

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 Soul Cafe

Sunday 18th October 2026

led by Andy Franks

Readings : Exodus 33 : 11 - 23

Matthew 11 : 25 - 30

Sunday 25th October 2026

led by Rev'd Sophia Odoom

This is a service of holy communion

Church Diary

Thursday 22nd

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

7.30pm Thursday homegroup

Saturday 24th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 25th

Morning Service - led by Rev'd Sophia Odoom
(with holy communion)

Wednesday 28th

Roving Ramblers - Oakly Car Park

Thursday 29th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 31st

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 1st November

Morning Service - led by Sandra Elkin
Breathing Space - 7.00pm Soul Cafe

Time to Love ♥

And now these three remain:
faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these
is love.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Breathing Space
Sunday 1st November 2026 7pm
Soul Cafe, North Road, Dibden Purlieu, SO45 4PG

Love is:
♥ patient
♥ kind
♥ not proud
♥ keeps no record
♥ of wrongs
♥ never gives up

Love one another
as I have
loved you.

Soul Cafe
LAST CHANCE

The funeral for Margaret Doust, who was for many years a Local Preacher and stalwart of the Southampton Methodist Circuit, will take place on 2pm on Thursday 29th October at Holy Saviour Church, Bursledon Road, Bitterne, Southampton, SO19 7LW (www.holysaviour.church)
The event will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/HolySaviourBitterneChurch>

In Loving Memory

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

SCM CONFERENCE 2027

"Make the Most of Every Opportunity"

Highfield Church

on **Saturday 6th February 2027**
9.30am - 3.45pm

Southampton City Mission

Keynote Speaker:

Charles Maasz

CEO Glasgow City Mission

If you would like someone to pray with, please speak to a prayer partner or the duty steward after the service

Your prayer partners are Linda Matthews and Manny Fordham



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





Many very happy birthday wishes for week after next to Lesley Butterfield

Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old Franz Kafka



Roving Ramblers Wednesday 28th October



Meet 10am at [Oakly Car Park](#)
(what3words location: [unearthly.harps.lunging](#))

We meet for a 4 to 5 mile walk (lasting 2 – 2 ½ hours) in the New Forest on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. It is open for anyone to join and is an opportunity to meet new friends, bring your own friend or even your dog along for a walk.

PLEASE NOTE ALL WALKS ARE LIMITED TO 25 PEOPLE

Please contact Phil Butterfield for more details
Telephone 023 80845 684 Mobile: 07708 582285
E-mail: cedarofhythe@btinternet.com

How do I share Jesus with my spiritually curious friends?

Take time to be curious : In Acts 17, Paul walked in the marketplace in Athens and noticed how and what people were worshipping. Do you know what manifesting is, noticed related ad campaigns, or celebrities talking about their spiritual practices? Be curious, so that when you share, you can connect what people are doing to the invitation of the gospel, as Paul did.

Pray : We're in a spiritual battle. The early church was committed to prayer and fasting, and for at least one of His healings, Jesus said the situation could only be resolved through prayer. Spiritual realities require a like response; prayer is required to enable people to turn away from the counterfeits and illusions they've been handed, and to turn to the kingdom of light, to Jesus.

Be clear in your invitation : Much of the world encourages and values a kind of of pick-and-mix spirituality, where individuals chose in what they wish to believe. But Jesus's teachings offer no justification for this relativism; you are either fully for Him or you are against Him. We need to proclaim Jesus as the only way, not just one good option and that following Him requires leaving old ways behind. As Jesus says in John 14, "I am The Way and The Truth and The Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

More details at <https://www.eauk.org/news-and-views/how-do-i-share-jesus-with-my-spiritually-curious-friends>



October's Birds of the Month



Oystercatchers : They have black-and-white bodies and carrot-orange bill and legs and are in autumn visible in big groups along our shorelines



Jays : Colourful birds with a fondness for acorns, like squirrels often burying them for a winter treat



Ringed Plovers: Big eyes, and a sweet whistling call, these cute birds are often found on shingly beaches



Nuthatch : Often in autumn seen in gardens, they can climb down trees beak first



Waterside Foodbank



Items most needed

Tinned meat / fish	Tinned veg / fruit
Tinned Spaghetti	Cooking sauces
Tinned Potatoes	Tinned pudding
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Coffee
Sweet treats	Toiletries

Registered Charity 1136282
waterside.foodbank.org.uk Tel: 07768 713329



Woolston Methodist Church,
Manor Road North,
Itchen, Southampton SO19 2DU

Skittles Evening

Saturday 14th November - 7.00 pm
£7.00 Adults, £4.00 Under 16s

Includes choices of Meat or Vegetarian meal

Message Andy on 07850975100
or email info.woolstonmc@gmail.com



Praizin' Hands Puppet Group are running a showcase "Illuminate The World" at Fawley Royal British Legion on Saturday 21st November 2026. They will be journeying through the Bible using puppetry and creative arts.

This is a great event to invite family and friends to and is supported by several churches in the area. It is suitable for all ages. Praizin' Hands would greatly appreciate all offers of help, including helping to set up and take down and stewarding. Please email Bev Eyres – beverly@praizinhands.org.uk if you can help

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

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



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

Our next notices will be for Sunday 1st November so any items should be sent to Manny by Thursday 29th October by phoning 07762 038041 or emailing sm_fordham@msn.com. The next one after that will be Sunday 15th November

