



WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE – 18th OCTOBER 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship
Theme: The God of the Broken
Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

3.30 pm Messy Church

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 (18th October) 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 19.10.26.

Tuesday 20th October	7.30 pm	Christianity Explored
Wednesday 21st October	9.45 am	Tiddlers
Wednesday 21st October	7.30 pm	Deacons' Admin Meeting
Thursday 22nd October	12.30 pm	Lunch Club
Thursday 22nd October	2.00 pm	Thermal Thursday
Thursday 22nd October	4.15 pm	Bright Sparks (Yrs R-4)
Thursday 22nd October	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
Friday 23rd October	5.30 pm	Ignite (Yrs 5-8)
Friday 23rd October	7.00 pm	Radiate (Yrs 9+)
Saturday 24th October	8.00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Saturday 24th October	10.00 am	Safeguarding Course Level 2
Saturday 24th October	1.30 pm	Safeguarding Course Level 3

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 24th October, 8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.**

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**).

INFORMATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

Christian Missionaries and Charities. Members may nominate one Missionary or Christian Charity for financial support in 2027. Nominations, with about 50 words saying something about the person/organisation, should be sent to angelacjameson@aol.com by 1st November. Members will be able to vote at the next Church meeting for the 6 Missionaries/Christian Charities to be financially supported in 2027.

LINK TO HOPE – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

This year we are again supporting the Link to Hope shoebox appeal. It might seem a long way from our **Shoebox Sunday (15th November)** but we are collecting shoeboxes and items for the shoeboxes, which can be made up just before Shoebox Sunday. The type of item required for the shoeboxes can be found on the Link to Hope website or the leaflets at Church. Shoebox items can be brought to Church and added to the stash. (See Melanie). Thank you for your support to date both financially and by providing shoebox gifts.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The next Church members' meeting will be on **Sunday 22nd November at 1.00 pm**. There will be a bring and share lunch following the morning service and prior to the meeting.

Any other business to be raised at the CMM should be directed to either Minister by 8th November at the latest.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please give your apologies to Darren prior to the meeting.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we thank You that there is perfect peace in relationship with You. We bring before You those caught up in wars and conflict zones around the world – in Sudan, the Middle East, Myanmar and many other countries. We pray for Your protection for the vulnerable, especially those who trust in You, forced to flee their homes and even their homelands to escape the conflict. We ask You to intervene to cause wars to cease and provide for those who have suffered loss of loved ones, homes and livelihoods, and remind them of the One who is their abiding hope, for we ask in Your holy Name. (Isaiah 9:7; Psalm 46:9)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please can we pray for the following:

Jackie's friends as they struggle to bring up their son. Please pray that God will protect the child from harm, emotionally, and for wisdom for the parents.

Praise God for all the encouragements from Parley Place. Please continue to pray for Jenny and team.

Our deacons as they faithfully serve us.

The Christianity Explored Course.

Messy Church meeting once a month.

Guidance for us as we nominate our mission contacts for the coming year.

Can we please take a few minutes every Wednesday to pray for our community. This week concentrating on our Holiday Club.

BIRTHDAYS

25th October Kerry Porter

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. This collection will close on 23rd October 2026.

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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