



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE – 6th SEPTEMBER 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship with communion
Theme We Lament
Reading John11:1-44

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 07.09.26.

Wednesday 9th September	9.45 am	Tiddlers
Thursday 10th September	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 10th September	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
Thursday 10th September	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
Thursday 10th September	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
Friday 11th September	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
Friday 11th September	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The next Church members' meeting will be on **Sunday 13th September at 1.00 pm**. There will be a bring and share lunch following the morning service on that Sunday and prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please give your apologies to Darren prior to the meeting.

FROM SHOEBOXES TO CHANGED LIVES – TALK (A LINK TO HOPE EVENT) - CANCELLED

Link to Hope have postponed the series of talks that they were doing with Slavic Duman their project manager from Moldova until Spring next year.

Unfortunately, Slavic's father-in-law has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The timings of the talks have come at a very bad time as Slavic needs to stay in Dancu, Moldova and deal with the situation. Link to Hope has made the difficult decision to postpone the talks that were taking place between the 16th -19th September.

Could you please offer up a prayer or thoughts for Slavic's immediate and wider family in these difficult times.

HARVEST SUNDAY

Our Harvest Service will be on **Sunday 20th September**. Supporting the work of Link to Hope.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A six week course starting at UCF on **Tuesday, 22nd September at 7.00 pm**. Further information available from Darren or Melanie.

HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

The Holiday Club this year will be held during the autumn half term. (26th to 30th October 2026). If you are able to help, please fill in the sign-up form.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Heavenly Father, we pray for those suffering after natural disasters around the world. We ask for timely and sustained aid to reach thousands who have been left homeless and lacking basic supplies after earthquakes in Venezuela, hurricanes in the Caribbean, tropical storms in the Philippines, severe flooding in Bangladesh, flash flooding in Nepal/Tibet and many other disasters. We ask You to comfort those who mourn loved ones lost. We ask You especially to encourage Christian communities seeking to rebuild and that they will continue to spread light and hope even amid the darkness experienced, for we ask in the Name of the One who is the light of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ. (John 8:12)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for the following:

Christine D and family following the passing of Christine's brother-in-law.

Gwen, as she copes with being totally reliant on others at home.

Those returning to school, college and university after the summer break.

Those still struggling with the aftermath of the accident at The Big Church weekend.

The Church Members Meeting on 13th September.

The Christianity Explored course starting soon.

The preparations for the Holiday Club.

Can we please spend 5 minutes every Wednesday to pray for our community and those in need around us; that lives would be changed through the power of God. This week concentrating on those who are affected by abuse and those who are supporting them.

Bob Heape, who attended lunch club in the past, passed away on 16th August having lost his wife Beryl earlier in the year. For funeral arrangements, please speak to Angela J

PRAYERS

Wednesday 5 minutes prayers.

Currently we are praying for people within our local communities. If anyone has any suggestions for topics that they would like to be included. Please let Martyna know.

Next year's prayers will centre around mission/missionaries who get very little mention. This will also include the missionaries we currently support alongside national events. e.g. Light up Dorset. Again, please let Martyna know of anyone or countries you would like to be included.

During the Global week of prayer 6th - 12th September Martyna will be putting a simple prayer out each morning. Topics for prayer will be the following:

Sunday: Revival

Monday: Poverty

Tuesday: Health

Wednesday: Wars

Thursday: Persecuted Christian

Friday: Spreading the Word

Saturday: Keeping people safe

ROUTES TO ROOTS

Routes for Roots would like to thank everyone for their kind donations of coats, which is very much appreciated especially now the weather is changing. Tracy Hayman, from Routes to Roots, will be giving a brief talk on 27th Sept during the morning service.

The last day of collecting coats will be Sunday 27th September.

BIRTHDAYS

Belated birthday blessings to those missed off the last news sheet.

Margie, Luise & Cornelius, Hayden & Marie.

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

Items for the Weekly News Sheet should be sent to Angela Jameson via email angelacjameson@aol.com **no later than midday Thursday.**

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)

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