



## WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

### **SUNDAY SERVICE – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

10.30 am	Morning Worship	3.30 pm	Messy Church
Theme	Don't Put the Fire Out		
Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:12–28		

### **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.

### **CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 18.05.26.**

<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	10.00 am	Tiddlers
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30 pm	Deacons' Admin Meeting
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		Family Fun Day

### **MESSY CHURCH**

This Sunday (17<sup>th</sup> May) 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.

### **PENTECOST**

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Family Fun Day. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

There will be a bouncy castle, games and craft activities along with popcorn and hot dogs. Donations welcome. Please speak to Melanie if you are able to help, even for part of the day, with crafts or supervision of the bouncy castle.

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Gift Day to fund local outreach.

There will be a separate Gift Day offering on Sunday morning to fund our local outreach. If you are able to gift aid this offering, please put the offering in an envelope marked Gift Day and containing your name. Bank transfers can also be made to the Church bank account, please reference Gift Day.

## **CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING**

The next Church members' meeting will be on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

Any other business to be raised at the CMM should be directed to either Minister by 24<sup>th</sup> May at the latest.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

"It's as though someone has tried to erase every visible sign of Christianity from this land." These were the words of David Patrikarakos, a UK-based journalist following a visit to Plateau State in central Nigeria. Patrikarakos described a landscape of burned-out church buildings and "broken crosses". Christian communities in Middle Belt states such as Plateau have long suffered targeted violence at the hands of Fulani Islamists, resulting in thousands of deaths and tens of thousands being left injured, displaced and traumatised. Please pray that the Lord will sustain His people, making their faith resilient even as they suffer for His sake.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please pray for the following:

The leadership of our country.

Beryl, that the pain in her hand would ease and for complete healing.

Chris D as he finally has a date for his carpal tunnel operation - Thursday 21st May. Please pray for a successful operation and for his recovery (lots of patience needed for him and Carolyn!)

The Family Fun Day on Saturday 23rd May

The Gift Day on Sunday 24th May

## **BIRTHDAYS**

20 <sup>th</sup> May	John Porter
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Sue Rowe
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Cathy Hamblin

## **DEMENTIA AWARENESS COURSE DELIVERED BY PRAMA LIFE**

We are pleased to invite members of your church and wider community to a Dementia Awareness Course delivered by Prama Life.

This friendly and informative session is designed to help people better understand dementia, learn practical ways to support those affected, and build confidence in responding with compassion and care. The course is suitable for family members, carers, volunteers, church pastoral teams, neighbours, and anyone wanting to create a more dementia-friendly community.

With dementia affecting so many families, this training offers valuable insight and simple, practical guidance that can make a real difference in everyday life.

### **Course Details**

**Date:** Thursday 21st May

**Time:** 9.45am – 11.45am

**Venue:** Buckland Road Baptist Church, Buckland Road, Poole, BH12 2NA

**Training delivered by:** Sue Warr

To book a place or find out more:

 [bucklandroadchurch@gmail.com](mailto:bucklandroadchurch@gmail.com)

 01202 716214

## **SAVE A LIFE: Free CPR & Defibrillator Training!**

Would you know what to do in an emergency? Minutes matter when a heart stops, and having the confidence to step in can make all the difference.

West Moors Village Surgery invite their patients and the local community to a special CPR and Defibrillator Training session organised in partnership with [Crane Valley Primary Care Network](#)

This hands-on session is led by PCN Paramedic Paul Fuller in association with the [South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust](#).

Event Details:

When: Saturday 23rd May 2026

Time: 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Where: West Moors Memorial Hall

Who: Everyone! Families, carers, and all members of our local community are welcome.

No booking is required—just turn up on the day!

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Fuller at 07427442495.

## **LADIES CONFERENCE**

We are invited to attend a Ladies Day on 27th June from 9.30 am to 5.00 p.m. at The Beacon Centre, Christchurch Baptist Church. The theme is Living Water and the guest speaker is Lynn Green. Tickets cost £30 and full details can be found on the following website.

<https://christchurchbaptist.churchsuite.com/events/nofilhwx>

## **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.

## **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

**email:** [darren@ferndown.church](mailto:darren@ferndown.church) or [melanie@ferndown.church](mailto:melanie@ferndown.church)

**Church Office:** Tel: 01202 871440 answer phone only **email:** [admin@ferndown.church](mailto:admin@ferndown.church)

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