



August 2024



# WE ARE 50 THIS YEAR!

In 1974 the Methodist and United Reformed churches in central Winchester came together to form the United Church at Jewry Street. The building was subsequently redeveloped to the beautiful multi-purpose building we have now, used by a wide community of people.

## ANNIVERSARY BOOKS - AVAILABLE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER

**50 PRAYERS** – with contributions from members

**STREAMS OF LIVING FAITH** – a history of United Church and its founding traditions

# FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER - FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER (MON-SAT 10AM-MIDDAY)

#### CREATION AND ENVIRONMENT TEXTILE EXHIBITION BY PAMELA PAVITT

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#### LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR - PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION BY SIMON BRAY

SIMON BRAY grew up at United Church Winchester and is now a photographer, artist and writer exhibiting widely and undertaking commissions. 'Love Thy Neighbour' is a simple way of acknowledging the things that bring us together. Simon asked people at United Church to tell him about a time when someone showed them kindness. The answers were simple and beautiful. Some representing lifetimes of care, others momentary gestures. It visualises our inherent reliance upon one another and demonstrates that although it often feels like it, we are not alone. Our coffee bar is open Mon-Fri 10am-midday.

### **SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER**

We welcome members, past members and everyone who is part of our community to join us in our anniversary weekend.

### **10**AM-MIDDAY OPEN CHURCH

The church will be open to all, also welcoming visitors for Winchester Heritage Open Days. Our exhibitions will be open, and you can view our history timeline. Come and share your memories of the church and its history. Free tea, coffee and refreshments available. No charge.

### **6PM FOR 6.30PM CELEBRATION DINNER**

£15 per person. Tickets must be booked by 31 August at <a href="https://ucw.org.uk/50th-anniversary">https://ucw.org.uk/50th-anniversary</a>

## SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 10.30AM CELEBRATION SERVICE LED BY REV TIM SEARLE

MIDDAY ONWARDS PICNIC AT RIVER PARK (weather permitting, otherwise in the hall) – bring your own picnic. There will be plenty of chairs and food for those who are visiting!

# **SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER**

10.30AM THANKSGIVING SERVICE LED BY REV TIM SEARLE AND REV RACHEL BENDING, SOUTHAMPTON METHODIST DISTRICT CHAIR

### 21 - 29 SEPTEMBER - WINCHESTER GREEN WEEK

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### FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 6PM-9PM LIGHT SHOW

Inspired by Winchester Green Week, this light show invites you to reflect on creation and the environment. Come any time between 6pm to 9pm. Refreshments available. Free entry.

# **SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER**

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### 7.30PM - 9PM ORGAN RECITAL

Joshua Stephens is the sub-organist at Winchester Cathedral, with performances on Radio 3 and national TV to his name. Refreshments available after. Tickets £10 from <a href="https://ucw.org.uk/50th-anniversary">https://ucw.org.uk/50th-anniversary</a>

### **SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER**

## 7PM - 9.30PM JONATHAN VEIRA CONCERT

Jonathan Veira is a nationally acclaimed singer and entertainer. His performances are enjoyed by all ages. Tickets £10 from <a href="https://ucw.org.uk/50th-anniversary">https://ucw.org.uk/50th-anniversary</a> and on the door.