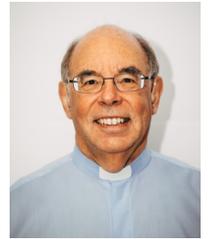




# CHRIST CHURCH WINCHESTER



Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 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 (in the concourse, via [www.ccwinch.org.uk/welcome](http://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.*

## Keep on reading

I have been encouraged over the past few weeks to hear how our reading the gospel of Luke is beginning to speak into people's lives. Please keep on with the reading – this week the challenge is to read the whole gospel by next Sunday. One of the joys of Luke is that he writes 'an orderly account' which makes reading it at a few sittings so good.

Just let the text speak to you, you can always come back to look in detail later. Have a pencil and notebook by you and jot down what you are seeing afresh and those passages that need more work. To grow as disciples we need to love God and be willing both to read his word in the scriptures and to pray (as the old chorus has it 'Read your Bible, pray every day if you want to grow').

For me there were three challenging phrases from Luke 11 last week as we thought about Jesus' teaching on prayer. The first was 'shameless audacity' – is that a description of your praying, of my praying? Coming into a loving relationship with God and sharing our deepest concerns with him, however outrageous they may feel. The second was 'how much more' – a reassurance that God knows best for us and longs to pour out his blessing on us if we will but ask. The final one is that phrase in

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## TODAY

### ***Being a disciple - [Luke 12:35-48](#)***

<b>8am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Preacher	Dave Fenton
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Service of the Word (with children's groups)</b>	Preacher	George Watkinson
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	Preacher	Jess Ross
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>	Preacher	George Watkinson

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the Lord's prayer 'hallowed be your name' which points to the nature and character of God as contained in his name. If God is holy, creator, redeemer, provider, judge, comforter, restorer... our response must be to worship. If that is God's character, then we can pray with 'shameless audacity' and expect a 'how much more' response. Three opportunities to do that corporately this week: our church prayer meeting on Monday at 8pm, 7am on Wednesday morning and 1:45pm on Thursday afternoon.

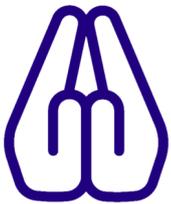
This weekend I will be with Jesse and Agi Rowe at the OMF conference. As a church we are committed to support Jesse, Agi and their family through training for serving in East Asia and when they have gone out. We will hear more about how they are getting on next Sunday.

- Brian Wakelin, Assistant Minister

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## NOTICES

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### **Church Prayer Meeting - Tomorrow 8pm**

The vicar vacancy advert is out, and candidates are applying this month. Please join us in prayer and fasting as we ask God to provide us with the person he has chosen to take us forward.



### **Not in a Small Group? Get plugged in!**

**Tasters: Weds March 13<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup> 8pm Main Church**

During Lent, we will be running a Bible study in the church as a taster of what a Small Group is like. Plug into the CCW community and see why we rave about Small Groups.



### **Marriage Course & Parenting Course**

We are going to be running a marriage course after Easter and are thinking about running a parenting course.

If you would like to join either, please contact the office at [office@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwinch.org.uk)



### **Life in Parliament - never a dhal moment!**

**Balaka, Stoney Lane, Weeke Thu 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm**

The Men's curry night is coming and our local MP will be giving a short talk about how his faith impacts his work.

£12 per head. Please sign up at [tinyurl.com/ccwcurrym19](https://tinyurl.com/ccwcurrym19)



### **Weekly prayer meeting for the vacancy**

**Wednesdays 7-8am, Main Church**

Come and join us to pray specifically for the vacancy period, the advertisement for and appointment process of a new vicar, as we anticipate where God is taking us.



### **SAGES Lent Course - Exodus to Easter**

**Thursdays March 7<sup>th</sup> - April 11<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm, Simeon Room**

We are looking at Jesus, in the light of Exodus, as the greatest salvation in history. All welcome. Bring cake, drinks provided.

