

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 3rd May 2026

led by Rev'd Tony Parkinson

Readings : 1 Peter 2 : 4 - 10
John 14 : 1 - 14

This is a service of holy communion

Sunday 10th May 2026

led by Jane Castle

Church Diary

Sunday 3rd

Breathing Space : Risen Indeed - 7pm Soul Cafe

Tuesday 5th

Family History Group – 7.30pm Soul Cafe back room

Thursday 7th

10.00am- 12.30pm Soul Cafe

7.30pm Thursday homegroup

Saturday 9th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 10th

Morning Service – led by Jane Castle

Tuesday 12th

Monthly prayer meeting – 7.30pm Chapel Lane

Wednesday 13th

Roving Ramblers – Hatchet Pond Car Park

Thursday 14th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 16th

10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 17th @ Soul Cafe

Morning Service – led by Richard Pearce



RISEN INDEED



Breathing Space
Sunday 3rd May
7pm at Soul Cafe



Christine Hughes, our Circuit Administrator successfully underwent major surgery on 29th April to remove the endometrial cancer which had been previously diagnosed. She has a checkup in three weeks' time to determine whether or not further treatment will be necessary, and has been signed off for a minimum of 4 weeks, not being due back at work until Wednesday 10th June. Please continue to hold both Christine and her husband Rev'd John, our Circuit Superintendent, in prayer.



WATERSIDE METHODIST CHURCH



The grass in the churchyard will be left unmown during May as part of No Mow May, a way of helping nature to thrive by providing vital food for bees, butterflies and other pollinators. The grass will again be cut in early June

Monthly prayer meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 12th May



We will be holding our next monthly prayer meeting on Tuesday 12th May at Chapel Lane. Please join us as we have much to pray about, for ourselves, and for national and international issues.

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



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





Roving Ramblers Wednesday 13th May

Meet 10am at [Hatchet Pond Car Park](#)
(*what3words location: zeal.rosette.breathing*)



Coffee at
The Turfcutters

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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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



Easter Offering 2026

Unbound: a gospel that breaks barriers

This year's theme, *Unbound: a gospel that breaks barriers*, focuses on freedom and Jesus's words about God's kingdom as a place of release from captivity,

This year, our Easter Offering will be dedicated at our Local Arrangement service on Sunday 31st May, and thus all donations must be made by **Sunday 24th May**. All funds raised will go towards the Methodist [World Mission Fund](#) which supports the work of Partner Churches round the world.

Easter Offering envelopes are available at the back of church for cash and cheque donations, or can be paid directly into the church bank account:

Account Name Waterside Methodist Church
Bank Reference Easter Sort Code 089299
Account Number 65179918

World Day of Prayer - Waterside Methodist Church representative needed



The World Day of Prayer (WDofP) is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women to encourage all to join in prayer, worship and action for peace and justice.

WMC needs a volunteer to represent the church on the local WDofP Committee which meets three times a year, in January, February and March, with the World Day of Prayer service itself taking place on the 1st Friday in March. Other representatives come from St John's, Cornerstone, and St Michael's in Hythe and St Andrew's in Dibden Purlieu and are a very caring and friendly group.

It is important that for WMC to be represent on the Committee, as it enables us to share together in the World Day of Prayer service as it is celebrated on the same day in many countries around the world. If you need more details, please talk to Jackie or Manny

Upcoming events at St James Road Methodist Church, Shirley, SO15 5HE



Ascension Day Thursday 14th May
7.30pm
Service of Holy Communion

'After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight'

SJR Mental Health & Wellbeing Course

Thursdays 7-9pm at SJR

30th April: What is 'mental health' and 'wellbeing'?

7th May: Stress, Anxiety, & Depression

14th May: Trauma & Shame

21st May: Loss, Disappointment, & Grief

— No Session —

4th June: Being 'Good Enough' - Self-Acceptance

11th June: Forgiveness

18th June: Building & Maintaining Healthy Relationships

25th June: Strategies for Lifelong Wellbeing

2nd July: Celebration & What Next

To find out more or to sign up

Email: mentalhealth@stjamesroad.co.uk

Local government reorganisation (LGR)



At its full Council meeting held on April 13th, New Forest District Council received the petition advocating legal counsel be sought with regard to the Government's decision to form an unitary authority consisting of Southampton, Eastleigh, Totton, Marchwood, Hythe and Dibden, and Fawley. At the meeting, councillors unanimously agreed to seek such advice, and subsequently a Judicial Review if the advice is that there are justifiable grounds to proceed.

International Dawn Chorus Day The first Sunday in May (this year 3rd May) is International Dawn Chorus Day, and aims to inspire people to listen and admire the cacophony of birdsong as birds try to find a mate and establish territories as they prepare for the breeding season. More details can be found [here](#)

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

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 for Sunday 17th May, so please send any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Thursday 14th May! by emailing sm_fordham@msn.com or phoning 023 8089 0804. The next one after that will be Sunday 31st May 2026

