

The Thanksgiving Service for the Life of Alfred Witham will be held on Monday 15 April at 3.00pm. If you unable to attend, you can join the service at <u>ucw.org.uk/Alfred-witham</u>

PRAYER

The most wonderful treasures are often to be found in surprising corners, unexpected people and new experiences. Help us by your Spirit to have patience to understand that you are always at work; even when it remains unseen by us. Give us eyes that are open to see where your activity is evident and ears to hear when you are inviting us to share in the process of bringing new things to birth. May your light shine in all the dark places of our lives, our churches, our communities, and our world, so that the treasure that lies within might be revealed to us. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Gill Newton, President of the Methodist Conference, 2023/2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 4 MAY join up for the URC Wessex Synod Big Day Out .

PENTECOST SUNDAY 19 MAY City-wide celebration of out shared faith, mission and ministry on the evening of Pentecost, 6 pm at Hope Church (Churches Together in Winchester) **22 JULY-11 AUGUST 2024** We will be hosting the *Open to All* art exhibition from Elizabeth Gray King, an artist, theologian and URC minister. This exhibition has been touring the country and we will catch it shortly before it finishes.

7-8 SEPTEMBER 2024 – our Church's 50th Anniversary Weekend!

Make sure you block out the weekend of the 7-8 September. We're planning to have a weekend of events to celebrate this. There will be more information in May Yours.

BASICS BANK

The first collection this year will be on Sunday 21 April. Please leave donations in the hall on that day. There will be boxes available but if you can provide donations in bags or boxes this will be helpful. Please see the article in April YOURS by Lesley Little, Chair of Winchester Basics Bank to learn a little more about their work and the significant need for our support. The number of people needing this support almost doubled between 2019 and 2023. Please give generously.

LAMBS AND BLUEBELLS

John & Elizabeth Britton invite you to Dewpond Cottage, Barnfield Farm, Colemore GU34 3PX (For directions phone Elizabeth on 07759223447) on Saturday 27 April between 10 and 12 noon for a Lambs & Bluebells Coffee Morning for Maggie's Southampton

MEET AND GREET

We are grateful to have recently received two grants for the **Meet & Greet** on a Saturday morning. We have received £240 from the WCC Town Forum Small Grant for specific games/items. We were also very grateful to receive £200 from Churches Together in Winchester which will be invaluable for our weekly costs.

Jo Pellatt Mission Lead

SPOTLIGHT

If you haven't returned the Communications Questionnaire please do so by Sunday 14 April or fill it in online at <u>www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q6SB5MH</u>

Please send items for the next edition of Spotlight by Tuesday 7 May.

Contact details

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