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 1st November 2026
led by Sandra Elkin
Reading : Matthew 5 : 1 - 12

10.55am Sunday 8th November 2026
(including Act of Remembrance)
led by Richard Pearce

Church Diary

Sunday 1st
Breathing Space – 7.00pm Soul Cafe

Tuesday 3rd
Family History Group – 7.30pm Soul Cafe back room

Thursday 5th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe
7.30pm Thursday homegroup

Saturday 7th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Rembrance Sunday 8th
Morning Service - led by Richard Pearce
(start at **10.55am**)

Wednesday 11th
Roving Ramblers – Beaulieu Heath Car Park

Thursday 12th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 14th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 15th
Morning Service – led by Rev'd Stephen Robinson
(with holy communion)



Prayer meeting
1:30pm 9th November

Now that Rev'd Sophia is settling into her ministry rhythm, we are relaunching our corporate prayer meetings, and at least during the winter months, will be holding these in daytime hours, starting on Monday 9th November at 1.30pm in Soul Cafe.

It is really important that as many as possible come together to pray for the church and for all that we are doing with regard to developing the ministry at North Road and in progressing our Mission Plan The more unergirded by prayer this work is, the more effective and fruitful it beomes.

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain Psalm 127 v1

Waterside Foodbank are seeking a new **Treasurer** as the present one is stepping down. Accounting experience is essential but help and support will be provided as necessary. If you or someone you know might interested in taking on this very worthwhile and rewarding voluntary role, please contact Linda (email lindamatpop@sky.com) for further details

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



Many very happy birthday blessings this week to Kath Young, may your special day be filled with fun, food and family and friends

Old age is always ten years older than I am
Bernard Baruch

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



Roving Ramblers
Wednesday 11th November

Meet 10am at Beaulieu Heath Car Park
(what3words location: lyrics.toasters.swinging)

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

Family History Group

7.30pm Tuesday 3rd November
Back room, Soul Cafe



Sites such as Ancestry and Find my Past often offer free access to their sites in the run up to Remembrance Day to assist with research into family history, so it might be worth exploring further



A volunteer is needed to represent our church at the **World Day of Prayer Service** next year and at the two prior preparation and one post follow up meetings, all in 2027. The service itself is held on the first Friday in March (5th March in 2027) with the preparation / planning meeting being held on Monday 11th January, rehearsal on Monday 26th February, and the followup meeting on Monday 8th March. All these meetings are being held at St John's Hythe as it will be their turn to host, the other churches involved being Cornerstone URC, St Michael's Hythe and St Andrews Dibden Purlieu

At a previous Church Council meeting Rev'd Tony Parkinson encouraged us to engage with our fellow local Churches and confirmed that the World Day of Prayer provided an excellent opportunity by which to do so. If you are interested, please speak to Jackie Abery or Manny Fordham

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

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

Budget consultation for 2027/28

New Forest District Council are consulting on 6 proposed budget savings which they hope will assist them to balance their proposed budget for 2027 / 2028. The Council spends around £120 million each year, mostly on Housing Benefit payments and Business Rates collection and distribution, but also £59 million on supporting delivering local services.

Three of the saving proposals total around £188,000 in areas such as Business Waste Collections, Community Grants and Climate and Sustainability, and the other three relate to reviewing the devolution of services such as Grounds Maintenance, Information Offices and public toilet management to local towns and parishes.

The consulation closes on **10th November** and further details and the survey itself can be found at https://newforest.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/budget-consultation-for-2027-28





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



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 committeed to pray

Our next notices will be for Sunday 15th November so any items should be sent to Manny by Thursday 12th November by phoning 07762 038041 or emailing sm_fordham@msn.com. The next one after that will be Sunday 29th November