

Notices for the Week

- Saturday October 25th:** 10.30 am - noon Coffee and Cake in The Concourse
- Sunday October 26th:** 10.30 am Morning worship will be a Café style Reflective service led by Dr Leanne Langley in The Concourse. **(Note clocks go back an hour!)**
- Sunday October 26th:** Portswood Litter Pick (2 – 3 pm) meeting at Lawn Road play area. (Coffee locally afterwards.)
- 28th Oct to 1st Nov:** 10am - 3pm Bitterne URC have their annual Jigsaw event each day. Entry is £1.
- Sunday November 2nd:** 10.30 am Morning worship led by Chris Noyce
- 3 pm All Souls' Service at Abbey URC, Romsey, followed by a quiet time & refreshments

Advance notices

Saturday November 8th: Concert "Reflections on Peace" by Conchord Singers 3 – 4 pm. (Collection in aid of Yellow Door – a charity preventing and responding to domestic and sexual abuse.)

Saturday November 15th: Kurling and Cream Tea @ 2 pm. Tickets (£10) are available now from Lorna or Pam.

Please note: October's Communion Collection is for **Operation Airbase**. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is the independent Charity that brings an advanced Critical Care Team to the most seriously ill and injured patients in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, giving them the best chance of survival and recovery, when the worst happens

Please give generously.

Message from Lorna:

"Thanks to all the generous people who contributed to either the shoe boxes or the financial donation. Twenty boxes went to Rotary, together with £163, and a bag of beautiful, knitted dolls."

Below is the news Joan read out on Sunday

News from our sister church in Winnweiler, October 2024:

Children's Bible Week

From 7th to 13th July there were daily sessions for kids on the biblical topic of Jacob and Esau. The kids explored the story through creative projects, theatre, and songs. It ended with a service on 13th July where the kids presented their projects.

Maïke also sent news of various special services they've held:

'Service with Music' in their region:

On 20th June they and their neighbouring parishes celebrated a "service with music" in Steinbach (Donnersberg);, the theme was "A Piece of Heaven". The song of the same name by German songwriter Herbert Grönemeyer was played and the

congregation was invited to sing along. The service was then based on the lyrics and explored their relevance with regard to Christian faith.

Confirmation Anniversary:

On 14th September they celebrated the anniversaries of past confirmands (people for whom it was 25, 50, 75 years since they had been confirmed as Christians). They had a celebratory service with the Lord's Supper including performances by the church choir and a renewal of the confirmation blessing for the participants. Afterwards there was the opportunity to talk and reminisce with finger food and drink.

Village Fair Services:

On the weekend of 27th and 28th September the Village Fairs of Potzbach and Hochstein were opened with festive services on their fairgrounds. The sermon was based on 1 Peter 5, 7: 'Cast all your anxiety on Him, because he cares for you.' In Hochstein, the service was accompanied by an ensemble of the local choir.

Thanksgiving:

On 5th October they celebrated Thanksgiving in Winnweiler. A group of children from their nursery presented two cheerful songs, accompanied by their teachers, and the church choir also contributed two hymns. After the service the congregation was invited to an informal get-together in the church.

As always, the congregation then send their **good wishes**.