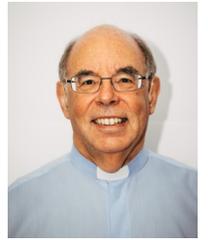




# CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019

*Welcome! If you are new here, thank you for coming—it's great to have you with us. Do stay for a drink and say hello at Connection Point in the concourse, or to one of our clergy or service leaders. Please visit [www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome) as well.*

## Called to be creative

This week we celebrate the God who is creative. This attribute of God is foundational – without his creative power the universe would not have come into existence, without his re-creative power through Christ and the Spirit we would not be able to enter eternal life.

As we have seen, one of the consequences of our being made in the image of the creative God is to care for creation in the way he does. Today we look at another consequence: made in the image of the creative God we are also called to be creative.

Over the centuries 'the church' has shown an ambivalent attitude to creativity. On the one hand faith has been the impetus for great works of art like the Sistine Chapel and the architectural beauty of great cathedrals like our own; inspired great musicians like J S Bach and John Tavener; and influenced great scientists like Johannes Kepler (who saw his science as 'thinking God's thoughts after him'). At other times iconoclasm has been the order of the day, often with mistaken suspicions that idols for worship were being created – whether fragments of stained glass in Winchester Cathedral from smashed windows, or the plainness of the reformer Zwingli's church in Zurich.

While aware of the dangers of idolatry, the scriptures celebrate the creativity of God and the working out of that creativity in the lives of men and women. Our reading today talks of Bezalel (filled with the Spirit of God ... to make artistic designs) and Oholiab, called to help him alongside others skilled in carpentry, tapestry, silverwork, goldwork, etc.

### So, how creative are we as God's people in Christ Church?

**A challenge: let's fill the apse next Sunday with examples of our creativity.** a model you've made, a painting, a photograph, a piece of lace-work, the code of a computer program you've written, the motorbike you got back on the road, some calligraphy, the write-up of a science experiment you did.... Label them so you can retrieve them after the services. You don't have to have made these things during this week! Let's celebrate God's creative gifts to us. - *Brian Wakelin*

## TODAY

### ***Celebrating the God who is Creator - [Exodus 31:1-11](#)***

8am	Communion	Preacher	George Watkinson
9.30am	Service of the Word and Christening <i>(with children's groups)</i>	Preacher	George Watkinson
11.15am	Service of the Word including <a href="#">Job 38:1-33</a>	Preacher	Matt Lewis
6pm	Evening Service	Preacher	Sam Dinsmore

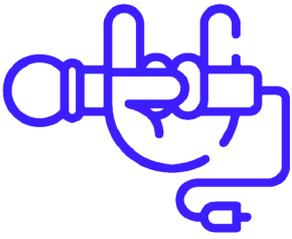
**All sermon recordings and notices are available at [www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/catchup)**

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## CHURCH NOTICES

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### Children and Youth Volunteers Required

**We need you!** We love our children and youth groups but we are running low on helpers to run them and also to provide the auxiliary support (e.g. washing up). If you can help, please contact Dave Thornton ( [dave.thornton@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:dave.thornton@ccwinch.org.uk) ).

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### Hush

**This Monday 8pm, Main Church**

Carve space in your frenetic, filled schedule for time to refresh, revisit and respond to God. Led by Brian Draper.

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### Wolvesey Tea - church gathering at the Palace!

**Sun 30<sup>th</sup> Jun 3pm-5pm, Wolvesey Palace**

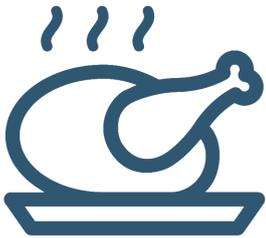
Clear your diary and bring plate, mug, rug, chair and something nut-free (savoury or sweet) to share at our big church get-together! Ends at 5pm so we can clear up together.

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**If you can help for just half an hour during the afternoon**

with serving tea (keeping the all-important urn boiling!) or laying out food, **please let the [office](#) know.**

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### SAGES-hosted Church Lunch

**Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun after the 11.15am service, Simeon Room**

Enjoy a cooked Sunday Lunch together after the 11.15am service. **Please signup on the concourse boards so we know numbers. Volunteers to help appreciated, please let the office know.**

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### Big Church Day Out - You're Invited!

**23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Wiston House, West Sussex**

Some of us are going to the Big Church Day Out 2020 and we'd love you to come with us! Thousands of Christians from all over the country will be coming together to worship and 'celebrate all that is good'.

For more info, contact [dave.thornton@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:dave.thornton@ccwinch.org.uk) .

