



THE UNITED CHURCH

Jewry Street, Winchester
(Methodist and United Reformed)



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Day off: Wednesday

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Drop-in: Tuesdays 7.30pm-8.30pm (*phone only - 07811 104240*)
Fridays 11.30am-12.30pm in Room 4

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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 8TH MARCH 2020 – Lent 2

9.00 am SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Celebrant & Preacher: **Revd Ruth Fry**

Genesis 12: 1 - 4a; John 3: 1 - 17

10.00 am Coffee in the Hall

10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP

Led by: Revd Tim Searle

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

Sunday 8th March 2020 – Lent 3

Exodus 17: 1 - 7; Romans 5: 1 - 11; John 4: 5 - 42

9.00 am Word & Worship: Revd Tim Searle

10.30 am Morning Worship: Mr Nick Langham

followed by Church Meeting

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

TUESDAY 10 MARCH

2-3.30pm

Baby & Toddler Group *in the Hall*

WEDNESDAY 11 MARCH

2.30pm

Wednesday Fellowship – Pamela Gilbert: *AGM & cream tea*

THURSDAY 12 MARCH

10am-12.30pm

Coffee Bar Playtime *in Room 1*

FRIDAY 13 MARCH

11-11.20am

Friday service *in the Sanctuary* – Margaret Axford

SATURDAY 14 MARCH

Wessex Synod – *all day. NB Coffee Bar closed*

NOTICES

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 are published in March Yours. ***Please bring your own sandwiches.*** Sandwiches will be provided for those who forget them!

The agenda is published today, 8 March.

MOTHERING SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 10. 30 SERVICE will be ***Church with Choices on the theme: Nurture.*** We will begin worship together in the sanctuary, then there will be a choice of activities: fun music-making, contemplative prayer, mindful colouring, Bible study, posy-making and hopefully weather permitting, a prayer walk. We will conclude with a short time of worship in the sanctuary, and hope you will stay for a cuppa, and talk about what you have done during the morning. Pat



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)*



COFFEE BAR PLAYTIME, in Room 1, Thursday drop-in from 10 – 1 pm, for play, chat, coffee/tea, cakes and biscuits available from the Coffee Bar.

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS can be ordered from the new Traidcraft catalogue. Last day for ordering is Sunday 15 March. Speak to Hilary Lock.

GOD TALK: we shall be meeting again on Thursday 26 March at 2.30pm. This time we shall be discussing the question 'Is the church in terminal decline and does it matter?' We shall be at Tom Belshaw's so please contact Tom (808319) if you need directions. Juli (849559)

SARAH LAWSON is intending to run the London Marathon on 26 April. She will be running in support of the SSNAP charity which supports sick & premature babies and their families in the Newborn Care Unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. This is the unit that supported Kate and David and their baby Robin when he was born 9 weeks early last July. Any donations will be much appreciated and can be made via Sarah's 'Just Giving' webpage on this link. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-lawson23>

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CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP: Our Superintendent Minister, Sue Keegan von Allmen is running a silent Prayer Group at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm until 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.

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>

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.

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 some new ideas.

ANNE WALES: It is with great sadness that we heard the news of the death of Anne, wife of Derek Wales, former Wessex Synod Moderator and minister of the United Church, 1978-83. Anne and a friend were killed, and Derek and another passenger injured in a car crash near their Chichester home. Please hold Derek and the family in your prayers at this difficult time.

DICK PARKER: A Thanksgiving Service for Dick's life will be held here on Thursday 12 March, at 2 pm.

PRAYERS

Lord of all giving, all we have comes from you.

We set our hopes not on our riches but on you as the generous provider.

May we always be ready to do good, be rich in good works, generous and ready to share,

Storing up treasure in heaven and enjoying life in abundance.

(Based on 1 Timothy 6: URC Daily Devotions)

We remember in our prayers the life of Dick Parker, giving thanks for his steady faith, and praying that his family may be consoled in their loss.

We pray too for members of the congregation who are facing illness or disability that they may find comfort in their distress.

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.*

Sound System: There is a book by the sound system to record any problems. If you have difficulty hearing the service, please let a Steward know. Thank you.