

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE – 19th April 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship
Theme God Closer Than You Think
Reading John 14: 15-31

3.30 pm Messy Church
Theme Our help – The Holy Spirit

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 Darren or Melanie before or after the service.

MESSY CHURCH

This Sunday (19th April) 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.

CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 20.04.26.

Wednesday 22 nd April	10.00 am	Tiddlers
Wednesday 22 nd April	7.30 pm	Deacons' Meeting
Thursday 23 rd April	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 23 rd April	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
Thursday 23 rd April	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
Thursday 23 rd April	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
Friday 24 th April	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
Friday 24 th April	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

We will be holding a quiz at UCF on **Saturday, 25th April** starting at 6.00 pm. Teams of 4 to 6, or come along and we'll find you a team to be in. Donations of at least £1 per team member. Please bring your own snacks and refreshments. All funds raised go to support the work of United Church Ferndown.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING

There will be a pastoral care team meeting after the Church service next week (**26th April**). Just grab a coffee/tea and we will start the meeting.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The next Church members' meeting will be on Sunday 7th June at 1.00 pm. There will be a bring and share lunch following the morning service on that Sunday and prior to the meeting.

CONTACT LIST

It is sometime since we asked you to fill out a form with your contact details and these may now be different or perhaps you now attend the Church and have never completed a contact form. Therefore, we are asking you all to complete a new form so that our records are up to date. Forms will be available soon, and once completed, please return the form to Natalie.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Lord God, we thank You for equipping many of Your people with gifts in communicating the Word of God through preaching, teaching and explaining the Gospel. We ask You to give them increasing discernment to handle Your Word accurately and the sensitivity to communicate it effectively to different audiences. We pray against any discouragement for those operating in regions where there is hostility or extreme indifference, and for Your assurance that their work will bear fruit, if they do not lose heart. We ask You to provide them richly with resources to grow and carry out this vital ministry led by the Spirit of Jesus, in whose victorious Name we pray. (2 Timothy 2:15; Galatians 6:7-9)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following:

Our deacons and ministers as they lead our church.

Jenny and team as they lead a service at Fernhill Nursing Home on Friday 24th April.

Those who are recovering from, and those waiting for operations.

Those who are unable to attend church at present.

For Christine R and family as they mourn the loss of dear Maurie who passed away yesterday morning (15th April).

For Lynn as she continues to mourn Don (she sends thanks to all who attended the funeral on Monday).

MAURIE ROBERTS

Maurie celebrated his 101st Birthday last Monday 13th April, but sadly on Wednesday 15th April, Maurie passed away very peacefully. He will now be with his dear Lord.

Maurie and Christine had been married 75 years and what wonderful Christian lives they have led together since teenagers. Both could quote many verses from the bible, learnt from a very early age.

They have been members of this church for many years and when Goff Butler was Minister, at the beginning of his Ministry during 1997/98, we have Maurie and his brother to thank for building the Baptistry in the church. In Goff's Ministry there were many baptisms.

For many years they attended a home group run by our dear late friends Brenda and Norman Bower and, if they were away, Maurie and Christine ran the home group from their home. Many happy hours were spent at these Home Groups, leaving wonderful memories.

Maurie was a very keen gardener and for many years the apples were always provided by him for the apple pies at our Harvest Suppers.

I was very sad that I had not rung them just prior to his birthday as he had been poorly and was being looked after in a home in West Moors for the last three weeks. Christine said though that the staff had cared for Maurie wonderfully well and she spent the day with him on his birthday.

It is very sad for us all to say farewell to our special friend Maurie and we send our condolences and prayers to Christine and their lovely family. God bless you always.

Rosemary Turner

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

email: darren@ferndown.church or melanie@ferndown.church

Church Office: Tel: 01202 871440 answer phone only **email:** admin@ferndown.church

Address: 505 Wimborne Road East, Ferndown, Dorset, BH22 9NF

www.ferndown.church

www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchFerndown

We are a Registered Charity, No. 1159971

All copyright material reproduced by permission of the CCLI, licence number 4069