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

Sunday 8th March 2026
Chapel Lane

led by Dorothy Robinson

Reading : Psalm 100

Sunday 15th March 2026
Soul Cafe

led by Emmanuel Quansah

Church Diary

Wednesday 11th
Roving Ramblers – Hawkhill Car Park

Thursday 12th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Saturday 14th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 15th March Soul Cafe
Morning Service – led by Emmanuel Quansah

Thursday 19th
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe
7.30pm Thursday homegroup

Saturday 21st
10.00am - 12.30pm Soul Cafe

Sunday 22nd
Morning Service – led by David Craggs

From Embrace the Midde East (formerly Biblelands Society)
https://embraceme.org/our-prayers/israel-palestine-urgent-prayer-for-peace

Almighty God, our refuge and our strength, we turn to you as we once again witness the rising of conflict and the fear laid upon ordinary lives.

Trusting in your steadfast love, we hold before you our friends and partners across the Middle East, in communities already stretched beyond endurance.

Surround them with your protection, be a fortress for those who cannot flee and a shield for those whose work is to heal and to hope.

We remember before you all whose hearts are filled with dread today and whose future feels unbearably fragile.
Do not let the innocent be swept away by the decisions of the powerful.

Break the bow and shatter the spear, open paths for wisdom, restraint, and justice where none seem possible.
Give courage to peacemakers and clarity to those who speak truth.

Let your peace take root in scorched and fearful places.
Keep our hearts from despair and teach us to stand with those who suffer, to pray without ceasing and to hope, even now, in your redeeming love. Amen

Monthly prayer meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 17th March Chapel Lane

With the world situation unfolding as it is and with the coming together of our own Mission Action Plan and the progressing of our move to North Road, there is still much to pray for at our next prayer meeting on Tuesday 17th March at Chapel Lane starting at 7.30pm.

New Forest DISTRICT COUNCIL Local Plan

NFDC are currently consulting on their future policy direction on issues such as delivering affordable homes, tackling climate change, improving health and wellbeing, and protecting the unique character of the New Forest. More details can be found at https://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/3683/Local-Plan-review

At this time, the Council is seeking responses to its Spatial Options and Policy Direction - Regulation 18 consultation, which seeks to establish the priorities which will guide New Forest growth and development between 2026 and 2043, including the choice of future development site allocations for both housing and business / employment. The deadline for responses to the Consultation is **20th March** and further details can be found at newforest.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/regulation-18-consultation

New Forest DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

Very many happy returns of the day this week to Viv Dando and Sandra Elkin as they celebrate their birthdays and their special day. May they know the blessings of friends and family and rejoice in the love of their God

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 11th March

Meet 10am at Hawkhill Car Park
(*what3words location: heaven.truffles.lucky*)

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

Closure of Church Burial Ground, Chapel Lane, Fawley, SO45 1EB

This 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

Easter Events @ Soul Cafe

Good Friday 3rd April 9am

30 minute reflective service

Soul Supper
3rd April 2026 at 7pm
GOOD FRIDAY
a simple supper
of soup, bread & cheese

a serious discussion
'Why Did Jesus Die?'
Join us at Soul Cafe for an evening of good food and great conversation
no charge - please reserve a place

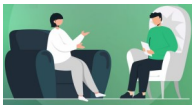
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
8 MARCH

Celebrate what women have achieved. Raise awareness about gender discrimination and take action to forge gender equality. More details at www.internationalwomensday.com/

COVID-19 DAY OF REFLECTION
8 MARCH 2026

This is a day on which folk are invited to come together to mark the day in ways that feel significant to them. More details at https://dayofreflection.campaign.gov.uk/

Introduction to Active Listening



Thursday 19th March 10:00am – 11:30 am
Hedge End Methodist Church SO30 4AG
Led by Rev Tony Parkinson, this session is open to anyone who is interested, whether or not they are in a pastoral role. If you wish to attend, please contact Rita Duell by emailing rita.duell@talktalk.net.

Lectio 365 is a free daily prayer app with morning, midday & night devotionals to help you experience God's presence in your life. More details at https://lectio365.com/

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

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

Our next notices will be on Sunday 22nd March, so please send any items for inclusion should be sent to Manny by Thursday 19th March by emailing sm_fordham@msn.com or phoning 023 8089 0804

The next one will be Easter Sunday 5th April 2026

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