



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

### **SUNDAY SERVICE LENT 5 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

10.30 am Morning Worship  
Theme: Hope Now  
Speaker: Jon Barnes from Hope Now

### **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.

### **CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 23.03.26.**

<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	10.00 am	Tiddlers
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)

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

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

### **COFFEE HEAVEN**

On **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm** we have Coffee Heaven - a Cafe Style service which means drinks and pastries, chats and a chance to ask questions about life, God and anything on your mind.

### **CELEBRATE EASTER WITH US**

**Palm Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> March)** 10.30 am – The King Who Comes to Die

**Holy Week (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April)** 10.30 am – 30 minute reflections

**Maunder Thursday (2<sup>nd</sup> April)** 6.30 pm – Communion

**Good Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> April)** 10.30 am – What Happened on the Cross?

2 to 3 pm – Good Friday Reflections

**Easter Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> April)** 6.30 am – Sunrise service at Dudsbury Guide Camp

9.00 am - Easter Breakfast (Please book)

10.30 am – Easter Celebration with communion

### **THANKSGIVING SERVICES**

The Thanksgiving Service for **Mary Thomas** is on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11.30 am at Gateway Church, Alder Road, Poole, BH12 4AA. Parking is limited at the Church, but street parking is nearby. If you require transport, please speak to Janet who may be able to find you a spare seat in someone's car. There will be a buffet after the service. No dress code, it's time to celebrate so wear what you like!

**Vera Swain's** Thanksgiving Service will be at 1.00 pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Pinehurst Community Church.

### **EASTER SATURDAY – CHOCOLATE EGGS**

We will be running an Easter outreach event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. It would be appreciated if you could donate Cadbury Crème eggs or any similar sized chocolate egg to give to the children attending.

### **EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

Join us for an Easter Sunday (5<sup>th</sup> April) cooked breakfast at 9.00 a.m. Please book with Angela J or Rick, £6 each, prior to the day. Any surplus from the event will go into Church funds.

### **HOT CROSS BUNS**

Are you able to donate a packet of hot cross buns to share with friends who will be attending the Good Friday service? If you are able to donate, please leave the hot cross buns in the Church kitchen prior to the service. Many thanks.

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

Lord God and Heavenly Father, we bring before you our brothers and sisters in North Korea suffering immense hardship and terrible persecution for their faith. Please guide believers by Your Holy Spirit, giving them all peace and wisdom as they risk their lives to follow Christ. Please draw especially close to those enduring abuse and torture in prisons and labour camps, reminding them that the One who is in them is greater than the one who is in the world, for we ask it in our Saviour's Name. (1 John 4:4)

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following:

Margie, that she would be back to health and full strength soon.

Gwen, that a suitable care package may be found and that she can return home soon.

David, that his hip replacement operation on 25th March will go really well.

Jackie, that the right help and support may be provided for her.

Evie and Linse - that the right decisions will be made for Evie's future.

The families of two very special ladies (Mary and Vera) whose funerals will take place at the beginning of April.

The service at Fernhill Nursing Home taking place on Friday 27th March.

The Church Member's Meeting - that all the right decisions will be made.

### **FUNDRAISING QUIZ**

We will be holding a fundraising quiz at UCF on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April at 6.00 pm. Please bring your own snacks. Just come along and join a table to make up a team for a fun evening.

### **FERNDOWN & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

The Horticultural association will be holding their Spring Show at UCF on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> April from 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Admission is free.

### **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

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