

Our Mission Statement

Our purpose is to worship God,
to care for those in need,
to encourage others to come
to faith in Jesus Christ, and
to share His love in our
community and the world around us.



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Welcome to Morning Worship 11am at Chapel Lane

Sunday 14th December 2025

(including Blessing of Christmas Angels)

led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson

Readings : Luke 2 : 8 - 14,

Matthew 14 : 13 - 21, Hebrews 13: 1 - 2

This is a service of holy communion

Sunday 21st December 2025

led by Nigel Bailey

Church Diary

Tuesday 16th

Carols by Candlelight – 7.00pm Soul Cafe

Thursday 18th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 20th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 21st

Morning Service – led by Nigel Bailey

Wednesday 24th

Christmas Eve Communion – 7.00pm Soul Café

Thursday 25th Christmas Day

NO Soul Cafe

Saturday 27th

NO Soul Cafe

Sunday 28th

Morning Service - led by Andy Franks



Merry Christmas from Waterside Methodist Church.
May the peace of the Christ Child, the joy of the
angels, the wonder of the shepherds, and the
adoration of the Wise Men be with you this season
and in the year to come

PULPIT NOTICE – Rev'd Tony Parkinson


At our recent church council we discussed how to prepare for our move to Dibden Purlieu, and how to put together a Mission Action Plan which will put into effect what we want to do once we are settled in.

Firstly, we agreed to form four working parties to cover different aspects of the move, each headed by a member of church council: Mark will lead a group to look at what needs to be done to the building itself to bring it up to standard; Linda and Judith's group will list the fixtures and fittings at Dibden and Chapel Lane so as to help to decide what needs to be retained and what to do with what is left; Manny will lead a group to plan how to move services and other activities, and how to keep the congregation informed; and Lesley and Tony will look at planning worship in our new space. If you would like to help with any of these groups, please talk to the leader – but don't be surprised if one of them taps you on the shoulder!

Secondly, we decided we should have a General Church Meeting to begin discussion on the Mission Action Plan. This will take place on **Sunday January 4th**; after the Covenant Service we will have a bring-and-share lunch, with the meeting in the afternoon. We will be joined by members of the District Learning team, who will be able to guide us in our deliberations. Please put this into your diaries, and come with ideas.

Church Stewards: Judith Bell, Lesley Butterfield, Manny Fordham, Jan Gaunt, Linda Matthews, Mark Price

Pastoral Care If you are in need of a visit or a phone call, please contact Jenny Howse our Pastoral Lead by phoning 023 8084 8495 or emailing thehowsefamily@googlemail.com



Many very blessed birthday wishes this week to Rex Moore and the following week to Gary McMahon and Marc Paronio. May your special day be filled with joy, fun and fellowship with those you love

Our birthdays are feathers in the broad wing of time Jean Ritcher

Waterside Foodbank

Items most needed



Tinned veg / fruit
Tinned meat / fish
Milk (UHT or powdered)
Sweet and savoury treats
Toiletries and household

Tinned Soup
Cooking sauces
Coffee
Cereals
Pasta and rice

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waterside.foodbank.org.uk Tel: 07768 713329



HEAVEN INVITES YOU TO A PARTY

TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF A SON!

SOUL CAFE ADVENT EXHIBITION 2025
SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - 7PM
TO WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER


Soul Cafe

Advent Exhibition to 24th December
Carols by Candlelight Tuesday 16th 7pm
Christmas Eve Communion Wednesday 24th 7pm
Soul Cafe will be closed on:
Thursday 25th, Saturday 27th December
Thursday 1st, Saturday 3rd January 2026
There will be no Breathing Space in January 2026
Soul Cafe will be open as usual on Thursday 8th January 2026



If you have an urgent prayer request then please contact Linda Matthews by emailing lindamatpop@sky.com or phoning or texting 07879 863592

Your request will be circulated to members of the church who have committed to pray



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"Hello my friend. I am very grateful for the love you and your church have for us; I am greatly strengthened and comforted. Let us continue praying for one another, and may God bless you greatly."

Mark Price gives a big thank you to all who joined in prayer for **Tanzania** over this past week and reports that:

Independence Day in Tanzania on Tuesday passed off largely without incident. Some small protests in some regions but all were handled sensitively and safely by the police. This is a real answer to prayer and hopefully a basis for some hope for the future. I received this message from Richard Mswawala, the Grassroots Manager in Mbeya,

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Sunday 4th January 11am Chapel Lane
Covenant Sunday, Bring and Share lunch and Church meeting

Tuesday 13th January 7pm Chapel Lane
Monthly prayer meeting

Christmas Services in the Circuit

Details of the various events taking place across the Circuit are listed at www.southamptoncircuit.org.uk/news/christmas-services-across-circuit.html

All are welcome to attend



NFDC Free Car Parking Days 20th and 21st December

New Forest District Council (NFDC) are providing free parking in town and village car parks on 20th and 21st December 2025 to promote local business.

For further details, go to www.newforest.gov.uk/article/4129/

[NFDC-free-parking-days-in-lead-up-to-Christmas-events](http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/4129/)



Free parking days to support local businesses



Major motorway closure: M27 between J9 (Whiteley) to J11 (Fareham) 24 December to 4 January

The M27 motorway will be closed completely, in both directions, between Junctions 9 (Whiteley) and 11 (Fareham), from 8pm, 24 December 2025 to 4am on Sunday 4 January 2026. This will allow a new four-lane wide underpass to be placed beneath the M27. A signed diversion route will be in place along the A27, with exits for the M27 westbound at Junction 11 (Fareham / Gosport) and eastbound at Junction 9 (Whiteley / Park Gate). Further details can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/M27-junction-10/christmas-closure>

Circuit Meeting Secretary

The Southampton Methodist Circuit is seeking a Circuit Meeting Secretary. This voluntary role mainly involves taking minutes of Circuit meetings and enabling their smooth running and will be supported by the Circuit Administrator. For more details, speak to Manny, Rev'd Tony Parkinson or the Circuit Administrator.



Our next notices will be on Sunday 28th December so any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Wednesday 24th December emailing sm_fordham@msn.com or phoning 023 8089 0804. The next one will be Sunday 11th January 2026



Would you like to receive the notices by email? If so, please send an email to info@watersidemethodist.org

