



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE – 4th JANUARY 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship with communion
Theme: Together in Promise: Making a Covenant with One Another
Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

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 05.01.26.

Wednesday 7 th January	10.00 am	Tiddlers
Wednesday 7 th January	7.30 pm	Deacons' Prayer Meeting
Thursday 8 th January	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 8 th January	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
Thursday 8 th January	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
Thursday 8 th January	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
Friday 9 th January	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
Friday 9 th January	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)

CHURCH MEETING DATES 2026

22 nd March 2026	CMM & AGM
7 th June 2026	CMM
13 th September 2026	CMM
22 nd November 2026	CMM

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

O God, You are our God; we seek You earnestly. In a dry and weary land, we thirst for Your presence and long to behold Your power and glory. Your steadfast love is better than life, and our lips will praise You for Your faithfulness. Strengthen all who hunger for Your Word and uphold those who worship amid trials and uncertainty. May they find joy beneath the shadow of Your wings and courage in Your care. Satisfy us, Lord, as with the richest of feasts, and let our lives overflow with worship, trust and gratitude. May we shine as witnesses to Your enduring love and mercy in all the world, in Jesus' Name. (Psalm 63)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our church family as we begin a new year - that we may grow closer to God and to one another as we seek to follow Him throughout 2026.

Please pray for the Mahon family, that they will know God's presence as they return to Peru; for safety in travel and good health.

Please pray for Graham and the family as they mourn the loss of Christine. Funeral to be held Monday 5th January.

Please pray for Darren as he begins his sabbatical and for Melanie as she "holds the fort" in his absence.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

The Thanksgiving service for the life of Christine Holliday, wife of one of our former Ministers Graham Holliday, will take place at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Swanage, on 5th January at 2 pm. There is no expectation for friends and family to attend but they would be grateful for your prayers.

The Thanksgiving service for the life of Les Summers will be held at UCF on Thursday 29th January at 11.30 am.

HELP REQUIRED

Youth Groups – Help required for our Friday night groups on a regular or occasional basis. To find out more about volunteering, please speak to Melanie.

BIRTHDAYS

9th January Bob Flanders

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

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