



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

### **SUNDAY SERVICE – 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

10.30 am Morning Worship  
Theme: What Kind of Soil Are We? 3. A Harvest of Hope  
Reading: Matthew 13:1–23

3.30 pm Messy Church  
Theme: The Parable of the Sower

### **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.

### **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 Melanie before or after the service.

### **MESSY CHURCH**

This Sunday (15<sup>th</sup> February) 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.

### **PANCAKE PARTY**

Join us on Shrove Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 3.30 pm to 5.30pm for pancakes and fun activities.

### **CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 16.02.26.**

<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	3.30 pm	Pancake Party
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30 pm	Deacons' Admin Meeting
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.00 pm	Table Tennis

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

Did your group/activity take place in 2025? If so, could you please write a few words about it for the Annual Report 2025. Reports to be sent to [secretary@ferndown.church](mailto:secretary@ferndown.church) Reports deadline – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Thank you.

### **CHURCH AGM & CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING**

The next Church members' meeting and Church AGM will be on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026** at 1.00 p.m. There will be a bring and share lunch following the morning service on that Sunday and prior to the meetings.

Any other business to be raised at the AGM or CMM should be directed to Melanie by 8<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

Please prayerfully consider the **election of Deacons** that will take place at the **Church AGM on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**. There will be three Deacons' vacancies and nominations close on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Natalie will have completed her first term as Deacon and can be nominated for a second term. Nomination forms are available on the table at the back of the Church.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

Lord Jesus, protect Your followers in Eritrea, where Christian persecution is among the worst in the world. Give strength to the believers who are arrested and imprisoned in inhumane and torturous conditions, held without charge or trial, never knowing when, or if, they will be freed. Grant them the courage and strength of faith to withstand this brutal treatment. Thank You for the steadfastness of their trust in You, as so many of them cling to their faith through their suffering. Protect those who resist the compulsory and indefinite military conscription, as they risk so much by refusing to fight. We ask all this in Your precious Name.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following:

Gwen who, following a fall and fracturing her pelvis, is still in Poole Hospital (Brownsea Ward - Yellow Zone - visiting times 10am-7pm).

She is waiting for a bed at Wimborne or Alderney for convalescence.

The youth work in our church as well as the outreach in our local schools.

Darren as he is on sabbatical and Melanie "holding the fort" in his absence.

Our deacons as they faithfully serve us.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

16<sup>th</sup> February                      Joy Sidaway

## **WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT**

We held Walk Through the Bible Old Testament last November at UCF. Those who attended were keen that we should also hold Walk through the Bible New Testament this year. The charge to attend has gone up to £16 a person and if the Church does not have a minimum number attending there will be further charges for the Church to pay. If you are interested in attending, Walk through the Bible New Testament, could you please sign up on the sheet at the back of the Church so we can see if we can reach the minimum numbers required to run the event. We realise that although some of you might sign up, the available dates to run the event might clash with other engagements.

## **QUIET REVOLUTION with Dr Andrew Ollerton**

This is an event, either in person or on line, at Moorlands College. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. and is free to attend.

**How Bible Confidence is transforming mission and discipleship today.**

'We are living in a moment of significant opportunity. Research suggests a "Quiet Revival" is stirring – but how do we turn that spark into a lasting flame?'

For more information or to book your place go to [www.moorlands.ac.uk/events](http://www.moorlands.ac.uk/events)

## **CHURCH LIBRARY**

Please take a look at the church library which has been tidied and brought up to date. There's no book to sign if you wish to borrow one, or more, and can be returned when you are ready. They are in alphabetical order according to the author.

## **WEEKLY NEWS SHEET**

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

[angelajameson@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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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