WEEKLY NEWS SHEET

SUNDAY SERVICE – 25th OCTOBER 2026

10.30 am Morning Worship
Theme: The Ant: The Small Teacher
Reading: Proverbs 6:6-15

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 26.10.26.

Monday 26th October	10.00 am	Holiday Club
Tuesday 27th October	10.00 am	Holiday Club
Tuesday 27th October	7.00 pm	Mission Prayer (via zoom, joining details from Rick)
Tuesday 27th October	7.30 pm	Christianity Explored
Wednesday 28th October	10.00 am	Holiday Club
Thursday 29th October	10.00 am	Holiday Club
Thursday 29th October	7.00 pm	Table Tennis
Friday 30th October	10.00 am	Holiday Club
Saturday 31st October	4.00 pm	Holiday Club

HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

The Holiday Club this year will be held during the autumn half term. (**26th to 30th October 2026**). Could helpers please arrive on Monday at 9.00 am to run through the programme.

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.

HIGH TEA : LOW CHURCH

Please join us next **Sunday, 1st November**, at High Tea : Low Church. It's a time to enjoy each other's company around a wonderful High Tea at 4.30 p.m. which includes sandwiches, cakes and cream teas, followed by Low Church at 5.30 p.m. with some great hymns/songs and a testimony. Please don't forget to invite your family and friends.

LINK TO HOPE – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2026

This year we are again supporting the Link to Hope shoebox appeal and **Shoebox Sunday is on the 15th November.** Thanks for all that you have provided for the shoe boxes. It will be such a blessing for the Families and the Elderly who will receive them. We have completed about 30 so far and this week the Children from the Clubs will be helping, so please can you help with some things we've run out of. Flannels, Haribo Sweets, SMALL Colouring pads, Rubbers and Donations towards the cost of sending them. Thank you.

CHURCH MEMBERS' MEETING

The next Church members' meeting will be on **Sunday 22nd November at 12.30 pm**. There will be a bring and share lunch in the Church following the morning service and prior to the meeting. Please drop off your bring and share contribution in the large kitchen. After the service it will be brought through to the Church along with teas and coffee.
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.

BAPTIST CLUSTER WORSHIP GATHERING

Nov 29, 2026
7:00pm - 8:30pm
The Beacon Centre | Christchurch Baptist Church

We gather with our brothers and sisters from Baptist churches across BCP for a special Combined Advent Worship Service, hosted by Christchurch Baptist Church.
We're delighted that our speaker will be Andy du Feu, Principal of Moorlands College.
Come and worship with us as we prepare together to celebrate the coming of Christ.

PRAYERS FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Grant us, Lord Jesus, the capacity to stand, and even suffer with, our brothers and sisters in North Korea who risk their lives by following You. Please protect them as they meet in secret and fill them with courage wherever they go, to follow Your truth despite the risks. We intercede for those held in labour camps, that they will know the overwhelming power of Your love even through the harshest trials they endure. We pray for Christians practising their faith in secret to know discernment in how to be lights in a dark world and be kept safe, for we ask in Your most holy Name. (Joshua 1:9; Matthew 5:14)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please can we pray for the following:
The celebration service for Trisha Sharman (previous church member) in Nottingham next Monday.
Please pray for Jenny and team as they lead a service at Fernhill Nursing Home on Friday 30th October.
Our deacons as they faithfully serve us.
The Christianity Explored Course.
The upcoming Church Members' Meeting on 22nd November.
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 those fearing the implications of the forthcoming budget.

Thanks everyone for taking time on Wednesdays to pray for people within our community and really getting behind this as you do other issues throughout the week. You have been and are tremendous!
One book apart from the bible that is really changing my life is "Praying by the Power of the Spirit by Neil T. Anderson. I can't recommend this enough as we seek to deepen our relationship with the Lord.
Please don't forget to keep praying for "Light up Dorset", which I will continue to mention in the coming months. Thanks again for being tremendous.
Martyna

TRISHA SHARMAN

Many of us remember Neil and Trisha Sharman who were members here for some time. Trisha recently passed away and Lara (their daughter) would like to advise that a "celebration of life" service will be held in Nottingham on Monday, St. Peter's Church at 2pm.
They are also compiling a book of memories, so if anyone wants to send a memory of Trisha, please email to Lara at lpwoody72@hotmail.com

BIRTHDAYS

25th October Kerry Porter
31st October Tom & Lucy Ansell

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

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