

Monday	8pm	Church Prayer meeting	Main Church Seeking God's will for the church in 2019
Tuesday	10-11.30am	Bumps and Babies	Simeon Room
	10-11.30am	Toddlers (0-4s)	Main Church
Wednesday	11am	Mid-week communion	Simeon Room
	12.30pm	Lunch Club	For seniors £3 Produce stalls and coffee and tea from 10.30am Book club afterwards at 2pm
Thursday	6pm	Pathfinders (sch yr 7-9)	Start of new term
	7pm	Download (sch yr 10-13)	Start of new term
Friday	5.45pm	XPC	Start of new term
Saturday	12-2pm	Gardening help	Back of church - clearing overgrowth

Sun 13th January - [Luke 4.14-30 \(pg. 1031\)](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Arthur Croad
9.30am	Communion	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Peter Russell
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	Brian Wakelin

REST OF JANUARY

Mon 14 th	10am	Oasis Leaders meeting	Coffee Bar
Tues 15 th	8am	Pray (Students)	Hub room - start of new term
	7pm	Life (Students)	Simeon room - start of new term
Wed 16 th	12.30pm	Nosh (Students)	Simeon room - start of new term
Sun 20 th	6.30pm	Unity Service	The United Church, Jewry Street
Mon 21 st	9.45am	Oasis (Women)	Main Church - start of new term
Tues 29 th	10.30am	Prayer for persecuted church	Sofa room
Tues 29 th	4pm	Messy Church	Main Church

MAJOR DATES

FEBRUARY

Sun 3 rd	6pm	Alpha Launch event	Main Church
Wed 6 th	7.30pm	Alpha Course	Main Church



CHRIST CHURCH
WINCHESTER

Sunday 6th January 2019



Welcome! If you are new here, thank you for coming—it's great to have you here.

Join us for a drink and a chat and say hello at Connection Point in the concourse, or to one of our clergy or service leaders. Please fill in a welcome card (from the concourse or at www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome or scan the QR code in the top left corner) and we would be delighted to meet up with you.

Happy New Year!

I wonder what 2019 will hold - changes, boredom, challenges, disappointments, hopes fulfilled or shattered, relationships beginning or drifting apart, sickness, health, joy, laughter, tears, excitement, anxiety and new dreams being birthed. Maybe it's just my age, but I often find myself telling people, 'Life never turns out the way we planned it.' Isn't that part of the excitement of life? Sometimes we aimed low, and God let us hit a much higher target. We don't know where we'll end up at the end of 2019, but **we can choose who to walk with.**

Jeremiah (6.16) says,
*This is what the LORD says:
"Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls."*

If you read on, you'll realise that God's people at the time were choosing to walk another way, so it is a choice. We too have that choice. In relationship with God, we can walk in God's way and God promises to be with us to guide us.

Isaiah (30.21) writes,
*"Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying,
'This is the way; walk in it.'"*

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TODAY

Sun 6th January - [Matthew 2.1-12 \(pg. 966\)](#)

8am	Communion	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
9.30am	All Age Service	Preacher	Jack Percey
11.15am	Service of the Word	Preacher	Mike Carson
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	Dave Fenton

All sermons and notices are available at www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup

What an incredible promise from God. Not only will he guide us, he will also carry us (Isaiah 40.11):

*“He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms
and carries them close to his heart;
he gently leads those that have young.”*

I want to encourage all of us at the start of 2019 to choose to walk with God on the path he is calling us to and to do that together! Even if we need carrying by the end of the year, we will ‘find rest for our souls’.

May God bless you and those whom you love richly in 2019.

- Dave Thornton, Children, Youth and Families Director

NOTICES



Prayer Meeting: Mon 8pm Main Church

As we start 2019, God is calling us all to focus on prayer. Join us in following this call, and pray with us as we seek God’s will and ask that our efforts this year are in line with His desires and blessed by Him.



What has God being doing in your life this week?

Do you have something that you would like to share? Please contact George (George.watkinson@ccwinch.org.uk) so that we can include it the services.



Alpha starts in February

If you would like to explore issues of faith and life in a relaxed atmosphere over a meal, or know someone who would, the next Alpha course is starting on Wed 6th Feb at 7.30pm. There’s also a launch event on Sun 3rd Feb at 6pm.



If you would like a challenge for New Year

why not try to read the whole Bible in one year? There are various different aids to doing this, and with today’s technology it isn’t as daunting as it might sound. There are videos and podcasts (audio readings), as well as daily emails and apps that all make it easier.

Some examples:

HTB daily email: www.bibleinoneyear.org/bioy/

HTB app: www.bibleinoneyear.org/

Soul Survivor - for teens: bible.soulsurvivor.com/



Reading Luke: Next week we will continue our sermon series on Luke’s gospel. Each week we will ask you to read part of the gospel in preparation. So, for Sun 13th Jan, please read **Luke chapters 3 and 4.**



Please check the Pigeonholes

*The pigeonholes are filled with cards and letters.
Please check your pigeonhole and take them home!*



Lunch Club: Wed 9th Jan, 12.30pm

Midweek communion at 11am in the Simeon Room



SAGES: Fri 11th Jan, 12pm, The Old Forge, Otterbourne

A pub lunch to celebrate the New Year—open to all those over 50. RSVP to Adrienne & Mike Caplin via 02380261947 or adrienne@caplins.co.uk.

Please note: the New Year Party on Sat 12th Jan has been cancelled!



Gardening Help: Sat 12th January, 12 - 2pm, Church grounds

Let the office know if you can help us remove vegetation from the railway embankment area behind the church.



Service of Unity: Sun 20th Jan, 6.30pm, The United Church

The Dean of Winchester will preach at Winchester’s annual unity service. We will still have an evening service here but it would be good to have a number from Christ Church at the unity service as we commit ourselves to joint action with the other churches in the city.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS — [MORE AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER](http://MOREATCCWINCH.ORG.UK/PRAYER)

Prayer for the Week

*O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the
peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to
face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Prayer meeting on Monday

Whether you can attend or not, it would be very encouraging if you would join us in prayer from 8.00-9.30pm on Monday night.

Groups restarting this week

Please pray for all the volunteers and staff who work hard to help run our many different groups. Also pray that we reach out to new members and that they receive a friendly welcome and join our community.