



Wesley Methodist Church Weeke

Wesley Somborne Link

One Church on two sites

28th November 2025



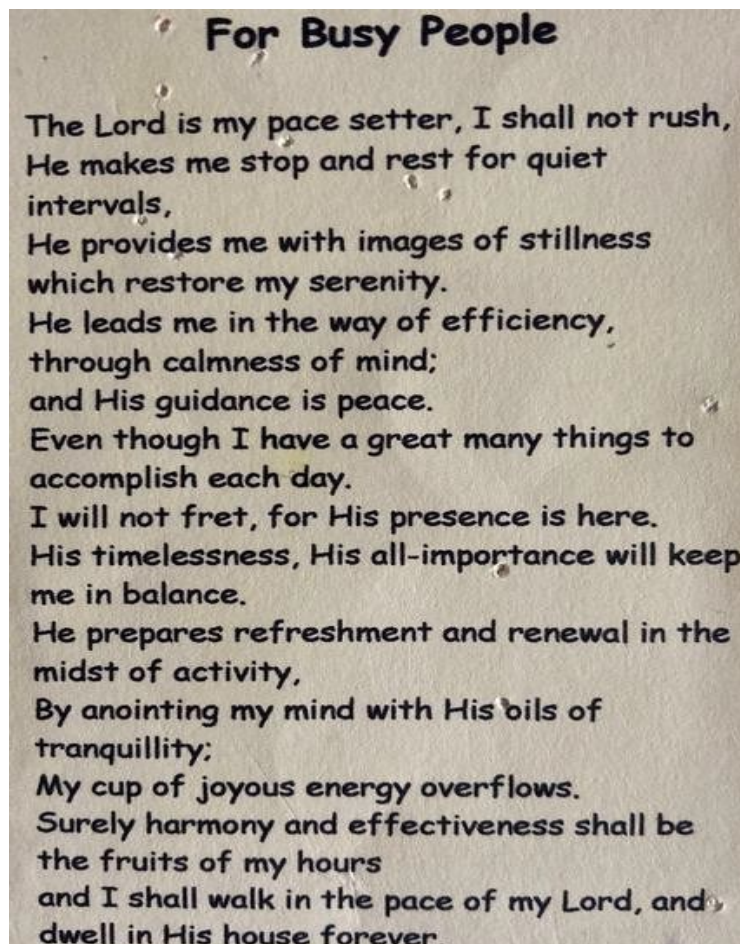
King's Somborne Methodist Church

I wonder how many of us have enjoyed viewing 'The Vicar of Dibley' and listening to the choir singing 'The Lord's my Shepherd' during the credits? The psalm is said to be the best known psalm and favourite biblical passage for many people. Why? Perhaps because it tells us that God protects, guides and blesses us. We have need for nothing because our Shepherd provides everything.

Sometimes I need to remind myself that I should take a step back and ponder on this psalm. Take a break from all the extra activity that comes during the Christmas season. Maybe there is a problem that we need to solve or we are facing challenges and cannot rest until we find an answer!

In Psalm 23 we read that 'He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters'. The psalmist shares a lovely picture of tranquillity.

Someone, unknown to me, obviously struggled with the 'busyness' of life and they developed the psalm, relating it to the pressures we often encounter in our modern world. I have it pinned up on my notice board at home – you can see the drawing pin marks in it! I hope that you may also find it helpful during this busy time of year.



I wish you peace and joy during the Advent Season.

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On Sunday 30th November at 10.30am, the ReFresh Service will be led by Revd Rachael Hawkins
On Sunday 7th December, at 10.30am, the Service of Holy Communion will be led by Revd Bryan Coates
These services will be live streamed, the link to which can be found via the Wesley Website at:
www.wesleychurch.org.uk

Dates for Your Diary:

27th November: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

27th November: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

29th November: Advent Lights at Wesley 3.00pm-5.00pm

30th November: ReFresh Service led by Revd Rachel Hawkins at Wesley 10.30am

30th November: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Tim Searle at King's Somborne 10.30am

4th December: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

5th December: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

5th December: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

7th December: Service of Holy communion led by Revd Bryan Coates at Wesley 10.30am

7th December: Service led by Mr Tom Belshaw at King's Somborne 10.30am

7th December: Scout Service led by Mr Sam Barnes at Wesley 4.00pm

11th December: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

11th November: Together Thursday 2.30—4.30pm

11th December: Circuit Children and Youth Leader meeting at 7.00pm pm on Zoom

14th December: Service led by Dr Mike Wood at Wesley 10.30am

14th December: Service of Holy Communion led by Revd Peter Rayson at King's Somborne 10.30am

14th December: Community Carols led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 6.30pm

16th December: Christmas Dinner at the Golden Lion 6.00pm for 6.30pm start

18th December: Mini-Marvels (9.00—11.00am)

19th December: Friday Fun Club (5.00-6.30pm)

19th December: Feel Good Friday (7.00-9.00pm)

21st December: Nativity Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 10.30am

21st December: Carols led by mrs Elizabeth Britton at King's Somborne 10.30am

21st December: Messy Church at King's Somborne (3.00-5.00pm)

25th December: Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 9.30am

28th December: No Service at Wesley

28th December: Service at King's Somborne led by the LA Team 10.30am

4th January 2026: Covenant Service led by Revd Peter Rayson at Wesley 10.30am

4th January 2026: Service led by Mr Mike Bowstead at King's Somborne 10.30am

On Tuesday, Tim Clifford from The United Church, forwarded to us this message from Revd Tim Searle:

Dear all,

Friends will be sad to learn that the Revd Greg Black died early this morning after being transferred to Winchester Hospice on Saturday.

