

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 28th December 2025

led by Andy Franks

Sunday 4th January 2026

Covenant Service

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led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson

This is a service of holy communion

Church Diary

Thursday 1st January 2026

NO Soul Cafe

Saturday 3rd

NO Soul Cafe

Sunday 4th

*Covenant Service - led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson
(with holy communion)*

Bring and Share lunch and Church meeting

Tuesday 6th

Family History Group - 7pm Soul Cafe back room

Thursday 8th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 10th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 11th

Morning Service - led by Sandra Elkin



WISHING YOU A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10

MISSION ACTION PLAN



We will be beginning discussion of our church Mission Action Plan after our Covenant Service on **Sunday January 4th** and our Bring and Share lunch

We will be joined by members of the Methodist Learning Network to help guide our thinking, and all are very welcome to attend, and to bring their thoughts and ideas.

In addition, we are in the process of forming four working groups, each led by a church steward, to ensure a smooth transition to North Road during the coming year; Mark's group will be reviewing what needs to be done to the building to make it fit for purpose; Linda's and Judith's group will be overseeing fixtures and fittings; Manny's group will be exploring how services are to be moved and ensuring folk are kept up-to-date; Lesley's and Rev'd Tony's group will be planning worship in the new place. Any and all help with any of these activities would be much appreciated, so please do approach a group leader if you would like to get involved.

Monthly prayer meeting

7pm Tuesday 13th January Chapel Lane



There is a lot going on for us this year, so join us as we hold these things before our God

Southampton Methodist Circuit

*Celebrating and
Sharing God's Love*

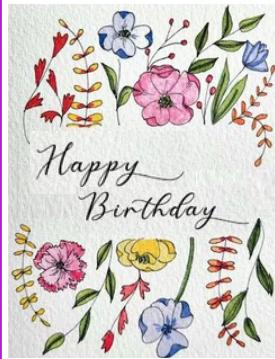
You may remember that the Circuit has applied for a probationer following Rev'd John Hughes's retirement this coming summer. The Initial Stationing Committee is meeting on the 8th/9th January to deal with probationer appointments so please upload the members in prayer that they might make wise and godly decisions

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

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 Happy Birthday wishes this week to Claire Millgate - Whitcher. May your special day be filled fun, laughter and the presence of God's manifold blessings

Waterside Foodbank

Items most needed

Tinned veg / fruit	Tinned Soup
Tinned meat / fish	Cooking sauces
Milk (UHT or powdered)	Coffee
Sweet and savoury treats	Cereals
Toiletries and household	Pasta and rice

Registered Charity 1136282

waterside.foodbank.org.uk Tel: 07768 713329



Circuit Meeting Secretary

Southampton Methodist Circuit

The Southampton Methodist Circuit is seeking a Circuit Meeting Secretary. This voluntary role mainly involves circulating notice of the Circuit Meeting, the agenda and meeting papers in good time and producing minutes of the meeting after as a faithful record of discussions had and decisions taken. The Circuit Meeting generally meets three times a year, in September, February and June, though other additional meetings may take place as the need arises. For more details, speak to Manny, Rev'd Tony Parkinson or the Circuit Administrator (Christine Hughes, phone 07825 139359, email Christine.HughesSMC@outlook.com)

Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton



The Government is seeking views on the proposals submitted by the councils in Hampshire and Isle of Wight for local government reorganisation, aiming for fewer layers, less confusion, decisions being made closer to home, with services stronger and more responsive to local needs. Details of the consultation and proposals can be found at <https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-southampton/>.

The consultation ends on 11th January 2026



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

Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/M27-junction-10/christmas-closure

HOSANNA Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER AND WORSHIP

ST JAMES ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

St James Road, Southampton, SO15 5HE

Hosanna Prayers 7pm Room 7 Friday 9th January 2026

St James Road Methodist Church, SO15 5HE

Starting on Friday 9th January, SJR will be holding a monthly evening of joyful, multicultural prayer, praise, worship and testimonies. Come with open hearts as folk come to seek God together: He moves when His people pray! All are welcome, so come and be blessed!

"For where two or three gather in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20.

Every person is a gift – unique, precious, made with love

That includes you



There has never been anyone else exactly like you.
The people who love you couldn't imagine life without you.
The world is richer because you're in it.
Each and every person, including you, is gifted because they are made by God with love.

In a fractured world where folk seem to become more and more isolated from each another, community, like the kind you might find in a church, is precious. Church community is like a safety net and a springboard; it catches us when we fall and it lifts us up when we are ready to grow



Christians describe Jesus as a gift, one that has been freely given and who, if He is allowed, will totally turn our lives upside down, one who goes with us into all the highs and lows of life, the gift that means that God dwells with us and within us



Methodist Christmas resources

Gifted

You are a gift Made with love

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/faith/gifted/>
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/christmasresources/>

The Methodist Church

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

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



Our next notices will be on Sunday 11th January so any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Thursday 8th January by phoning 023 8089 0804 or emailing sm_fordham@msn.com The next one will be Sunday 25th January 2026

