



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## WHITELEY CHURCH NOTICE SHEET

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**The First Sunday of Epiphany**

### January Service Schedule

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> 10.15am – Epiphany Morning Worship  
(NO messy church this month)

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> 10.15am – Communion  
(with talk from Andrew Hargreaves, Mission  
Development Officer, Diocese of Portsmouth)

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 10.30am – Outside the Box  
Meet on the church without walls garden and  
take a walk to explore God at work in winter  
nature.

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> 10.15am Breakfast church

### February Service Schedule

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> 4.00pm - Messy Church

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Communion (with baptism)

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Time tbc – Outside the Box

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> 10.15am - Breakfast church  
4.00pm – Beetle Drive (tbc)

### **Monday Minis**

Monday minis (parent and toddler group for  
the under 5's) runs on Monday afternoon from  
1.00-2.45pm.

Please do come and join us.

If you are interested in helping at Minis then  
please have a chat with Philippa.

### OPEN DOOR CAFÉ

The Open Door Cafe is open every Tuesday  
(during term time) between 9.30 and  
11.30am in the Community Centre coffee  
lounge. Why not pop in for a coffee and a  
chat.

### **Whiteley Church Needs Your Help**

#### Children's Groups

We're a very small church, and we know that  
everyone is very busy, but if you feel you  
could regularly help with any of our children's  
or young people's groups we'd love to hear  
from you

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Outside the Box

This month we thought it would be nice to  
take a walk and explore where we see God  
at work in the nature around us that's visible in  
the winter. We will meet at the Church  
Without Walls garden at 10.30am and our  
route will mostly likely take us through Sawpit  
Copse and out into the meadows, so wear  
waterproofs and wellies or good muddy boots  
– Matt and Vikki will try and check out the  
route before the day though to make sure it's  
all passible. We'll have some activities to help  
us stop and take note of what we see around  
us.

The long term plan is to hopefully repeat the  
walk in the spring and autumn to be able to  
look at how it changes throughout the  
seasons and where we see God at work  
through those different times.

### **WHITELEY CHURCH CONTACT DETAILS**

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#### **WHITELEY CHURCH WEBSITE**

[www.whiteleychurch.org.uk](http://www.whiteleychurch.org.uk)

<https://www.facebook.com/WhiteleyChurch>

#### **CHURCH OF ENGLAND WEBSITE**

[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)

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distribution list to receive this Notice Sheet and  
other important emails from Whitley Church  
please let Vikki know by emailing;

[whiteleychurch@hotmail.com](mailto:whiteleychurch@hotmail.com)

### **Breakfast Church Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January**

This year as we continue our trial of the new  
service schedule it would be a great help to  
have a few more people help us provide  
breakfast on the fourth Sunday morning.  
Please sign up on the sheet in church with an  
item you could bring to share (either bought  
from the shop or homemade if you would  
like).

### **Parish Share 2017 update**

Total Parish Share due 2017 £24,394

Total paid to date £18,145

**Current shortfall £6,249**

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At church council this coming Tuesday we will discuss quite how far we can scrape the barrel of our general funds to be able to pay as much of the 2017 parish share off as possible before the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> January, but it seems that we will unfortunately fall short.

If however you feel you can help us with any last minute donations it's not too late, and for any more information please don't hesitate to chat with Rachel, Vikki, Jo or Philippa.

### **Messy Church Dates Jan 18-Sept 18**

January	No Messy Church
February	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>
March	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March
May	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>
June	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>
July	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> and @ Meadowside Music Festival (date tbc)
August	No Messy Church
September	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
October	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>
November	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>
December	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Christingle/Christmas)

### **Easyfundraising.org.uk**

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whiteleychurch](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whiteleychurch)

IN 2017 WE HAVE SO FAR RAISED OVER £132  
THROUGH DONATIONS FROM  
[EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK](http://EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK)

**That was free money from shopping people  
were already doing!**

Easyfundraising.org.uk is an easy way to help raise money for Whiteley Church. Shop with thousands of online retailers and a percentage of what you spend is donated to Whiteley Church at no additional cost to you.

All you have to do is register with easyfundraising.org.uk (and if you want to make life really easy for yourself download the easy fundraising toolbar which will immediately tell you if the website you're on will make a donation) and once your online sales purchase is confirmed a donation will be made to Whiteley Church at no additional cost to you!

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whiteleychurch](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/whiteleychurch)

If you shop using your phone or tablet, then instead you can download the easyfundraising app for free on Android and iOS

### **House Group**

The Thursday night house group will return after their Christmas break this week and will continue looking at the revised Alpha series of talks – this week's session is 'Why and how do I pray?'

If you would like to join the Thursday night house group then grab a chat with Katie for more details.

### **Next Messy Church – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Please sign up if you can help with craft tables on the day or make cakes/traybakes for serving at teatime

### **BASICS BANK COLLECTION BOX**

The basics bank collection box is available in church on Sunday mornings or in the Yew Tree room the rest of the week for the Fareham Basics Bank.

The basics bank need food supplies for those at home who need help feeding their families, but they often also need tents, blankets and warm supplies for the rough sleepers in the Fareham and Gosport areas. They do not have a lot of storage space but if you are able to help with the larger items please keep an eye on their Facebook page to see when they put out a plea.

More details about the Fareham Basics Bank can be found on their website.

<http://www.friendsofthehomeless.org.uk/>

For the most up to date stock pleas please see their Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/FarehamandGosportBasicsBank>

As your local Church of England church we are here for the whole community, not just those who come to worship on Sunday mornings. If you would like to discuss arranging a Baptism (Christening), Wedding or Funeral please get in touch with Philippa.

### **After the service ...**

**Please do stay and join us for tea/coffee and a chat in the coffee lounge area.**

Please kindly note that we have to leave the hall clean and clear for the other community centre users, Therefore we would be very grateful if you could help us achieve this by putting away a few chairs, and tidy up the children's toy area.

**Thank You**