



# 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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Covenant Sunday

**9.00 am SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

**Preacher: Revd Sue Keegan von Allmen**

*Isaiah 42: 1 – 9; Matthew 3: 13 - 17*

*10.00 am Coffee in the Hall*

**10.30 am COVENANT SERVICE (S)**

**Led by: Revd Tim Searle**

*Communion taken  
at the Dais*

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

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020

*Isaiah 49: 1 – 7; 1 Corinthians 1: 1 – 9; John 1: 29 - 42*

**9.00 am Word & Worship: Mrs Pamela Gilbert**

**10.30 am Morning Worship: Mrs Pat Fry**

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.*

*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.*

## THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

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

### MONDAY 13 JANUARY

9.30am Church Council  
7.30pm Safety Group Meeting

### TUESDAY 14 JANUARY

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

### WEDNESDAY 15 JANUARY

10am–2pm Fair Trade stall *in the Coffee Lounge*  
2.30pm Wednesday Fellowship *in Room 1. Molly Adamson - So you think the earth is solid.*

### THURSDAY 16 JANUARY

10am–12.30pm Coffee Bar Playtime *in Room 1*

### FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY

11–11.20am Friday service *in the Sanctuary*: Graham Rolfe

## NOTICES

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** runs from 18 – 26 January each year. This year our **Unity Service** will be at the **Cathedral on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6 30pm**. Preacher: Revd Simon Cansdale, Vicar of Christ Church, Winchester. Last year's service was very full so do join us this year.

**YOURS MAGAZINE FOR FEBRUARY 2020**. Items should be with the editorial team by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. Please send them to [yours@ucw.org.uk](mailto:yours@ucw.org.uk) Thank you. Barbara & Sophie.

**PLANS FOR LENT**: We had hoped to make some kind of visual display or prayer walk in the church to be open for the two weeks leading up to Easter. **I know it seems a long way off, but we need to decide tomorrow (because of circuit plan making) if there are enough enthusiastic volunteers for this to be viable**. Maybe some of you assume that Juli or I know you are happy to participate, but have not yet told us; **please confirm with one of us today (Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>)** that you would like to be involved in some way, as **we need** to know **at least ten people** can help for it to be viable. *All ages and abilities welcome!* Once we've got a potential team, we can fix a date for our first meeting, possibly a Saturday morning in January so that all ages can be involved. Pat & Juli

**PRAYER BOWL**: There has been some concern that the prayer bowl has been in an out of the way place – the Prayer Corner near the Children's Corner – so for the next couple of weeks we are placing it on the table at the back of the church. Please let me have your views. Pat.

**BABY AND TODDLER GROUP** resumes on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**ECO TALK: DR RUTH VALERIO Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 7-10pm,** at Christ Church, Winchester. Dr Ruth Valerio, Tearfund's Eco Advisor will be inspiring and equipping us with practical ways to live more sustainably. She is an encouraging and uplifting speaker as well as an environmentalist, theologian, social activist and author. Ruth will also be presenting her new book, 'Saying Yes to Life', the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book for 2020, Tickets £5 available from <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winchester-diocese-eco-evening-tickets-74805630655>

**WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP** resumes on **15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30 pm.** *Come and enjoy midweek fellowship, a very good speaker, followed by tea and biscuits.*

**WOMEN'S GROUP** will meet at The Queen Inn, Kingsgate Road, at 7.30 pm, on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.** Do join us!

**MEN'S GROUP** will meet at The Queen Inn, Kingsgate Road, at 7.30 pm, on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.** Do join us!

**PASTORAL VISITORS' MEETING** in the Church, on Monday 20 January, from 11 am – 12 noon.

**STEPWISE FACILITATORS' DAY 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020, at Fleet URC,** 10am for 10.30 start. Lunch will be provided. Finish at 3.30pm. Stepwise is the exciting new URC discipleship programme helping us to continue to walk the way and live the life of Jesus today. In order for the groups to be established in as many areas of the Synod as possible we need to identify good facilitators for each. To book your place, please contact Ruth Heine at the Synod Office.

**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, [juliwills12@gmail.com](mailto:juliwills12@gmail.com) or 863057.

**GOD IN LOVE UNITES US – A CIRCUIT CONVERSATION.** If you missed yesterday's opportunity at Wesley to meet together to talk about and reflect on the Methodist Church's report on marriage and relationships (<https://bit.ly/36oV92E>), there will be another opportunity at **Romsey Methodist Church** on **21<sup>st</sup> 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**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January; 5<sup>th</sup> February; 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 29<sup>TH</sup> 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 Pothecary, know if you plan attend by Friday 31st January. [chairspa@sdmc.org.uk](mailto:chairspa@sdmc.org.uk)

**THE DISTRICT** hopes to form a **WORSHIP BAND** for the District Chairs' Farewell and Welcome Service on the 29<sup>th</sup> February at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, and Synod on the 25<sup>th</sup> 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**, [sandsynodsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sandsynodsecretary@gmail.com), as soon as possible. The Worship Band will be led by Revds Ruth Midcalf and Gareth Hill. Thank you.

## **PRAYERS**

Today we share in our Covenant Service at 10.30. So as we commit ourselves to the New Year in our faith, we pray for strength and wisdom to follow the example of Jesus Christ.

God of creation, we give you thanks for your transforming power and your gift of love in Jesus. Speak to us and fill your church with the power of your Spirit. Enable us to see beyond the confines of our own desires, equip us to live lives of faith in this changing world, and establish within us a desire for justice and mercy. May we recognise the possibilities of your kingdom, and may we tread boldly as we carry the Gospel and love to others as you have commanded. Amen. *(Steve Bennett, Deputy Chair, Bristol District)*