



Welcome to Fleet United Reformed Church

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*The United Reformed Church is a union of the
Congregational Church in England, Wales and Scotland,
the Presbyterian Church of England and the Churches of Christ.*

Sunday, 9 April, 2017 – Palm Sunday

Worship today is led by Revd. John Whitton

Duty Elders: Margaret Armes, Evelyn Tyler
Door Stewards: Alan Tyler, Brian Armes
Organist: Maurice Rogers
Reader: Stephen Turnbull
Readings: Matthew 21 : 1 – 11 (N.T. 21)
Footsteps: Grace Bagshaw, Margaret Armes, Jo Perry
Coffee: John and Christine Gibbons
Ministry of Flowers: Jill Durbin

A Crèche is available for the younger children if required.

Visiting children are also welcome to any of the Young People's activities.

The Week Ahead

Monday 10, 10.00 am – House Group, 35 Frere Avenue

Monday 10, 12 noon – Monthly Prayer Group

Monday 10, 2.00 pm – Monthly Bible Study

Maunder Thursday 13, 10.00 am – Coffee Morning

Maunder Thursday: 7.30 pm – Service of Reflection, including Holy Communion – Mrs. Thelma Roberts.

Good Friday: 11.00 am – Worship led by Revd. Ruth Dillon.

Easter Day: Please bring a flower to help decorate the Cross.
Flowers will be received during the singing of the first hymn.

The Pulpit for April / May

16 10.00 Revd. Ruth Dillon (*Including Holy Communion*)
23 10.00 Mrs. Diana Middleditch
30 10.00 Mr. Paul Murphy
7 10.00 Revd. Ruth Dillon (*Followed by Church Meeting*)
7 6.30 Revd. Ruth Dillon (*Including Holy Communion*)

If you are a **Visitor or recently moved into the area** you are invited to sign the Visitors Book which can be found in the Vestibule.

Mission Statement of Fleet United Reformed Church

We are a community of faithful Christian people, working to spread the love of God to all.

Birthdays in April:

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The list indicating birthdays can be found in the vestibule. If you would like to add (or delete) your name from the list please feel free to do so.

Flower Rota, 2017 – Is displayed in the vestibule. If you would like to be part of this important ministry by donating the flowers, please add your name to any vacant Sunday(s). There are **TWO** immediate vacancies, **30 April, 7 May**. If you would like to know more please speak to Elizabeth McClune (628206) or Sandra Smith (623061).

Foodbank is receiving food as well as financial donations. **Current Food Shortage, April** – Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Pasta Sauce, Rice Pudding, Sponge Pudding, Toiletries (especially Toothbrushes and Toothpaste)

Churches Together — Easter Sunday (16th April) Sunrise Service at Tweseldown 6.00 am led by the Parish of Fleet. Followed by breakfast at Crookham Baptist Church, Basingbourne Road. Please email jamesnaqvi@yahoo.co.uk if you wish for breakfast.

Wessex & South Western Synods' Big Day Out – Saturday, 1st July from 10.00 am at Burgate School, Fordingbridge, SP6 1EZ. This will be a fun Celebration Day out for Members, Families and Friends of all ages, following the 2017 URC theme Feast and Festivals. Adults £8 (£18 including coach); Young Persons 5 – 16 years £4 (£12 including coach). Further details or Booking arrangements from Bee Griffiths (660599).

Hymn Writing – Have you ever tried writing a hymn? It's not as difficult as you might think. Try it and see! We are inviting everyone to have a go at *writing a new hymn, using the 'Feasts and Festivals'* theme. It might be a Christmas Carol, or a harvest festival hymn, or a celebration hymn for some other festival.

It is suggested that you concentrate on the words of your new hymn, and use an existing tune from one of the hymn books. All the hymns submitted will be displayed on the **Big Day** and it is hoped that one of them may be used in the final Act of Worship. Hymns should be written or printed on a single sheet of A4 paper, with your name and address and telephone number on the back. Please submit by Sunday, 10 June to The Big Day Out, 1 Sheepwood Gardens, The Ridgeway, Westbury-on-Trym, BRISTOL BS10 7DG