

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.



Welcome to Morning Worship @11am

Sunday 19th April 2026 Soul Cafe

led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson
Reading : Luke 24 : 13 - 35

Sunday 26th April 2026 Chapel Lane

led by Emanuel Quansah

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Church Diary

Wednesday 22nd

Roving Ramblers – Boldre Church Car Park

Thursday 23rd

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe
7.30pm Thursday homegroup

Saturday 25th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 26th

Morning Service – led by Emanuel Quansah

Thursday 30th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 2nd May

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 3rd

Morning Service – led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson
(with holy communion)

Breathing Space : Risen Indeed – 7pm Soul Cafe

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please join us for our **Annual General Meeting** today following our Morning Service and our bring and share lunch. As you will be aware, the church is working through a significant time of change and there will be much to share and discuss and so determine our next steps forward



PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for Christine Hughes, our Circuit Administrator, at this time as she has been recently diagnosed with endometrial cancer, which has been caught at an early stage and has not spread beyond her womb. Please remember her and her husband Rev'd John, our Circuit Superintendent, as Christine undergoes the necessary treatment and as they move back to north Wales in mid July.



Thank you for all the flowers donated and the help to decorate the Church on Saturday 4th April



As you may be aware, the Government has decided there will be 2 new unitary authorities for the New Forest area from April 2028, with the South West area covering among others Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton, Marchwood, Hythe and Dibden and Fawley. However, the New Forest Together campaign feels that this would be detrimental to the character, values and needs of the New Forest community and so is calling upon the New Forest District Council to

take legal advice as to whether or not this decision can be challenged according to the Government's own criteria. A petition has been opened for signatures and further information can be found at <https://www.newforesttogether.co.uk/>

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

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

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 Manny Fordham and Linda Matthews



Very many happy returns of the day to Gill Dando for her special day in the week after next. May there be lots of laughter, celebration and many happy memories to treasure.

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

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waterside.foodbank.org.uk Tel: 07768 713329



Roving Ramblers Wednesday 22nd April



Meet 10am at [Boldre Church Car Park](#)
(what3words location: second.trepass.flats)

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

The Foodbank is seeking another Trustee to join its other Trustees and to be reasonably proactive.



If anyone is interested and would like to meet up for an informal chat to find out more, please can they contact Linda Matthews on trusteelinda@waterside.foodbank.org.uk



Deadline for registering to vote in the 7 May 2026 elections

The deadline for registering to vote in the upcoming council elections is 11.59pm 20th April, and this needs to be done only once unless there is a change of address, nationality or name. For more details go to <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

Applications for postal votes need to be completed by 5pm 21st April and requires your National Insurance number or other identity document and a photo of your handwritten signature. Details can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>



HELP NATURE THRIVE

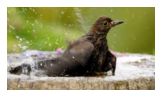
A few suggestions that might help nature to thrive close to home:

Put up a nestbox : If you have a suitable tree or wall in your garden, why not provide a nestbox as a safe haven for your resident birds? A nestbox can provide a rich and bountiful environment for birds.



Create a compost heap : One way to help the minibeasts which underpin biodiversity is a compost heap. Combine food and garden waste such as soil and vegetable trimmings with finely shredded cardboard and sticks for forming mulch.

Provide a bird bath : Bird baths can be provided using large plates, bowls, or basins and should be kept clean by refilling with fresh water daily.



Add a bug hotel: Provide a safe habitat for garden pollinators by setting up a bug hotel and shelter dozens of species from bumblebees to beetles.

For more information, to go <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/six-ways-to-help-nature-at-home>

In Concert
OUT OF THE ASHES
JAZZ & BLUES WITH GOSPEL ROOTS

Cornerstone Church

New Road, Hythe, SO45 6BR

Saturday 25th April at 7:30pm

Tickets: £12 (Under 18s £6) includes light refreshments from THE CHURCH OFFICE or THE HERALD OFFICE in Hythe

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[oota_music](https://youtube.com/c/outoftheashes) youtube.com/c/outoftheashes

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

Our next notices will be for Sunday 3rd May, so please send any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Thursday 30th April by emailing sm_fordham@msn.com or phoning 023 8089 0804. The next one after that will be Sunday 17th May 2026



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

