



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 26th January 2020

9.00 am SUNDAY CELEBRATION (S)

Preacher & Celebrant: **Revd Tim Searle**

Psalm 27: 1, 4 - 9; John 1: 29 - 42

10.00 am Coffee in the Hall

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by: **Revd Tim Searle**

Psalm 27: 1, 4 - 9; John 1: 29 - 42

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

Sunday 2nd February 2020

Micah 6: 1 - 8; 1 Corinthians 1: 18 - 31; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

9.00 am Word & Worship: Mrs Delcie Dalby

10.30 am Holy Communion: 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

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

MONDAY 27 JANUARY

10-12noon **Craft Club** in Room 1

TUESDAY 28 JANUARY

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

WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY

2.30pm **Wednesday Fellowship** in Room 1 – Nick Langham: *"The heart of the Silk Road"*.

THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

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

FRIDAY 31 JANUARY

11-11.20am **Friday service** in the Sanctuary – Margaret Axford

NOTICES

TALKING GOD: We're going to give this group a go on **Monday 27th 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 Wills12@gmail.com

SPACE IN THE CITY (NEW YEAR 2020), at The United Church, 12.30-1pm

Wednesdays: 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, explore 'the trouble with sin' in the light of contemporary Bible study and humanistic psychology, and whether the Christian tradition can shed light on contemporary issues such as injustice, inequality and environmental degradation.

- **29th January** *What's wrong with us? Metaphors and images of sin and their resonance today.*
- **5th February** *Sin or lack of self-esteem? Is our problem too much self-love or not enough?*
- **12th February** *Structural sin and private despair Looking again at 'the sin of the world' and our response to it.*

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

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

WESSEX SYNOD AT THE UNITED CHURCH ON SATURDAY 14TH 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 /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 2nd 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.

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

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP LIST - UPDATE: Owing to the delay in issuing a new Fellowship List in 2019 and with the possibility of postholder changes at the March ACM, *we have decided to offer a draft Fellowship List 2020 to those who urgently need an updated version or have never had one.* Please contact Naomi, in the Church Office, if you'd like a copy. The Fellowship List 2020 will be available after the ACM.

STEPWISE FACILITATORS' DAY 1st 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.

CURIOUS CAFÉ: ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE - Wednesday 5th 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).

WER METHODIST CIRCUIT SERVICE and admission of Stewart MacLachlan and Vickieye Parkinson as Local Preacher, with Holy Communion. Led by Revd Sue Keegan von Allmen with special guest preacher, Revd Lesley Martin.
Sunday 9 February, at 6.30pm at Bishopstoke Methodist Church, SO50 6FH

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 21st 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 a some new ideas.

URC JOB VACANCIES (3): Personal Assistant, London, *closing date 31 Jan*; Digital Content Officer, London, *closing date 3 Feb*; and Administrator, London, *closing date 3 Feb*. For full details: <https://urc.org.uk/vacancies>

PRAYERS

*The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.*
(Bryn Rees, StF 255)

Loving Lord, we pray for your grace and power as we work for your kingdom here on earth. Guide our thoughts and actions, both within the church and in our daily lives.

We ask for your blessing on those in our congregation who are facing health problems and those whose lives are restricted by age or disability.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. 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. The Minister will take them home and use them as part of his daily prayers.