

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE - 5th OCTOBER 2025

10.30 a.m. Morning Worship with communion

Speaker: Rev Davinia Roberts

4.30 p.m. High Tea5.30 p.m. Low Church

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.

HIGH TEA: LOW CHURCH

Please join us this **Sunday**, **5**th **October**, at High Tea: Low Church. It's a time to enjoy each other's company around a wonderful High Tea at 4.30 p.m. which includes sandwiches, cakes and cream teas, followed by Low Church at 5.30 p.m. with some great hymns/songs and a testimony. Please don't forget to invite your family and friends.

CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 06.10.25.

10.00 am	Tiddlers
12.30 pm	Lunch Club
2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
7.00 pm	Table Tennis
5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)
	12.30 pm 2.00 pm 4.15 pm 7.00 pm 5.30 pm

HOLIDAY CLUB 2025

The Holiday Club this year will be held during autumn half term. (27th to 31st 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.

HOPE NOW - UKRAINE

We have lots of beautifully Knitted Hot Water Bottle covers, and no Hot Water Bottles to go in them. Can you help please? They will be needed very soon as they are to go in the Elderly Peoples Shoe Boxes for Christmas and will need to leave here in November. Thanks Jill

WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE OLD TESTAMENT

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 www.Bible.org.uk Please make sure you book the correct venue and date.

100 YEAR CELEBRATION – GALA MEAL

As part of the 100 year celebration, there will be a **Gala Meal** with entertainment from a **comedian**, Andy Kind, on **Saturday**, **29**th **November 5.30 for 6.00p.m**. Tickets cost £20 each. Melanie will be selling the tickets that can be paid for in instalments.

GOOD NEWS for Everyone (formerly known as Gideons UK)

An invitation, **Monday 27**th **October 12.30 to 2.30 pm,** to The Beacon Café, St Mary's Church. Come and enjoy fellowship and a light lunch with ministers, other church leaders and church members from the local area. Hear about the work of Good News for Everyone in making the Word of God freely available to all, and introducing others to Jesus. See what resources we have to offer, including Bibles, Testaments and magazines. Hear about our work in schools, care homes, hospitals, hotels, prisons, sports clubs...

Please confirm if you wish to attend by email: john.milman@talk21.com or phone 07960 195202

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for **Les** currently in Poole hospital. Pray that the hospital can make him comfortable by reducing his pain.

Please keep those you know who are currently unable to attend Church in your prayers.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Father God, we pray for Your children across Africa. Many suffer persecution, poverty and hunger. These challenges appear likely to increase as population of Africa grows, with predictions that from 1.2 billion today the continent will be home to 2.5 billion people by 2050. Yet simultaneously the Church here is growing, and if this continues nearly half of all Christians on earth will live in Africa. Thank You in the Name of Your Son that His Kingdom is increasing, and for the hope that "a people not yet born will praise the Lord". (Psalm 102:18, NLT)

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 by 31st October. Members will be able to vote at the next Church meeting for the 6 Missionaries/Christian Charities to be financially supported in 2026.

BIRTHDAYS

8th October Lindsey Fanner

OPERATION AGRI

Thank you for your donations to Operation Agri over our Harvest of Talents weekend. To date we have received £399.98 to send on to Operation Agri.

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 (16th 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).

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Items for the Weekly News Sheet should be sent to Angela Jameson via email 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

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

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

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