



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

### **SUNDAY SERVICE -21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025**

10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	3.30 p.m.	Messy Church
Sermon:	Buried and Raised: Baptism as Entry into the family	Theme:	Harvest/Gifts
Reading:	Romans 6:1-11		

### **SUNDAY MORNING PRAYERS**

We are gathering for prayer every Sunday morning at 10am for 15 minutes to pray for the service, the church and urgent needs. Please come along.

Following the service, there is also the opportunity to meet for prayer with members of the prayer ministry team in the Prayer room (first room on right when going in the direction of the back hall). It is a confidential and relaxed time over a cup of coffee.

### **SEATING ARRANGEMENTS**

The two back rows on the right hand side of the church are reserved for those who are clinically vulnerable.

### **TESTIMONIES**

We would really love to hear what God is doing in your life and prayers that are answered. If you have anything you wish to share with the congregation, please speak to Darren or Melanie before or after the service.

### **CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 22.09.25.**

<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.00 am	Tiddlers
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	2.00 pm	Harvest of Talents (Display/Sale with refreshments)

### **MESSY CHURCH**

This Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> September) will be Messy Church. If you are able to come down and give a hand by manning a table or chatting to families who attend, we would really appreciate it! Please get to Church by 3pm to give yourself time to familiarise yourself with what you will be doing and so that we can make sure we are ready to start at 3.30 pm. Thank you.

### **HOLIDAY CLUB 2025**

The Holiday Club this year will be held during autumn half term. (27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025.) Please let Melanie know if you are able to help.

Empty **4 pint plastic milk containers with caps on wanted**. Please do not crush, but remove label, wash and leave in the wooden box under the table outside the Church office.

Also **wanted white or pale blue snowball size pom-poms**. Thank you.

## FURTHER 2025 DATES FOR THE DIARY



**Saturday 27th September**

**2-5pm. Display & Sale**

**with Cake & Hot drinks available**

If you want to display and/or sell the produce of your amazing Talents, talk to Darren (darren@ferndown.church)

**Sunday 28th September**

**10:30am. Harvest Service**

**With appeal for Operation Agri**

**Harvest** – This year we will not be receiving food gifts on Harvest Sunday. Any fruit or vegetables displayed will be available to the congregation after the service.

**Walk Through the Bible Old Testament. 22nd November - 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.** This is an event to be held in our Church by an organisation called Walk Through the Bible. There will be a presenter from the organisation and a booklet for those attending. The cost is £14 per person. Booking can be made on line at [Buy Tickets - Walk Through the Bible](#) Please make sure you book the correct venue and date.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please can we continue to pray for the family and friends of those recently bereaved.  
Pray for those you know waiting for hospital appointments/procedures.  
Pray for those struggling with their mental health.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

Lord Jesus, we ask You to guide those of Your people living in countries where there are severe legal restrictions on public expressions of worship, assembly and preaching content. Please grant them wisdom to be faithful in communicating Your Word within the limitations they encounter, but also the discernment to realise when they must obey God rather than men. Empower them to demonstrate the freedom they have in representing You, for we ask in Your holy Name. (Acts 5:29)

### **BAPTISTS TOGETHER DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

Fresh Streams is inviting Baptist churches, ministers, and individuals across the UK to unite in a dedicated day of prayer and fasting on **Thursday, 25 September 2025**.

On this day, we are encouraged to:

- Pray for mission – that many would encounter Jesus and surrender their lives to follow Him.
- Pray for God's Kingdom to come – as we seek to be salt and light in our communities.
- Pray for the Body of Christ – to rise up in boldness, witnessing daily and sharing the hope we have in Jesus.

The themes also include:

- Everyone Everywhere initiative – Seeking God's heart for evangelism and discipleship.
- The Quiet Revival – Romans 13:11 "The hour has come for you to wake from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

The three online sessions will be:

- 9am - National Focus (60 minutes) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83270271283>)
- 12pm - Regional Focus - SCBA (30 minutes) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922078822>)
- 4pm - National Focus (30 minutes) (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83270271283>)

## **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

If anyone is interested in being part of the Pastoral Care Team, please speak to Janet, Jill, Melanie or Darren. This would involve either visiting/phoning those who are sick, isolated or unable to get to Church any longer. We can then work together as a team so that no one gets left out.

## **INFORMATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERS**

**Christian Missionaries and Charities.** Members may nominate one Missionary or Christian Charity for financial support in 2026. Nominations, with about 50 words saying something about the person/organisation, should be sent to [angelacjameson@aol.com](mailto:angelacjameson@aol.com) by 31<sup>st</sup> October. Members will be able to vote at the next Church meeting for the 6 Missionaries/Christian Charities to be financially supported in 2026.

As part of the 100 year celebration, there will be a **Gala Meal** with entertainment from a **comedian** on **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 for 6.00p.m.** Tickets costing £20 each will be available to Church members on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September before open sale. Darren and Melanie will be selling the tickets that can be paid for in instalments.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

25<sup>th</sup> September

Ali Vincent

## **LINK TO HOPE – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2025**

This year we are again supporting the Link to Hope shoebox appeal. It might seem a long way from our Shoebox Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> November) but we are collecting items for the shoeboxes, which can be made up just before Shoebox Sunday. The type of item required for the shoeboxes can be found on the Link to Hope website. Shoebox items can be brought to Church and added to the stash. (See Melanie).

## **MILK BOTTLE TOPS**

The Church is no longer collecting milk bottle tops as the charity that was making recycled furniture from the tops no longer wants them.

## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

Items for the Weekly News Sheet should be sent to Angela Jameson via email [angelacjameson@aol.com](mailto:angelacjameson@aol.com) **no later than Thursday midday.**

## **GIVING**

If you are considering giving a donation to the Church, below are the Church bank details:

**Account Name:** United Church Ferndown

**Sort Code:** 40-52-40

**Account Number:** 00010899

CAF Bank Ltd

Cheques should be made payable to United Church Ferndown.

During the Sunday service, we will be taking up an offering, cash and cheques can be placed in the offering bag as it is passed around. If you are able to gift aid your giving please contact Angela Jameson on 07754 534533 or via email [treasurer@ferndown.church](mailto:treasurer@ferndown.church)

**Ministers:** Rev. Darren Pike & Rev. Melanie Pike (Day Off: Monday)

**Darren's mobile:** 07815 751803 / **Melanie's mobile:** 07977 912749

**email:** [darren@ferndown.church](mailto:darren@ferndown.church) or [melanie@ferndown.church](mailto:melanie@ferndown.church)

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