

### 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.



### Minister : Rev'd Tony Parkinson

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# Welcome to Morning Worship 11am at Chapel Lane

## Sunday 22nd February 2026

led by Rev'd John Hughes

Readings : Psalm 32

Genesis 2 : 15 - 17, 3 : 1 - 7

Matthew 4 : 1 - 11

## Sunday 1st March 2026

led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson

*This is a service of holy communion*

## Church Diary

### Wednesday 25th

Roving Ramblers – Denny Wood Car Park

### Thursday 26th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

7.30pm Thursday homegroup

### Saturday 28th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

### Sunday 1st March

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

Mission Action Plan discussion – following Morning Service

Breathing Space : Into the unknown – 7pm Soul Cafe

### Tuesday 3rd

Family History Group – 7.30pm Soul Cafe

### Thursday 5th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

### Friday 6th

Movie Night : The Penguin Lessons – 7pm Soul Cafe

### Saturday 7th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

### Sunday 8th

Morning Service – led by Dorothy Robinson

### MISSION ACTION PLAN

As Rev'd Tony Parkinson will be with us for our service on 1st March, he would like us to continue to develop our Mission Action Plan so that it will be ready for our church's Annual General Meeting on Sunday April 19th.

Therefore he, and the church stewards, would very much appreciate it if folk could again bring their packed lunches on Sunday 1st March so that we have a discussion after church to prepare the Plan for the AGM. A version of the Plan that has been updated following our discussions in February is available prior to the meeting.



### Closure of Burial Ground Notice : Closure of Fawley Methodist Church Burial Ground, Chapel Lane, Fawley, SO45 1EB

The Managing Trustees of the above burial ground passed a formal resolution authorising closure of the burial ground on 16th September 2025. The above burial ground is now closed, which means we are not taking any more burials on this site (plots that have already been reserved for family burials and interment of ashes are not affected by this). The site remains open for family and friends to visit. For enquiries please email the Church Stewards at info@watersidemethodist.org



Very sadly, Rev'd Rosie Baker died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday 8th February 2026. Once the funeral arrangements are known they will be shared. Please keep her family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Also, the funeral of the late Harold Lawes will take place at the Test Valley Crematorium on Friday March 13th at 1 pm



WORLD DAY OF  
PRAYER  
SERVICE 2026

Nigeria  
Friday  
6 March

'I will give  
you rest:  
Come'

St Andrews Church, Dibden Purlieu  
2pm Friday 6th March  
All are welcome to attend





*Many very Happy Birthday wishes for week after next to Doreen Coumbe. May you know God's manifold blessings on your special day and full of His joy*

The great thing about getting older is you don't lose all the other ages you've been. *Madeleine L'Engle*

## 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



## Roving Ramblers

### Wednesday 25th February

Meet 10am at [Denny Wood Car Park](#)  
(*what3words location: proofs.deal.chugging*)

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  
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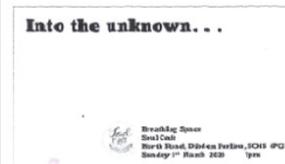
The leaving service for Rev'd John Hughes, our Superintendent, will be held on **Sunday 12th July** at 4:00 pm at Hedge End Methodist Church. All are very welcome to attend



The welcome service for Rev'd Stephen Robinson, as Superintendent and Rev Sofia Odoom our new Probationer will be on **Tuesday 1st September** at 7:30 pm at St James Road Methodist Church. All are very welcome to attend.



## Events @ Soul Cafe in March



### Breathing Space

7pm 1st March  
Into the Unknown

### Movie Night

7pm Friday 6th March  
The Penguin Lessons



## The Penguin Lessons



## Introduction to Active Listening

Everyone engaged in pastoral work knows the importance of listening – but do you know how to listen actively? On Thursday 19th March from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at Hedge End Methodist Church (42 St John's Road, Hedge End, SO30 4AG), there will be an Introduction to Active Listening given by Rev Tony Parkinson. This will be a starting point for some, but also a refresher for people who have been 'listeners' for a long time. Anyone who is interested may attend, whether or not they are in a pastoral role. If you wish to attend, please contact Rita Duell (rita.duell@talktalk.net).



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



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



NFDC are consulting on the next stage of their plans for their area, and specifically on their preferred policy direction on issues such as delivering genuinely

affordable homes, tackling climate change, improving health and wellbeing, and protecting the unique character of the New Forest. The responses they receive will help the full draft which should then be published for consultation next year. More details can be found at <https://newforest.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/regulation-18-consultation> and <https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/3683/Local-Plan-review>



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

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

**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](mailto:thehowsefamily@googlemail.com)

Our next notices will be on Sunday 8th March, so please send any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Thursday 6th by emailing [sm\\_fordham@msn.com](mailto:sm_fordham@msn.com) or phoning 023 8089 0804



The next one will be Sunday 22th March 2026

Would you like to receive the notices by email? If so, please send an email to [info@watersidemethodist.org](mailto:info@watersidemethodist.org)