Greg was well known in the circuit having ministered in various capacities both in active ministry and as a supernumerary.

Please remember the family in your prayers, particularly Rosemary, Sophie, Nix, Kim and Ben.

Sincerely,
Tim

Funeral arrangements will be announced in the future.



Please note the next edition of the Wesley Somborne Link will be on Friday 12th December 2025, we need any items or notices to be sent to Paul and Brenda, by Wednesday 10th December. There will be a Wesley Somborne Link the week after, Friday 19th December, a Christmas Special, then the next edition will be on Friday 9th January 2026.

Email: brenda.yarrien@btinternet.com or by phone on 01794389153.

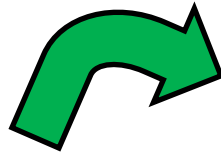
Christmas 2025

This year again you can pin
ONE Christmas Card for
all your friends at Wesley.

Then offer a donation to

BEACON

Night Shelter



Remember to collect you
stamps in aid of Naomi House



Eco Tips for Christmas

Start with your advent calendar. Support overseas farmers by ensuring that your advent calendar, and any Christmas chocolate, is Fairtrade. You'll be helping those farmers to make a decent living, and encouraging them to farm in a more ecologically sustainable way with every bite.

Re-use cards and wrapping. Help reduce the huge amount of trees that go into making Christmas tags by re-using old Christmas cards. Recycle the section that carries the greeting, cut out the picture and use that as a tag. You could use fabric remnants and ribbons to make simple, drawstring gift bags in various sizes. Use these for your family and close friends and they could be reused for years to come. Recycled brown paper has a much lower ecological footprint than Christmas wrapping paper.

Please support our invaluable Flower Ministry by signing the new rota for 2026, in the Foyer, to give offers of help. For further details please see Janet Cunningham. Many thanks!



The Christmas Lights

Sat 29th Nov 3pm-5pm

Wesley Methodist Church

Sunday, December 21
10.30am
Nativity Service

Sunday, December 14
06.30pm
Community Carols

Thursday, December 25
10.30am Christmas Day Service



Christmas lights, carol singing, hot
chocolate and lots more!

All are
welcome!

Wesley Methodist Church,
Fromond Road, SO22 6EG

wesleychurch.org.uk



Recent Activities at Wesley

We were blessed indeed on Sunday morning when Wesley hosted the Zimbabwean Fellowship Group. Not only was the service so uplifting and inspirational, but fellowship extended into the hall, where we were treated to a lovely lunch. A huge thank you to all involved in the service and afterwards in the hall, and a very special thank you to Clever and Enitha for making this possible.



Café Wesley and Lego Church

Café Wesley and Lego Church were buzzing too on Saturday morning! We are very grateful for the contributions raised towards Church Funds, amounting to £106. Well done to Joy Walshe, Helen Lightfoot and Mia Chevis for finding the hidden treasure! Those participating in Lego Church enjoyed the fun, fellowship, bacon butties and cheese rolls and managed to create some scenes from the Nativity story at the same time!



Wessex Rotary CIO Shoebox Scheme



Registered Charity Number 1064463

13 November 2025

Dear Brenda

On behalf of Winchester Rotary may I take this opportunity to thank you and the members of Wesley Methodist Church for their contribution to this year's Rotary Wessex's Christmas Shoebox appeal.

We delivered 719 boxes this year to our District depot in Boscombe and they joined a total of over 19,000 boxes have been collected from some 50 Rotary clubs in our Wessex District destined for disadvantaged children in Montenegro, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine via our Rotary friends in Poland, bringing joy at this festive time



With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Colin Cook".

Colin Cook

Shoebox Co-ordinator

Winchester Rotary Club

shoebox@winchester-rotary.org

07919 851426



Chaplaincy News

November 2025 Issue 9

Welcome to Issue 9 of Chaplaincy News. In the last issue we shared with you about Christine's retirement and in this issue, we share some changes to the Team and locations as a result. We also look ahead with an invitation...

"The times they are a'changing"

The Chaplaincy Team supported by volunteers, Honorary Chaplains and local faith leaders supports patients, visitors and staff of all faiths and beliefs and none on the three acute hospital sites (Andover, Basingstoke and Winchester) and the two hospices at Andover and Winchester. There are three full time members of the team (Debbie - Lead Chaplain, Sarah and Ruth), two part-time team members (Jon and David), all supported by Miriam, our part-time Administrator.

Chaplaincy provides a 24/7 service and when a Chaplain is on call, they can be called to any of the sites. As a result, we all have a familiarity with each setting.