The Download group are away next weekend, looking at Courage in Joshua. Let's cover their time with prayer - there are suggestions overleaf...



If you've got a child or friend on the weekend away (or if you just want to encourage a leader!), you can send a note now:  
c/o Christ Church Winchester Download Group, Urban Saints, Westbrook, Oakhill Road, RYDE, Isle of Wight, PO33 1PU

*For more details contact Charlotte Pascall*

*Please pray for us through the weekend....*

**Friday**

**3:00pm** Set up team arrive at Westbrook  
**7:30pm** Settle in at Westbrook  
**8:15pm** **Session 1 & Small groups**  
**9:45pm** Late Night Music & Hot Chocolate  
**10:15pm** Bed

**Saturday**

**8:00am** Early quiet time (Michael & Isaac)  
**8:30am** Breakfast & wash up  
**9:30am** **Session 2 & Small groups**  
**11:30am** Headhunters  
**2:00pm** Lunch  
**2:30pm** Ticket to Ryde Game  
**4:00pm** Optional Activities  
**6:00pm** Dinner  
**7:30pm** **Session 3 & Small groups**  
**9:15pm** Quiz/Team Challenge & Hot Chocolate  
**10:15pm** Bed

**Sunday**

**8:00am** Early quiet time (Michael & Isaac)  
**8:30am** Breakfast & wash-up  
**9:30am** **Session 4 & Small Groups**  
**11:15am** Team Challenge  
**12:30pm** Lunch  
**2:30pm** Arrive at Ferry  
**4:00pm** Young people picked up by parents

***Pray for:***

**Everyone to feel welcome** and part of things

**Everyone to meet with Jesus** and for changed lives

**The musicians** led by Alex and Dave

**Good weather**

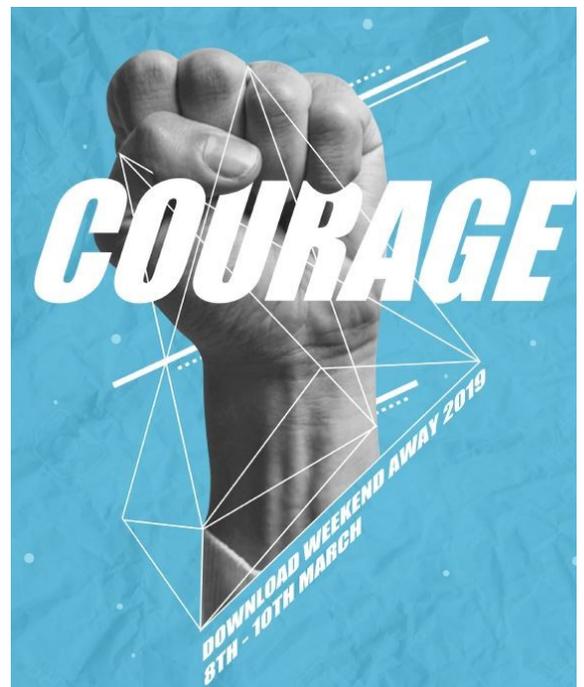
**Safety**, especially for travel and throughout

**Headhunters & Ryde game** on Saturday

**Good health** and for camp medics, Abi & Ben

**The set up team** – Charlotte, Ben, Alex

**Final preparations** for games and activities



***Please pray for the speaker:***

Andy Harrison

***And the leaders:***

Charlotte Pascall

Simon Barber

Beth Barber

Ben Sharpe

Abi Sharpe

Jess Ross

Jake Ross

Tim Honey

Dave Smith

Sam Thatcher

Paul Normington

***Please also pray for:***

Transport to and from centre to run smoothly

Physical, mental, spiritual health & sleep before and during the weekend

Good relationships between the team & with the young people

Wisdom & grace as we talk to Download & lead small groups.