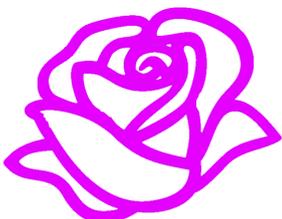
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The cheapest way going as a group; the price lowers as our group grows! **Booking before 30th June makes it even cheaper!**

Please use this link to join our group and buy tickets:

<http://bcdo.group/2020/christchurchwinchester>

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### SAGES Mottisfont Visit & Tea

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June 2pm, Mottisfont House Car Park**

We are going see the wonderful collection of roses at Mottisfont followed by having tea together. It is a National Trust property so please bring your membership cards with you, if you have one. **Please signup on the board in the concourse.**

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## COMMUNITY AND WIDER WORLD

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### **Baby Monitors needed**

[The Storehouse at Winchester Vineyard](#) urgently needs baby monitors. If you have one to spare, please drop off at Winchester Vineyard Office Foyer, Unit A Bar End Industrial Estate, SO23 9NR (Mon-Fri 10am-3pm) or contact [nicolagoldsby@yahoo.com](mailto:nicolagoldsby@yahoo.com)

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### **Churches Together Winchester Annual General Meeting & Talk on local Mental Health Needs**

**Monday 24 June 7pm for a 7.30pm start, United Church**  
All are welcome to what promises to be an interesting and enlightening evening focussing on mental health issues.

The speaker is Canon Nick Fennemore, head of Chaplaincy, Spiritual and Pastoral Care at Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust (Winchester), with over 33 years experience with the NHS. He is also part-time Canon at Winchester Cathedral.

**Refreshments will be served from 7pm to provide a chance to meet and chat with our friends from other churches.**

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### **The Time is Now - action for the climate**

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am Faith workshops, 11.30am Walk of Witness, St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square, WC2N 4JJ**

Find out how to make our Christian voice heard in caring for creation through a set of workshops. Then join a peaceful mass lobby walk to Parliament, followed by a chance to talk to our MPs about acting on the Climate Emergency they have declared.

Full details at: [tinyurl.com/timeisnow19](https://tinyurl.com/timeisnow19)

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### **Vietnam Orphans - the challenges and the hopes**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June 7.15pm, Simeon Room**

Alan Acton will be speaking about his visits to orphanages in Vietnam and the supplies and help that he provides.

More details: Charles & Peggy Bazlinton 07774 498256 or contact [vietnamorphans@outlook.com](mailto:vietnamorphans@outlook.com)

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## FOR YOUR PRAYERS

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### **Prayer for the Week**

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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.**

**Our Community Prayer Book is in the concourse for your prayer requests.**

**THIS WEEK** ([MORE INFO AT CCWINCH.ORG.UK/DIARY](http://CCWINCH.ORG.UK/DIARY))

<b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup></b>	9.45am	<b>Oasis (Women)</b>	Faith, coffee and cake. Creche provided.
	8-9pm	<b>Hush</b>	Stillness and so(u)lace...
<b>Tue 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10am	<b>Toddlers (0-4s)</b>	Play and chat.
	10am	<b>Bumps &amp; Babies</b>	Share together.
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	11am	<b>Midweek Communion</b>	
	7.30-9pm	<b>PUSH: Prayer course and Worship</b>	Course based on material by Pete Greig (of 24/7 Prayer).
<b>Thu 20<sup>th</sup></b>	6-7.30pm	<b>Pathfinders (sch yr 7-9)</b>	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
	7-9pm	<b>Download (sch yr 10-13)</b>	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	5.45-7.15pm	<b>XPC (sch yr 5-6)</b>	Games, talk, tuck shop. 50p entry.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Celebrating the God who redeems - [Ephesians 2:1-10](#)*

<b>8am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Preacher	Arthur Croad
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word with Thanksgiving</b> <i>(with children's groups)</i>	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word with Dedication</b>	Preacher	George Watkinson
<i>Post-11.15am service</i>	<i>Church Lunch - hosted by SAGES</i>	<i>All welcome</i>	<i>Please sign up in concourse today with numbers coming and any allergy/dietary needs or email <a href="mailto:office@ccwinch.org.uk">office@ccwinch.org.uk</a></i>
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Preacher	George Watkinson

**REST OF JUNE**

<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup></b>	4-6pm	<b>Messy Church</b>	Games, craft, songs, talk, free cooked meal.
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	2pm	<b>Mottisfont visit &amp; tea (SAGES event)</b>	Meet at Mottisfont car park. NT property: bring NT card along.
<b>Sun 30<sup>th</sup></b>	3-5pm	<b>Wolvesey Tea Party</b>	The big summer event: tea, cake, games at the Bishop's Palace.

**JULY**

<b>Mon 1<sup>st</sup></b>	8-9pm	<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>	Main Church.
<b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	2pm	<b>Thanksgiving Service</b>	For Martin Aylmer-Hall. Main Church. All welcome.