



# THE UNITED CHURCH

Jewry Street, Winchester  
(Methodist and United Reformed)



**Minister: Revd Tim Searle**

**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 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 – Lent 3

**9.00 am WORD & WORSHIP**

**Preacher: Revd Tim Searle**

*Exodus 17: 1-7; Romans 5: 1-11; Psalm 95*

*10.00 am Coffee in the Hall*

**10.30 am MORNING WORSHIP**

**Led by: Mr Nick Langham**

*Exodus 17: 1 - 7; John 4: 5 - 42*

followed by **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

*Coffee will be available during the Church Meeting*

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 – Mothering Sunday

*1 Samuel 16: 1 – 13; Ephesians 5: 8 – 14; John 9: 1 – 41*

**9.00 am Sunday Celebration: Revd Tim Searle**

**10.30 am Church with Choices *on the theme 'Nurture'***

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: 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 10 am–2 pm & Sunday mornings

CHURCH OFFICE open: Monday to Friday, 10.00 am–2.00 pm

### TUESDAY 17 MARCH

2-3.30pm

Baby & Toddler Group *in the Hall*

### WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH

10am-2pm

Fair trade stall *in the Coffee Lounge*

n/a

*No Wednesday Fellowship owing to illness*

### THURSDAY 19 MARCH

10am-12.30pm

Coffee Bar Playtime *in Room 1*

10am-12noon

Nearly New Toy Sale

### FRIDAY 20 MARCH

11-11.20am

Friday service *in the Sanctuary* – Graham Rolfe

## NOTICES

### TODAY: ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING, SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH.

Please come along to our Annual Church Meeting after the 10.30am service.

If you forgot to bring your own sandwiches, don't worry we have some spare!

*Non-members are very welcome to attend but will not be able to vote.*

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

MOTHERING SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 10. 30 SERVICE - *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'll conclude with a short time of worship, 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)*

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 (863057)

**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>

**CRAFT CLUB**, in Room 1, **Monday 30 March, 10 – 12 noon**. We are a friendly group who meet to work on different crafts while enjoying a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Material and equipment provided. Just drop in at any time.

**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](mailto:helen.jesty@btinternet.com). Juli.

**GOD IN LOVE UNITES US – A CIRCUIT CONVERSATION at Romsey Methodist Church** on **21<sup>st</sup> March**, at 2.30pm - 5.30pm. An opportunity to meet together to talk about and reflect on the Methodist Church's report on marriage and relationships (<https://bit.ly/36oV92E>), They will include visual presentations explaining the background to the report and expressing a variety of viewpoints. No votes will be taken at these or any of our local church or circuit meetings.

**PILGRIMAGE & SACRED PLACES LECTURE, 24 March, 7 pm in the Quire, Winchester Cathedral**, by Dr Rupert Sheldrake, author and biologist. He will show how the benefits of the ancient practices of pilgrimage and visiting sacred places have been validated by science. After the lecture and question-and-answer, there will be a book signing of *Science and Spiritual Practices*, which explores many other ways to wellbeing. Tickets £5 (£7 on door) from the Cathedral Box Office, 857275 or visit [www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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 until 1<sup>st</sup> 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 speakers 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.

**KATH SHORT:** We were sorry to hear that Kath Short has died, after a long time of poor health. When her husband Revd Ray Short retired, they settled in Winchester, were members at United, and joined in many activities here and at Wesley Weeke. Please remember Kath's family in your prayers.

**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.

## PRAYERS

We pray this week for:

- all the people affected by the coronavirus, having restrictions on their lives or facing serious illness;
- all those suffering in war, particularly in Syria and Yemen;
- refugees fleeing from conflict, persecution or famine;
- all those we know who are ill or undergoing treatment.

Heavenly Father, when days are dark and full of pain,  
give us the strength to live through what we don't understand,  
the courage to face it, and your comfort and peace in our hearts,  
for we are held safe in your loving arms. Amen

*(Jennie Bonner – Methodist Prayer Handbook)*

*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.*

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