





Monthly notice sheet of the

United Church Winchester

No. 170: 20 December 2024

WORSHIP

(in person and live-streamed to our website - ucw.org.uk - and on YouTube)

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 10.30AM

REVD TIM SEARLE

LECTIONARY READINGS: 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26 COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 LUKE 2:41-52

MINCE PIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE 2024

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 4.00PM REVD TIM SEARLE

PRECEDED BY AFTERNOON TEA AT 3 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 10.00AM

REVD TIM SEARLE

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024

MORNING WORSHIP 10.30AM

MARGARET AXFORD

LECTIONARY READINGS: 1 SAMUEL 2:18-20, 26 & COLOSSIANS 3:12-17 & LUKE 2:41-52

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY 2025

COVENANT SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION 10.30AM

REVD TIM SEARLE

LECTIONARY READINGS: JEREMIAH 31:7-14 & EPHESIANS 1:3-14 & JOHN 1:10-18

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY 2025

MORNING WORSHIP 10.30 AM

LESLEY RITCHIE

LECTIONARY READINGS: ISAIAH 43:1-7 & ACTS 8:14-17 & LUKE 3:15-17, 21-22

Christmas Cards

Don't forget to look out for Christmas Cards in the Church Hall **from Sunday 22 to Sunday 29 December.** Could Pastoral Visitors and neighbours please deliver cards which have not been collected? After 29th. uncollected cards will be placed in the letter rack in the office.

A prayer that we may see God in others

Loving God,

We praise you for all you have shown us in Jesus. For now we know that you are not far away. We thank you that though we cannot see you, You have promised us that no matter who or what we are, You will be very near to each of us. As we prepare for Christmas, help us to remember the coming of Jesus.

We praise you for the joy of his living presence in our lives. We praise you that he came into the world just as we did, as a helpless baby. We thank you that his coming has left us in no doubt about your love and mercy. We praise you for the story of Mary and Joseph, the shepherds and the angels, the wise men and the star. We praise you for the carols we sing and the joy we share celebrating the arrival of Jesus. We are all the more thankful that it is not just a story but a message of the birth of the saviour of the world.

Forgive us, loving God, if we spend so much time preparing to enjoy ourselves that we forget those who will have little joy this Christmas. Forgive us that as we decorate our homes, if we forget those who have no home. Forgive us if, as we welcome the baby in the manger, we forget he was the man of the cross. For we pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.

Advent Prayer shared by the Revd Lucy Brierley, Minister at Woking URC

February Yours

The deadline for February Yours is Monday 13 January. Please send contributions to yours@ucw.org.uk.

We wish all readers of Spotlight a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Spotlight

Please send items for the next edition of Spotlight by Monday 13 January to spotlight@ucw.org.uk or by post to the church office.