

WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE – 20th SEPTEMBER 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship - Harvest
 Theme How do we respond?
 Reading James 2:14-26

3.30 pm Messy Church



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Harvest

Sharing God's goodness with a world in need

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share."
 1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV)

Harvest Service

Sunday
 20th September
 2026
 10:30am

Join us for a celebration of God's goodness, as we give thanks and support those in need through Link to Hope.

Items for EVERY shoebox

(please include all of these)

- ☐ Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)
- ☐ Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2026 EU Origin)
- ☐ Soap & Flannel
- ☐ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
- ☐ Candles & Holders* or Tealights
- ☐ Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)

*Holder is for safety and stability

Family Shoebox

(please tick)

- ☐ Colouring Pads (A5)
- ☐ Crayons/Pencils (with rubber & sharpener)
- ☐ Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- ☐ Soft Toy Teddy (with CE labels)
- ☐ Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- ☐ Sewing Kit
- ☐ Shampoo (max 400ml)
- ☐ Solar-Powered Calculator
- ☐ Safety Razors
- ☐ Hairbrush/Comb
- ☐ Other Gifts

Elderly Shoebox

(unisex)

- ☐ Reading Glasses/Magnifier (Max + 2 strength)
- ☐ Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- ☐ Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
- ☐ Hot Water Bottle
- ☐ Work Gloves
- ☐ Pen and Paper
- ☐ Socks/Tights (NEW)
- ☐ Wind-Up Radio/Torch
- ☐ Shampoo (max 400ml)
- ☐ Scissors/Nail Clippers
- ☐ Safety Razors
- ☐ Other Gifts

Link to Hope
 CHRISTIAN CARE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts, so please bring some of these items as a harvest offering to the service.

We will be taking an offering to support the shoebox appeal.
 Donations help cover transport costs and enable more shoeboxes to reach those in need.

Small boxes. Big hope.

HOPE CHANGES LIVES

A Harvest of hope with Link to Hope

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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.

MESSY CHURCH

This Sunday (20th September) 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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Lord Jesus, we praise You that You are our cornerstone, the very foundation of our faith and the One who holds the Church, Your Body on earth, together. Thank You that we can have complete confidence and find total security in the chief cornerstone that God laid in Zion. Help us, we pray, to offer sacrifices of praise that are fitting to the One upon whom we depend for salvation. We ask You to assure those suffering for their faith in You that You are our cornerstone forever, for we ask in Your wonderful Name. (Isaiah 28:16; Psalm 118:22)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please can we pray for the following:

Gwen, as she copes with being totally reliant on others at home.
Jackie's son, Sam as he continues to struggle with the loss of a friend.
John F. and his daughter Claire, as they cope with John's ongoing health issues.
Halle, Natalie's daughter, as she starts university.
Jenny and team as they take a service at Fernhill Nursing Home on Friday 25th September.
The Christianity Explored course starting soon.
The preparations for the Holiday Club.
Can we please take a few minutes every Wednesday to pray for our community. This week thinking about our church activities and our young people as they begin a new study year.

CHURCH DIARY – WEEK COMMENCING 21.09.26.

Tuesday 22nd September	7.30 pm	Christianity Explored
Wednesday 23rd September	9.45 am	Tiddlers
Thursday 24th September	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 24th September	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
Thursday 24th September	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
Thursday 24th September	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
Friday 25th September	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
Friday 25th September	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)
Saturday 26th September	8.00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

A seven week course starting at UCF on **Tuesday, 22nd September at 7.30 pm**. Further information available from Darren or Melanie.

MONTHLY MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Please join us for a morning of fellowship, prayer and breakfast alongside other men in the community. All men welcome, no need to book. **Saturday 26th September, 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.**

ROUTES TO ROOTS

Tracy Hayman, from Routes to Roots, will be giving a brief talk on 27th Sept during the morning service. The last day for collecting coats will be **Sunday 27th September**.

SWEET TREATS & TRIVIA NIGHT

We will be holding a desserts and quiz night on **Saturday, 3rd October at 6.00 pm**. Can those attending please bring a dessert to share and all funds raised will go to support the work of United Church Ferndown.

SAFEGUARDING COURSE

We will be running a safeguarding course at UCF on **Saturday 24th October**. Level 2, starting at 10.00 a.m. will be for all volunteer children's, youth, families and pastoral workers. Deacons and the designated person for safeguarding should attend level 2, bring a packed lunch, and also attend level 3 in the afternoon. (Starting at 1.30 p.m.). This course is for those who have not attended a safeguarding course in the past 3 years. Further information is available from 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.

BIRTHDAYS

25th September Alison Vincent

HELP REQUIRED

Help is required at our children and young people groups on a rota basis. For further details, please speak to Melanie.

CHURCH GARDEN

The Church garden and car park has been kept tidy, voluntarily, by a person who is not a Church attendee. We would like to say thank you with a gift voucher. If anyone wishes to contribute towards the gift voucher, please give your donation to Angela J.

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**)

Darren's mobile: 07815 751803 / **Melanie's mobile:** 07977 912749

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