



THE UNITED CHURCH

Jewry Street, Winchester
(Methodist and United Reformed)



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Day off: Wednesday

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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 23RD FEBRUARY 2020

Fairtrade Fortnight 24 February – 8 March

9.00 am SUNDAY CELEBRATION (S)

Preacher & Celebrant: Revd Tim Searle

Exodus 24: 12 - 18; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

10.00 am Coffee in the Hall

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by: Revd Tim Searle

Exodus 24: 12 - 18; Matthew 17: 1 - 9

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

Sunday 1st March 2020 - Lent 1

Genesis 2: 15 - 17, 3: 1 - 7; Romans 5: 12 - 19; Matthew 4: 1 - 11

9.00 am Word & Worship): Mrs Beth Sharratt

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 new 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

TUESDAY 25 FEBRUARY – SHROVE TUESDAY

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

4-6.30pm **PANCAKES in aid of ACCTI (see below)**

WEDNESDAY 26 FEBRUARY – ASH WEDNESDAY

No Wednesday Fellowship meeting today

THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY

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

FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY

11-11.20am **Friday service in the Sanctuary – Tim Searle**

NOTICES

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT, WINCHESTER & DISTRICT 24 FEBRUARY TO 8 MARCH

The focus this year will be on women in the cocoa and coffee industries across the world, campaigning for living incomes, year 2 of a three-year campaign. There will be a programme of events on winchesterfairtrade.org.uk



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



DOOR COVER, 10AM -2 PM ON MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY. The automatic double doors are not working so entrance to the building is via the Single fire exit door. Please could you give an hour, or two, on Monday to open the door to our visitors? Please contact Bob Lord admin@ucw.org.uk if you can help.

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 863057 or juliwills12@gmail.com.

Exciting news: Winchester is to host one of the four national CHRISTIAN AID'S CLIMATE JUSTICE CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF EVENTS, 7 March, at Wessex Centre, Winchester Cathedral, for a morning to inform and equip ourselves to plan effective climate action. Hear about: stories from the front line of climate breakdown, spend time in prayer and worship, and explore Christian Aid's new campaign – *New Deal for Climate Justice*. Participate in: prayer, worship and planning for hope filled action. *Event starts at 9am with breakfast pastries and fresh coffee*. The event is **free, so please spread the word and sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-justice-campaign-kick-off-winchester-tickets-88493746177>**

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.

LENT QUIET AFTERNOON. You are invited to share in a Lent Quiet Afternoon at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church on **Sunday 1st March**, from 4pm to 6pm led by our Superintendent, the Revd Sue Keegan von Allmen. It will be an opportunity to reflect on Jesus' forty days and forty nights in the wilderness and the challenges that affect us today. All are welcome!

DAYTIME HOUSE GROUP next meets on 3 March at 2.30pm in the Chapel. All welcome.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: Our Superintendent, Sue Keegan von Allmen will be running a silent Prayer Group at **Chandler's Ford Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm in March starting on Tuesday 3rd March and finishing on Tuesday 31st March**. The sessions will be an opportunity to learn about and use various forms of contemplative prayer and will include 20-30 minutes silence. All are welcome to attend - each session will be 'stand alone' – ie it's not essential to attend every one.

CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS OVER LENT. FREE. Wednesdays 4th March to 1st April, 8-9.30pm, Christ Church Winchester (SO23 9SR). Pre-ordained & powerless to stop or a Travesty we must tackle? What is God's view on Climate Change? Come and hear from a range of local experts including the ex-Director of Kew Gardens, international academics and our Churches Together Champion on the scientific, biblical and practical strands of the Climate Crisis. Learn how to be a part of the local solution to this global issue with positive simple actions

and help tackle the crisis. **For more details and to book seats, go to <https://tinyurl.com/climatekent>**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 6 MARCH – There is no formal service arranged this year for the World Day of Prayer but there will be a time of reflection and prayer in the Salvation Army building. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would willing to help facilitate this. Dorothy Lusmore

WESSEX SYNOD AT THE UNITED CHURCH ON SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

Many thanks for all those who have offered to help. If you are at church on 1st March please come to a short meeting for volunteers after the service.

I would welcome **offers to make cakes for our guests**, especially from those who do not already bake for the coffee bar. If you can help in this way, please let me know – admin@ucw.ork.uk / 855910 . Bob Lord

CARD READER IN THE COFFEE BAR: Card and mobile phone payments are now accepted in the Coffee Bar (minimum spend £1).

DICK PARKER: A Thanksgiving Service for Dick's life will be held here on Thursday 12 March, at 2 pm. He was 101 and has been a much-loved member here. He and Amy, his wife, became active members in 1979 serving in a range of roles including being amongst the first volunteers when the Coffee Bar was set up. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

THE FLOWERS today are kindly given by Maureen Chisnell in memory of her Mother - Irene Bravery who was a member of United Church.

PRAYERS

What a week! It begins with a glimpse of the majesty and mystery of the Transfigured Christ, (Matt 17), continues with pancakes and the start of our journey through Lent.

Prayer: Heavenly Father increase our faith as we begin to realise something of the nature of the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful and strengthen us for service. We lift before you the many activities detailed in these notices. Bless them and bless us as we share together in your work. Enable our prayer and our praise. 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.