



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

### **9.00 am WORD & WORSHIP**

Preacher: **Miss Pamela Gilbert**

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

*10.00 am Coffee in the Hall*

### **10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP**

Led by: **Mrs Pat Fry**

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42*

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

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020

*Isaiah 9: 1 – 4; 1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 18; Matthew 4:12-23*

**9.00 am Holy Communion: 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.*

*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 20 JANUARY

11am-12 noon Pastoral Visitors' Meeting *in the Sanctuary*

### TUESDAY 21 JANUARY

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

### WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY

2.30pm Wednesday Fellowship *in Room 1*

7.30pm Women's Group *at the Queen Inn.*

### THURSDAY 23 JANUARY

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

7.30pm Men's Group *at the Queen Inn.*

### FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY

11-11.20am Friday service *in the Sanctuary – Tom Belshaw*

## NOTICES

**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Our Unity Service will be at the Cathedral this evening 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.

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

**TALKING GOD:** We're going to give this group a go on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 4:30 pm at Juli's place. I don't know what will happen, it could be the first and last meeting but who knows!? If you are interested in joining us please feel free to do so, contact Juli on 863057, or Juli Wills [12@gmail.com](mailto:12@gmail.com)

**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?

**THE DAYTIME HOUSEGROUP** will resume on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30 in the Chapel and that new members are welcome.

**THE LENT EVENT:** unfortunately there were not enough volunteers to make this a viable proposition so we will not be doing anything special in Lent in the church this year. Many thanks to those few people who did offer to be involved. Juli

## **WESSEX SYNOD AT THE UNITED CHURCH ON SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

This is an important event involving up to 180 people. We are asked to provide stewarding, refreshments, music and first aid to support it.

**If you can help by doing any of the following, please let Bob Lord know: [admin@ucw.org.uk](mailto:admin@ucw.org.uk) /01962 855910**

- Serve coffee/tea/squash: 9.30-10.30am/ 12-1.30pm/4.30-5pm
- Help set up from 9am (carry boxes etc/rearrange furniture)
- Welcome and direct people from 9.45am.
- Be available to ensure safe evacuation in case of emergency (9am-1pm and/or 1-5pm)
- Be a first aider on duty (9am-1pm and/or 1-5pm). We need 2 throughout the day.

Provide music (organ, piano or music group) between 1.30 and 10.45 am

**THE NEXT BASICS BANK COLLECTION** will be on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. They are in need of tinned potatoes, packets of mashed potatoes, tinned fruit and vegetables, tomato based pasta sauces, washing up liquid and cleaning sprays. Our contributions are always most welcome and needed. Many thanks for your help. Abbots Barton House Group.

### **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**, [sandysynodsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sandysynodsecretary@gmail.com), as soon as possible. The Worship Band will be led by Revds Ruth Midcalf and Gareth Hill. Thank you.

**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.

**CURIOUS CAFÉ: ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE** - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm (doors open 6.45pm) at Romsey Methodist Church. Free entry, coffee &

cake. Enjoy coffee/tea and cake while Chris Sinkinson shares some of the archaeological background to the Bible. Followed by a Q&A. Chris teaches theology at Moorlands College and has a special interest in the archaeological background to the Bible. He has been involved in excavations in Galilee and written a number of books including Time Travel to the Old Testament (IVP).

**MISSION SHAPED CHURCH, 28 March 2020, 10.30am – 3.30pm, Fleet URC.**

*A day of exploration: What is church? What is mission? What did Jesus mean when he said in Matthew 28 'Go, make disciples...'? How can we listen for mission in our own community?*

Being a mission-shaped church in 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain raises many important questions, and this will be a dynamic day of conversation and interaction – of mutual support and valuable networking. Share your story and engage with others as you grapple with some of the issues that arise for your church – think about new expressions of church and new ways of connecting with your community. Come prepared to join the conversation for a few hours as we think about the questions and discover some new ideas.

**WESSEX SYNOD'S "Sharing the Vision – January edition"** is available in both Word and pdf formats to download from their website [www.urcwessex.org.uk](http://www.urcwessex.org.uk)

**THE FLOWERS** today were given by Hilary Lock in memory of Rodney.

## PRAYERS

This is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Generous God, we pray for all the churches in Winchester in their ministry to the city. Although organic unity is not in view, we pray nevertheless for closer ties between the churches. May there be full cooperation between the congregations as we all try to fulfil the mission which Jesus has put before us.

We ask for your blessing on all who will attend the Winchester Unity Service in the Cathedral this evening, and on the Vicar of Christ Church, the Revd Simon Cansdale, who will preach the sermon.

Loving Lord, we ask for your blessing on those members of our congregation who are passing through a difficult time themselves or are concerned for those close to them. May the peace of your presence be a strength and a comfort to them. Amen

*RECORDINGS OF SERMONS are available on our new website – [ucw.org.uk](http://ucw.org.uk)*