some way, by throwing ideas around and then by starting to plan and get creative? I really hope we can gather a big team together and have fun with it. If you're willing to give it a go, please let me know by emailing me office@ucw.org.uk or ringing me, or just grabbing me in church. All ages and abilities welcome! Once I've got a potential team, we can fix a date for our first meeting, I'm thinking a Saturday morning in January since that way all ages can be involved. I look forward to hearing from you. Juli Wills.

TALKING GOD: some friends and I have been talking about the possibility of starting a group that is not a house/bible/prayer/book/theology group but is probably a combination of all of those things - an opportunity to explore our faith journey more deeply in an informal way. We're not sure what the group would look like but it would be leaderless and unstructured. We plan to meet on alternate Monday afternoons from 4.30pm for an hour or so. If such a vague description appeals to you and you'd like to join the discussion, then please give me a ring or drop me an email and we could talk further. Juli Wills, office@ucw.org.uk or 01962 849559

GOD IN LOVE UNITES US – A CIRCUIT CONVERSATION. There will be two opportunities to meet together to talk about and reflect on the Methodist

Church's report on marriage and relationships (<https://bit.ly/36oV92E>). These will be held at **Wesley Methodist Church, Weeke, on Saturday 11th January** and at **Romsey Methodist Church on 21st March**, at 2.30pm - 5.30pm. They will include visual presentations explaining the background to the report and expressing a variety of viewpoints. No votes will be taken at these or any of our local church or circuit meetings.

SPACE IN THE CITY (NEW YEAR 2020), at The United Church, 12.30-1pm
29th January; 5th February; 12th February.

Canon Angela Tilby: *'The Problem of Sin – our fault or our circumstances?'*
Angela Tilby will address the idea of sin in the Bible and the Christian spiritual tradition, and what sense can we make of spiritual warfare?

DISTRICT CHAIRS' FAREWELL AND WELCOME SERVICE, 29TH FEBRUARY AT 2PM

You are warmly invited to attend a District Service to say farewell to the Revd Andrew Wood, our out-going District Chair, and welcome to our new Chair, the Revd Andrew de Ville, at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church.

Please let the District Administrator, Sarah Potheary, know if you plan attend by Friday 31st January. chairspa@sdmc.org.uk

THE DISTRICT hopes to form a **WORSHIP BAND** for the District Chairs' Farewell and Welcome Service on the 29th February at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, and Synod on the 25th April at The Spire, Poole. If you would like to take part and contribute to the special music for either of these important events, then please email the **Synod Secretary, Sandy Coates**, sandysynodsecretary@gmail.com, as soon as possible. The Worship Band will be led by Revds Ruth Midcalf and Gareth Hill. Thank you.

PRAYERS

Lord God at the beginning of this New Year: we look back in thankfulness for all the blessings of the past year & for the times when we felt your presence very close to us; we look forward in hope not knowing what lies ahead but trusting that you will be with us in every situation.

We pray for our world where so many are suffering from conflict, hunger, sickness and homelessness. May we not be overcome by the scale of these problems but help us to find ways to show your love to all whom we meet who are in need.

We ask in the name of Jesus who came to show us how to live. 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.