



# The Whitewater Benefice

The Churches of Heckfield, Hook, Mattingley & Rotherwick



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**8.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St Michael's Church, Heckfield**  
**10am Holy Communion and Junior Church, St John's Church, Hook**  
**11am Morning Worship, Rotherwick Church**  
**6pm Evening Worship, St John's Church, Hook**

**Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4, Matthew 4:12-23**

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles  
the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power;  
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.

## Christmas Donations

The collections at HMR's Christmas services amounted to nearly £1,800 of which one half will be donated to the two charities St Michael's Hospice and Naomi House Children's Hospice, £450 each. Thank you to all those who contributed to these collections.

The collection for the Big Christmas Card in Hook raised £207.70. Along with a proportion of Christmas collections, the PCC will therefore donate £500 to our charities - £250 to St Michael's Hospice and £250 to Ocean Stars. Thank you to everyone who donated and particular thanks to Ruth Malone who designed and made the beautiful card.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – 18 – 25 January 2026

Thanks to Nikki and the team for leading the Unity Service last Sunday & hosting the fellowship with the other Churches in Hook.

## For Young People

- ❖ **Youth Group** is on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 4:30 to 6pm – for those at Secondary School or College.
- ❖ Next **Messy Church** is on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 3:15 to 5pm – preschool and primary aged children with adult carers welcome. It's Messy Church Pancakes!!
- ❖ **Bumps & Babies** Every Wednesday 9am-11am at St John's for parents with smaller babies and those about to become parents.

## Charity Fundraising Breakfast



Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 9am – 11am at St John's, Hook. Delani from Ocean Stars Trust is coming to speak to us. All welcome to turn up.

## Souper Organ



Back for 2026, our series of short informal organ recitals, each lasting around 35 minutes. Starting at 12:15 for a soup lunch, followed by a recital at 1pm. On 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 27<sup>th</sup> March & 24<sup>th</sup> April. **30th January recital is by Stephen Davies.**

## Bluebell Café

The Bluebell Café is open every Friday, 2pm - 4pm at Holdshott Farm RG27 0JZ. For people living with memory loss and their carers and for those who perhaps feel lonely. Come along and enjoy musical entertainment, quizzes, painting, jigsaws, plus delicious refreshments and good company. For further information please contact Ron on 07831 612744 or David on 01256 211508.

**We also need more volunteers to help** in the Bluebell Café kitchen, and to take tea, coffee and cakes to our seated guests. Fridays 1:45pm - 4pm, Holdshott Farm. If you can come every week, great, but every fortnight or month would be helpful too. Please speak to Ron O'Keeffe, Shirley Clancy or David Nodder. Thank you!

## World Day of Prayer



World Day of Prayer will take place at 2pm on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Rotherwick Church. This year's service has been prepared by the Christian women of Nigeria who have chosen as their theme '*I will give you rest, come*'. All are

welcome. There will be refreshments after the service.

## Hart Foodbank

Current shortage list, and further information about donating, can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/hartfoodbank/> <https://hart.foodbank.org.uk/>

The following items are needed this week: Fruit Squash, Savoury Biscuits, Long Life Milk, Coffee, Nappies - Sizes 5, 6 & 7, Household Cleaning Items.

## Lent 2026

This year we are following The Church of England's theme for Lent, Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent. The resources have at their heart the theme of a 'rhythm of life' – habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. You can follow daily readings on the Everyday Faith App, or purchase a booklet for £2.50, these will be available in February please let Jonathan Bushman know if you would like a copy.

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## Fellowship Study Groups

- ❖ **Wednesday Morning Worship**, 10am. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Lady Chapel, other Wednesdays via Zoom:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85679489991?pwd=aE8Qmdb2mdeQL8euNQXaITyWnVdigb.1>
- ❖ **Wednesdays Ecumenical Group**, 11am - 12:15pm via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Jennifer Martin on 07803 505265 for the Zoom code.
- ❖ **Wednesday Coffee & Study Group**, 11:30am - 1pm in the Narthex. Contact Denise White: [office@whitewaterchurches.co.uk](mailto:office@whitewaterchurches.co.uk)
- ❖ **Wednesday Living Flame**, 8pm, in the Narthex on 4 and 11 Feb. Contact Nikki Wild.
- ❖ **Thursday Fellowship Group**, 7:30pm - 9pm, via Zoom studying characters from the Old Testament. Contact Jonathan Bushman [jonathanbushman@whitewaterchurches.co.uk](mailto:jonathanbushman@whitewaterchurches.co.uk)
- ❖ **Thursday Eve Beta Group**, 7:30pm. Contact Russell Phillips - [hookchurchwarden2@whitewaterchurches.co.uk](mailto:hookchurchwarden2@whitewaterchurches.co.uk)
- ❖ **Sunday Fellowship Group, Sunday 1 February 8pm**. At Caroline Farrell's house. Contact Caroline Bushman – 07734 667888.

## Groups meeting at St John's Church, Hook

<b>Garden Club St John's:</b>	Wednesday mornings. Contact Amanda <a href="mailto:mail@amanda.org.uk">mail@amanda.org.uk</a>
<b>Knit &amp; Knatter:</b>	First & third Monday, 2pm - 4pm. Gill Morley.
<b>St John's Lunch Club:</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February, £6 per person. Book via office.
<b>Friendship Café:</b>	Every Thursday, 10am. Friends new & old, in the Narthex.
<b>St John's Church Choir:</b>	Every Friday, 7:15pm for Juniors (aged 8+) and 7:45pm for Seniors (14+ and adults). Caroline Bushman - 07734 667888.

## Next week's services

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Candlemas

<p><b>8.30am Holy Communion (BCP), St John's Church, Hook</b></p> <p><b>10am All Age Worship, St John's Church, Hook</b></p> <p><b>11am Family Communion, Rotherwick Church</b></p> <p><b>6pm Evening Worship, St John's Church, Hook</b></p>
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Please see <https://whitewaterchurches.co.uk/calendar/> for upcoming services and events.

## Prayers for today and the coming weeks

**On Zoom:** Mondays and Fridays at 8:30am (not Bank Hols); Website calendar has the link.

Please pray for the team from both parishes who are currently writing the profile of our Benefice which will be used to recruit the new Rector.

**Those in need of prayer:** Nicky, Ivor & Kathy Williams, Lorna Nodder, Trevor Owen, Daphne Randall, Liz Summersgill, Peter Allen, Bob, John Sills

**Those who have recently died:** Albert Box (Hook), Brian Veale (Hook), Graham Porter (Hook), Roy Hedges (Hook)

**Years Mind:** Joyce Baldock, Janice Heatherington, John Spiers, Kathleen Bircher

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