**'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it' (1 Corinthians 10:26)**

The PCC has adopted the Diocesan Environmental Policy and as Bishop Tim says:  
*'We have a collective responsibility to care for God's creation.  
It is an integral part of loving our neighbours and following God faithfully'.*

As a church, we continue to think through the implications of better stewardship and are working towards achieving the **Eco-church Bronze Award**.

**What good things has the Church been doing?**

- More efficient heating - reducing carbon and saving money
- Re-furbished toilets (with dual flush and low-use taps), saving water and avoiding expensive repairs
- Greater use of LED lights
- Improved insulation in the Simeon Room
- The garden is being managed organically and nest and bug boxes are being put up
- Solar-powered opening ceiling windows in the Guinness Suite
- We are thankful for God's creation more often in our prayers and worship.
- Advertising events relating to Climate Justice with Churches Together and the church uses Fairtrade products
- The toilets are twinned with places in Africa to improve sanitation abroad.

For more information: go to [www.ccwinch.org.uk/environmental-and-stewardship](http://www.ccwinch.org.uk/environmental-and-stewardship)

## What things can we do ourselves? Surprisingly simple things...

### Energy

- Turn the thermostat down a notch
- Use energy-saving light bulbs
- Switch off appliances at the wall
- Switch to a renewable energy supplier

### Travel

- Use public transport/walk/cycle for short journeys (for assistance you could visit Winchester Bike Hub run by Heather Evans from Christ Church)
- Car share
- Avoid flying as much possible

### Cut down on single use plastics

- Buy a re-useable cup
- Choose natural fibre clothes
- Avoid over-packaged foods
- See '5 easy steps' at [www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic\\_Free\\_Living.pdf](http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/Plastic_Free_Living.pdf)
- **Try the Plastic free Lent Challenge** - [tinyurl.com/pflent19](http://tinyurl.com/pflent19)

### Shopping

Every purchasing decision we make influences the manufacturers and retailers.

Try to buy **LOAF**:

- **Local** to reduce food miles
- **Organic** to protect the health of the soil and those who grow our food
- **Animal-friendly** - humane conditions for God's creatures
- **Fair Trade** to enable communities to thrive

See 'New LOAF for Lent Course'

- [tinyurl.com/newloaflent](http://tinyurl.com/newloaflent)

### Gardens and window boxes

- Garden organically and encourage pollinator insects
- Plant some butterfly and bee-friendly plants (see [tinyurl.com/beegarden19](http://tinyurl.com/beegarden19))

### Take action

- Join a local environmental group, e.g. WinACC ([www.winacc.org.uk](http://www.winacc.org.uk))
- Choose a campaign (e.g. climate justice, farm animal welfare, sustainable transport, post-Brexit environmental standards).
- Policy makers, councillors and MPs need to hear from Christians!

### Helpful information

'Why should Christians care for the environment?' TearFund - [tinyurl.com/tfecocare](http://tinyurl.com/tfecocare)

'The Joy in Enough Confession'- [tinyurl.com/joyinenough19](http://tinyurl.com/joyinenough19)

'Awakening to the New Economics' - Green Christian - [tinyurl.com/gcneweco](http://tinyurl.com/gcneweco)

For lots of practical ideas, see <https://ruthvalerio.net/>

or contact the Environmental/Stewardship team via the office or Connection Point.

For local advice, contact [www.winacc.org.uk](http://www.winacc.org.uk)

### Pray!

Above all, as Spring approaches let us take time to look at the beauties of God's creation, enjoy the song of the birds, the flowers coming into bloom, marvel at the stars spread across the heavens, and pray.

**God of all creation, we pray for a world where inequality and exploitation are no more - a world where our planet and people thrive. We pray you would send us out to care for your creation, love our neighbours and protect vulnerable people, finding purpose and joy in responding to Your call. We pray for justice and renewal in all the earth, in Jesus' name. Amen.**



## Baptisms and Confirmations: Easter Sunday 6pm

Please let us know if you would like to join those who are declaring their faith by being baptised or confirmed at Easter. Email: [office@ccwinch.org.uk](mailto:office@ccwinch.org.uk) or let one of the staff know.



