



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. 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 1ST MARCH 2020 – Lent 1

Fairtrade Fortnight 24 February – 8 March

9.00 am WORD & WORSHIP

Preacher: **Mrs Beth Sharratt**

Psalm 32; Romans 10: 8 – 13; Luke 4: 1 - 13

10.00 am *Coffee in the Hall*

10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Communion
taken in seats

Led by: **Revd Tim Searle**

Genesis 2: 15 - 17 & 3: 1 - 7; Matthew 4: 1 - 11

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

Sunday 8th March 2020 – Lent 2

Genesis 12: 1 – 4a; Romans 4: 1 – 5, 13 – 17; John 3: 1 - 17

9.00 am **Sunday Celebration (S): Revd Ruth Fry**

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.

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 2 MARCH

9.30am Church Council Plus *at Christine Cook's home*

TUESDAY 3 MARCH

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

2.30pm Daytime House Group *in the Chapel*

WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH

2.30pm Wednesday Fellowship – *Mike & Hilary Holt: Discovering volcanoes*

THURSDAY 5 MARCH

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

FRIDAY 6 MARCH

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

NOTICES

FLOWERS FOR LENT: The flowers today aim to depict the theme of Lent and hopefully help us to focus our thoughts for the Lenten journey.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING SUNDAY 15TH MARCH.

You are invited to the ACM of the United Church which will take place after the 10.30 service on 15th March. Annual reports from Coordinators will be published in March Yours. *Please bring your own sandwiches.* Sandwiches will be provided for those who forget them!

Please send any agenda items to me by Thursday 5th March. The agenda will be published on 8th March. Bob Lord admin@ucw.org.uk.

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 is a programme of events on winchesterfairtrade.org.uk

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

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

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS can be ordered from the new Traidcraft catalogue available on the Fairtrade stall today. Hilary Lock.

MESSY CHURCH - THURSDAY 5 MARCH, 3.30 pm until 5.15pm.

(Welcome to come straight from school)

Fun, games, craft, meal, DVD, Bible stories. Free.

Children must bring an adult with them.

1st Thursday of the month. Future date: 2 April



PANCAKES - Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to come and join the Pancake party on Tuesday. After expenses it raised £286.06 for Action for Child Trauma International.



Nearly New TOY SALE

on **Thursday 19 March, 10.00-12.00**

Donations of toys gratefully received - please leave donations in the Office

*Proceeds to -
our Mission Charity*



Action for Child
Trauma International

*(formerly Luna
Children's Charity)*



LENT QUIET AFTERNOON. You are invited to share in a Lent Quiet Afternoon at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church today, **Sunday 1st March**, from 4pm to 6pm led by our Superintendent Minister, 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!

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>

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: Our Superintendent Minister, 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 3rd March to 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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 6 MARCH - There is no formal service in Winchester this year, instead, there will be a time of reflection and prayer in the Salvation Army building in Parchment St from 12 - 12 30pm on Friday 6 March.

CLIMATE CHANGE TALKS OVER LENT. FREE. Wednesdays 4th March to 1st April, 8-9.30pm, Christ Church (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. **Details/to book, go to <https://tinyurl.com/climatelent>**

WESSEX SYNOD AT THE UNITED CHURCH ON SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

Many thanks for all those who have offered to help. Please come to a short meeting for volunteers at 12 noon in the Coffee Bar. 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

THE BITTER AND SWEET - *An exhibition in art & textiles.* Helen and Becky, who are running this exhibition on 17-18 April, at the United Church, are keen to include some of the Advent Angels that were on the pillars. So if you still have one and would like it included in the display, Helen would love to hear from you. Her email address is helen.jesty@btinternet.com. Juli.

DICK PARKER: A Thanksgiving Service for Dick's life will be held here on Thursday 12 March, at 2 pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

PRAYERS

We are now in the season of Lent as we move from Ash Wednesday through to Easter. We start this journey with Ash, a symbol of the journey of death transformed by the Cross to new life in Christ. So we pray:

In our journey this Lent: may we sin no more.

Considering our desires: may we sin no more.

Reflecting on our motivations: may we sin no more.

Transforming our words and actions: may we sin no more.

From Ash to Cross may we be made new, and may we sin no more. Amen

(URC Daily Devotions)

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 new website – ucw.org.uk

We can also provide digital recording of services as well as tapes.