With Christine (who was the onsite Chaplain for Winchester) retiring, there have been some changes and Ruth is now 'based' more at Winchester. You will also find Sarah more at Basingstoke, and Jon more at Andover.

Please do approach any of the Team if we can help in any way or use the details below to contact us.

An Invitation

CAROL SINGING ON THE WARDS

Join us as we return to the wards singing traditional Christmas carols.

Royal Hampshire County Hospital

Tuesday 16th December.

Basingstoke & North Hampshire Hospital

Wednesday 17th December.

Meeting at 6pm in the chapel;
refreshments will be served afterwards.

Santa hats optional!



World Kindness Day falls in November

What act of kindness can you share with someone today?

E mail: CHAPLAINCY@HHFT.NHS.UK

Tel: 01256 314901 (x44901) or 01962 824906 (x24906)

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS IN WINCHESTER



For more information on how to get **tickets** please visit:

[winchester.gov.uk/
mayor-of-winchester](https://winchester.gov.uk/mayor-of-winchester)

The event will take place on

Friday 19 December

United Church, Jewry Street, Winchester

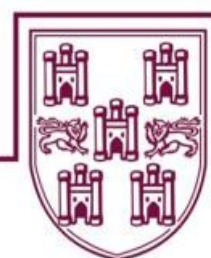
6.30pm

Tickets: £20pp

The event includes Festive Concert, Traditional Ukrainian instruments and captivating dances, Snacks and traditional Ukrainian Christmas dishes and lots more.



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Winchester Ukrainian
Cultural Association



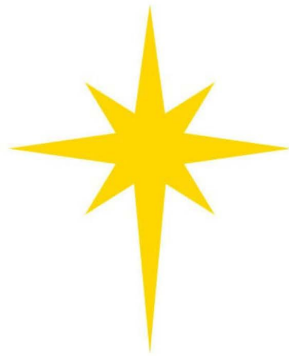
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THE MAYOR OF WINCHESTER'S
SUPPORTED CHARITIES 2025 - 2026



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Winchester
and Districts



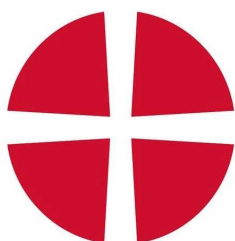
Christmas Celebration **at** **Canada Common** **Methodist Church**

Sunday 7th December at 2.30pm

Preacher: Rev Rachel Bending,
District Chair of Southampton
Methodist Church ... and ...
'Hand in Hand Puppet Team'



Followed by refreshments



Further information from Lay Pastor Peter Castle:
pandccastle@hotmail.co.uk

Canada Common Methodist Church, West Wellow, Romsey, SO51 6DH

SAMARITANS

Winchester & District

Christmas CAROL CONCERT

11 December 2025

7:30pm

St Peter's Church, Winchester

Conductor **John Lunt** ● **Adoramus Singers** ● Organist **Richard McVeigh**

Join us for this annual musical celebration of Christmas with well-loved carols and a sprinkling of new music, followed by mince pies and wine.

Every penny raised will help us to meet the vital running costs of the Winchester branch.

Available 24 hours a day, every day, Samaritans provides emotional support to anyone who needs us.

Every hour. Every day. Every life.



£15 General Admission ● £12 Students ● £8 Under 18s

Scan me to buy tickets or visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/sams-carol-25>

Limited tickets available on the door

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CHRISTMAS • TREE • FESTIVAL

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SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2025
10AM - 3PM



FREE ENTRY!

FAMILY FUN &
PUPPET SHOW

MUSIC, FOOD,
STALLS

CRAFTS &
TOMBOLA

AT ST ANDREW'S METHODIST CHURCH,
BLENHEIM ROAD, EASTLEIGH



Reflective Community Carol Service

Come and join us for a quiet
reflective carol service,
remembering those who
are no longer with us at
Christmas

An opportunity to
light a candle for a
loved one and hang
a star on the tree in
their memory

Sunday 7th
December
at 4pm



At St Andrew's Methodist Church,
Blenheim Road, Eastleigh

A prayer of thanks for God's harmony in our lives

Creator God, we acknowledge your part in composing the stories and the songs of our lives, bringing us into being, and setting before us opportunities to explore and grow into the people you made us to be.

Saviour God, we rejoice at the way in which you bring life and harmony into the stories and songs of our lives, enabling us to discover our true selves through a relationship with you, and giving us the confidence to live life to the full.

Inspiring God, we are thankful for the ability you give us to tell our stories and rehearse the songs of our lives, enabling others to grasp the wonder of how their stories and songs intertwine with yours.

May we always be looking for the new stories and the fresh songs that you have for us to inhabit and sing, as we seek to live our lives in the depths of your amazing grace. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Gill Newton, former District Chair, Sheffield District



Flowers

C B X W T Q N P G S O F N O I T A N R A C Y R B
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Chrysanthemum

Snapdragon

Dandelions

Sunflower

Hydrangea

Gladiolus

Carnation

Hyacinth

Daffodil

Freesia

Flowers

Dahlia

Tulips

Pansy

Daisy

Roses

Iris

Lily