## Please avoid using the church car park except for a group/service

It's wonderful that our groups are so well attended but parking is becoming a real issue, especially on weekdays.

We are keen to ensure that those visiting for church's activities are not deterred by a lack of spaces.

If you need to use the car park for other reasons, please check with the office first. Thank you.



Brian Draper is running his [Lent e-mail series](#) to help you to make the most of this potentially transformative season.

Find out more and sign up at

<http://briandraper.org/lent-40-e-mail-series>

## United 19 New Wine Week 1

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Jul - Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

Join us by booking at: [united.new-wine.org/week-1](http://united.new-wine.org/week-1) and select 'Christ Church, Winchester, SO23 9SR' (ID: 250856).

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

### **Prayer for the Week**

*Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*

### **Prayer Meeting for the Vicar Vacancy - This Monday 8pm**

*Please join us at the prayer meeting tomorrow. Also, we are encouraging fasting for this day, as candidates are applying this month, with the interviews taking place next month.*

### **Prayer Diary for March is available from the sidespeople and also at:**

[ccwinch.org.uk/prayer](http://ccwinch.org.uk/prayer)

### **Pray for Download on their weekend away**

*Please use the 2 page insert to pray for their schedule, for those running it and those attending.*

### **Community Prayer Book**

*Please do put any prayer requests into the Community Prayer Request book in the concourse, so that we may pray for each other during the week.*

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

<b>Monday</b>	9.45am	<b>Oasis (Women)</b>	Bible study, conversation and cake.
	8pm	<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>	Prayer and worship (and fasting, if you are able) for the vicar vacancy appointment process.
<b>Tuesday</b>	8am	<b>Pray (Students)</b>	Hub Room
	10-11.30am	<b>Bumps and Babies</b>	Simeon Room
	10-11.30am	<b>Toddlers (0-4s)</b>	Main Church
	7.30pm	<b>Life (Students)</b>	Simeon Room - opens from 7pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	7-8am	<b>Prayer for the church</b>	Prayer for the vicar vacancy period
	11am	<b>Mid-week communion</b>	
	12.30pm	<b>Nosh (Students)</b>	Simeon Room: Free student lunch
<b>Thursday</b>	2.30pm	<b>SAGES Lent Course</b>	Prayer beforehand at 1.45pm. Simeon Room. All welcome.
	6pm	<b>Pathfinders (sch yr 7-9)</b>	Games, talk, supper. £2 entry.
	7.45-10pm	<b>Men's Pub Night</b>	St James Tavern, Romsey Road.
<b>Friday</b>	5.45pm	<b>XPC (sch yr 5-6)</b>	Games, talk, tuck shop. 50p entry.
<b>Fri - Sun</b>		<b>Download weekend away - Courage (Joshua)</b>	Westbrook, Isle of Wight. Speaker - Andy Harrison

***Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Mar - Guest Service - OMF International***

<b>8am</b>	<b>Communion</b>	Preacher	Brian Wakelin
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Communion (with children's groups)</b>	Preacher	TBC
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b>	Preacher	TBC
<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>	Preacher	TBC

**REST OF MARCH**

Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Small Groups Taster	Main Church.
Thu 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Men's Curry Night	with speaker at Balaka. £12. Book <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ccwcurrym19">tinyurl.com/ccwcurrym19</a>

**MAY**

Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> - Sun Jun 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thy Kingdom Come 2019	Global prayer movement
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**JULY**

Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	New Wine Week 1	Church group going together.
<i>Book at <a href="https://united.new-wine.org/week-1">https://united.new-wine.org/week-1</a> &amp; select 'Christ Church, Winchester, SO23 9SR' from the drop-down list of churches to camp with (ID: 250856)</i>		