



Minister: Revd Lucy Brierley

Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome.

Sunday 25th January 2026, 10.30am

Morning Worship

led by the Revd Dr Michael Hopkins

Moderator of the Wessex Synod

Michael has been Moderator since March 2024. Following training for the ministry at Mansfield College, Oxford, he had a dual role as Minister of Twyford URC (Berks) and URC Commitment for Life Advocate from Ordination in 2002 until 2005. He then moved to Farnham for an 18 year ministry which included Bordon and Elstead for parts of the time and uniting the URC and the Methodist Church in Farnham to become The Spire Church.

**Groups for children and young people meet
after sharing in the first part of the service.**

This Service, broadcast live from the Church can be found via the Church's website - www.wokingurc.org.uk our YouTube Channel or via our Facebook page. There is an archive of service recordings, including this one, on our website which can be viewed at home. If you would like some help to access any of them please email - office@wokingurc.org.uk or telephone us on 01483 763078. If you would like a recording of this Service, and any other, they are available in various formats by request. Please contact the Church Office.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

The Church is fitted with a loop system. The words of hymns and songs, and Bible readings etc are displayed on the screen. Bibles and hymn books in standard and large print are also available from the Welcomers. As the Service is live streamed you (and / or your family) could be on camera as efforts are made to help those watching at home to feel a part of the worshipping congregation in the Church. If you have any concerns regarding this, please speak to an Elder or Welcomer.

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship

Hymns - Here I Am To Worship
The Light Of The World

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Theme Introduction

Hymn - Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God (R&S 512)

Children & Young People continue in groups

Bible Readings - Isaiah 9 v1-4 Read by James Gemmell
Matthew 4:12-23 Read by Ellen Harrison

Hymn - Longing For Light

Sermon

Hymn - Jesus, Be The Centre
Father, I Place Into Your Hands (R&S 518)

Prayers for Others & Offering Prayer

Hymn - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (R&S 345)

Dismissal & Blessing

NEWS AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

You are invited to stay for **refreshments after the Service**. They will be served in the Forum and in the Sanctuary. Please do stay if you can to enjoy a time to meet and talk with each other.

Heathside Car Park. Free Sunday morning parking (*up until 1pm*) for those attending this Church. Please key in your registration number on a device in the Forum in the Church *before the Service* each time you are here. The barrier will rise to let you out of the car park because your number will be recognised. If the device indicates 'number not recognised' please write your details on the sheet next to the devices and press the HELP button as you reach the car park barrier. Your number will have been notified.

If you would like to donate to the work of the Church this can be done either here at Church or from home. The card machine in the Forum may be used for contactless donations and there is an offering bag underneath it for anyone wishing to make a cash donation. For one-off gifts, there is a direct link to the giving page from the "Donate" button at the top the home page of the Church's website or just scan this QR code & Select 'Donations-church Funds'.



Would you like to make a donation for flowers on a particular Sunday? May be an anniversary, special birthday or remembering someone. There is a sign-up sheet in the Forum to offer a date. Someone else will arrange them for you.

Care4Creation - The Church has made environmental commitments, and the Green Team organises ways in which these can happen. You may contribute to this funding through the card machine in the Forum or via the Church's website.

Church Memorial Book. This has now been updated and was displayed at and made available to those attending the recent Service of Remembering. It will now be displayed regularly in the Forum if you would like to take a look. It contains the names of those in the Church family who have died since Woking URC came into being in January 2005.

Service of Thanksgiving for Reg Page. Monday 9th February at 12 noon at Woking Crematorium (no Service at the Church).

The Services of Thanksgiving for Maureen Hooper and Janet Miller have yet to be arranged.

Are you thinking about Church Membership? Two sessions to explore what it means will be held on Thursday 5th February at 7.30 pm and Friday 6th February at 10.30 am. Please see the Minister or Church Secretary at the door this morning if you would like to attend one of the sessions, or if neither is convenient to say that you would like to come to one at a different time.

WEEKLY CALENDAR	
TODAY	Wessex Synod Youth Winter Retreat at Alton House Hotel (<i>last day</i>)
MONDAY	11.00 am The Crocus Cafe - for those who have dementia and other health conditions and their carers 2.00 pm Knitting Fellowship Girls' and Boys' Brigades - 5.30 to 7.00 pm - Anchors, Explorers and Juniors 7.15 to 9.15 pm - Company, Seniors and Brigaders (Year 7 +)
TUESDAY	9.30 am Tuesday Prayers - Children and Youth Work focussed
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am Baby & Toddler Group
THURSDAY	11.00 am Prayers and Reflection in person and by Zoom - Zoom link: https://Zoom.us/j/95986431118 11.45 am - Health and Wellbeing half-hour session arranged by a local GP Practice. 7.30 pm Finance & Property Committee
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	1.00 pm Boys' Brigade Battalion Anchor Boys' Fun Day at Woking URC
NEXT SUNDAY	10.00 am Prayers in the Vestry 10.30 am Communion Service led by the Minister Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. Please see list below. 12.30 pm Food and Fellowship - <i>sign up sheet in the Forum</i> . 5.30 pm Youth Group
UPCOMING	Thursday 5th & Friday 6th February - Church Membership sessions - <i>please see previous page</i> . Sunday 8th February at 3.00 pm - Woking Street Angels Annual Service at St Mark's Church, Westfield Road.

Collection point for food and other items for the York Road Project and Your Sanctuary open every Sunday. The following items would particularly be appreciated: Sugar sachets, coffee sachets, jars of coffee, tea; pasta, rice; squash (orange or blackcurrant), bottled or cans of water; pot noodles; fresh fruit and vegetables; individually wrapped biscuits or other snacks, individual chocolate bars, tinned goods; boxer shorts (new) - men's small and medium. Your Sanctuary would particularly be grateful for pasta, rice, pasta sauces, jam, peanut butter and marmalade. Tuna, squash, baked beans, ketchup, mayonnaise, and tinned meats.

Please take this paper home with you for reference and to use the information on this page and the previous one about meetings and events in your prayers this week.