

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 20th September 2026

led by Rev'd Sophia Odom

Readings : Jonah 3 : 10 – 4 : 11

Matthew 20 : 1 – 16

Sunday 27th September 2026

Local Arrangement

led by Mark Price

Church Diary

Wednesday 23rd

Roving Ramblers - Longslade Bottom Car Park

Thursday 24th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

7.30pm Thursday homegroup

Saturday 26th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 27th

Local Arrangement - led by Mark Price

Thursday 1st October

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

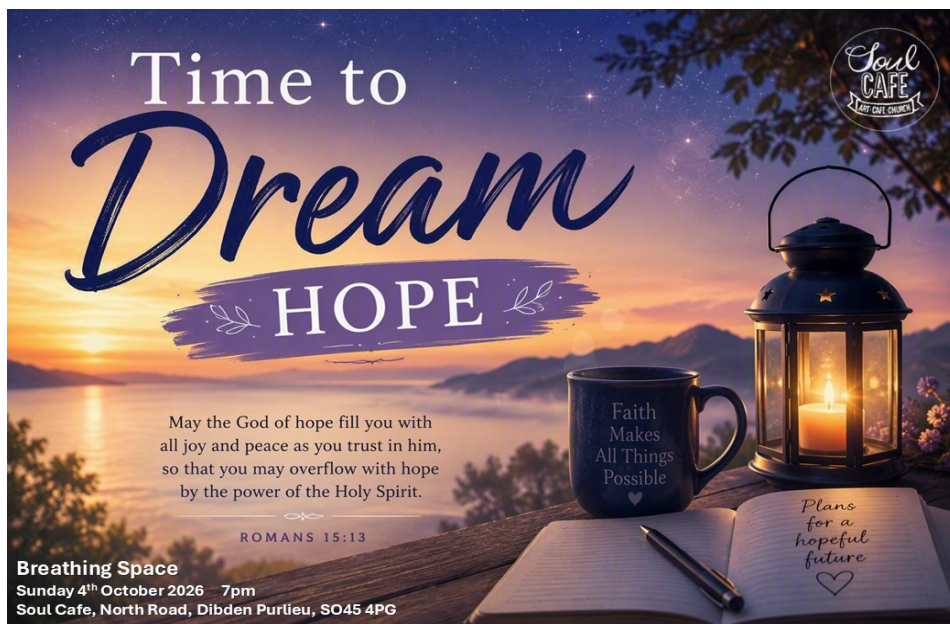
Saturday 3rd

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 4th

Morning Service – led by Sandra Elkin

Breathing Space : Time to Dream – 7.00pm Soul Cafe



SJR Methodist Church are looking for **Children and Families Worker**, a practising Christian with experience of working with children, young people and families. The role is for 19hrs/wk at £15.98 p/h. Contact stephen.robinson@methodist.org.uk for further information.

Applications have to be submitted by **12pm (noon) Tuesday 22nd September**



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

Circuit Service of Rededication For Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Sunday 20th September 6pm St James Road Methodist Church

During this service, we as a Circuit will be celebrating and affirming the call and ministry of our Local Preachers and Worship Leaders and to thank God for them and pray for their ongoing service to us and to their community. The service will include a collection for the *Necessitous Local Preachers Fund*, which allocates grants for specific requests made by Local Preachers.

Worship:
leading &
preaching



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



Your prayer partner is Linda Matthews and Manny Fordham

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





Roving Ramblers Wednesday 23rd September



Meet 10am at [Longslade Bottom Car Park](#)
(what3words location: congratulations.driveways.quarrel)

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

What to Look for on an Autumn Walk in the New Forest

From late September through November, fallow and red deer stags can be seen and heard as they clash antlers in displays of strength to win mates. Early mornings and places like Burley, Bolderwood Deer Sanctuary and Fritham provide great chances to witness this spectacle



As the trees shed their leaves and the forest floor becomes a mosaic of colour, grey squirrels can be seen moving through the trees or darting across pathways, gathering acorns, beech nuts, and conkers to store for winter. Birds like nuthatches and jays are equally active and you just might hear the distinctive tapping of a nuthatch as it wedges seeds into bark or catch a glimpse of a jay flying low with a beak full of acorns.



Beech and oak trees dominate the landscape, turning brilliant hues in October and November. The tree tunnels along Bolderwood and Rhinefield Ornamental Drive are particularly breath taking this time of year.

From montaguarmshotel.co.uk/blog/seasonal-flora-fauna-what-to-look-for-on-an-autumn-walk-in-the-new-forest/

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



Methodist Women in Britain
for women, for justice, for Christ

Southampton District Day

With Reverend Rachel Bending (District Chair)

An interactive day about Women's Resilience – How they rise from 'rubble' situations

Saturday 10th October 2026

10.30am to 3.30pm

**Chandler's Ford Methodist Church,
SO53 2GJ**

Stones and Silence Rising in Rubble

Creche available please email anne-marie.jenkins@outlook.com.
Bring your lunch. Drinks provided. Parking at the church.
Donations invited to support MWiB District funds.

Mark Price : Grassroots Mission Trip to Tanzania 30th September – 14th October 2026

Yes, It's that time of year again! On 30th September I'll be heading off to Tanzania for the annual mission trip to meet with all 2,200 children sponsored by Grassroots in and around Mbeya.

I will be leading a visiting team of 10 (7 from the UK, 2 from Kenya and 1 from Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania) and we will be working with more than 30 volunteers to visit each of the 22 locations at which the work is based.

2026 has been a difficult year for Grassroots with the sad passing of our co-founder, Sharon Anson, in May. Sharon was central to all of our work in Tanzania and her loss will be deeply felt. As a charity we are committed to continuing the great work that Sharon started and creating a lasting legacy in her honour.

In the midst of the essential admin and photograph taking, there is always an opportunity to worship and pray together – a truly special time.

Please pray for safe travel, freedom from injury and illness and a real sense of togetherness between the visiting team, local leaders and translators as we get the work done while sharing the love, joy and light of Jesus.

Thank you



Where a little goes a long way...

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



Our next notices will be for Sunday 4th October so any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Thursday 1st October by phoning 07762 038041 or emailing sm_fordham@msn.com. The next one after that will be Sunday 18th October

