



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 2nd February 2020

9.00 am WORD & WORSHIP

Preacher: Mrs Delcie Dalby

Micah 6:6 - 8; Matthew 5: 1 - 12

10.00 am Coffee in the Hall

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Led by: Revd Tim Searle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

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

Sunday 9th February 2020 – *Racial Justice Sunday*

Isaiah 58: 1 – 9a; 1 Corinthians 2: 1 – 12; Matthew 5: 13 – 20

9.00 am Sunday Celebration (S): Revd Tim Searle

10.30 am Morning Worship: Revd Tim Searle

6.30pm Circuit Service – Local Preacher Admission & Commissioning Service at Bishopstoke Methodist Church

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.

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 3 FEBRUARY

9.30-12noon Church Council in the Chapel

TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

10.15 am Staff Meeting *in the Sanctuary*

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

2.30pm Daytime House Group *in the Chapel*

WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

12.30-1pm Space in the City (2of3): *'The Problem of Sin – our fault or our circumstances?'* Speaker: Canon Angela Tilby

2.30pm Wednesday Fellowship *in Room 1* – Dave Bevis - MAF

THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY

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

3.30-5.15pm Messy Church – *come straight from school*

FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

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

NOTICES

BASICS BANK COLLECTION today **Sunday 2nd February**. There is a box at the back of the Church for any items brought today. Many thanks for your help. Abbots Barton House Group.

DAYTIME HOUSE GROUP – new series: **4th, 18th February, 3rd, 17th, 31st March** at 2.30pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

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.

- **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.*

If you miss any of the talks or would like to listen again they are available online at www.spaceinthecity.org.uk

NEXT SUNDAY: 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, SO50 6FH**

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

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



PANCAKES

Tuesday 25 February, 4-6.30pm

NB pancakes served earlier for Baby & Toddler Group families



All welcome

freshly cooked pancakes
- sweet & savoury toppings



Donations in aid of Action for Child Trauma International
(formerly known as Luna Children's Charity)

United Church Winchester, World Action project 2017-2020



GOD TALK: We had our first meeting which went so well we decided to meet again! However, from now on it will be the **last Thursday in the month, at 2:30 pm**. So our next meeting will be on **Thursday 27 February, 2:30 pm at Yvonne North's home**. We shall be discussing the theme "What do we mean by God's guidance"? If you would like to join us, please come along or contact Juli on 849559 or office@ucw.org.uk

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.

URC JOB VACANCIES (2): Digital Content Officer, London, *closing date 3 Feb;* and Administrator, London, *closing date 3 Feb.* For full details: <https://urc.org.uk/vacancies>

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).

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 Pothecary, know if you plan attend by Friday 31st January. chairspa@sdmc.org.uk

PRAYERS

For the first 3 weeks this month we revisit the Sermon on the Mount. In Matthew 5 we find the collected teachings of Jesus to his first disciples and to us. As you read the Beatitudes, verses 1-12, learn from them and use them in your daily prayers for the work and witness of the church in our city and throughout the world.

Heavenly Father, thank you for all the blessings we receive in following the way of Jesus. Help us to share them with those we meet in worship and to invite others to 'come and see' that all may know they are loved and valued and blessed by God. In the name of Christ we pray. 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.

RECORDINGS OF SERMONS are available on our website - ucw.org.uk
We can also provide digital recording of services (a CD for playing on an ordinary CD player, or copy to memory sticks/cards) as well as tapes.