

Introducing the.....

Winchester Vineyard



"Making God Famous"

Guide for Newcomers (2012)

Welcome!



Nigel & Jo Hemming
Senior Pastors

We are so pleased to be able to welcome you to the Vineyard and we hope that this introductory booklet will be helpful to you. The Winchester Vineyard started in 1994 and since then the Church has grown slowly and steadily. We acquired the Vineyard Centre in 2000 and the building extension and renovation project was completed in July 2006

The Winchester Vineyard is a biblically-based Church centred in Winchester but with members coming to us both from the city and the surrounding towns and villages

The Vineyard places a high priority on intimacy with God through creative and contemporary worship, Bible based teaching, caring relationships and an expectancy to see God's power at work

A significant portion of Jesus' time was directed toward ministry to the poor, the sick and the lost. Increasingly, the disciples became involved in the same way so that it also became a central focus to their lives. Undoubtedly the ministry of Jesus touched their lives and in turn they touched others

Equally we try to focus much of our time towards the individual lives, marriages and families of those who come to be a part of us. Our desire, however, is to mobilise those who have received ministry to be ministers to others, including those outside of the Vineyard. The Winvin has friendships with many other enthusiastic evangelical churches and organisations and we seek to reach the world for Jesus together

If you would like to know more about our vision and values, we would like to invite you to one of our "Introducing the Vineyard" evenings when you would be welcome to come and join us for a buffet supper and hear more about our vision for this Church. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask us any questions you may have. Please contact the Church Office if you are interested in coming along to one of these evenings or indicate this on our "Connect Card"

Serving The Church

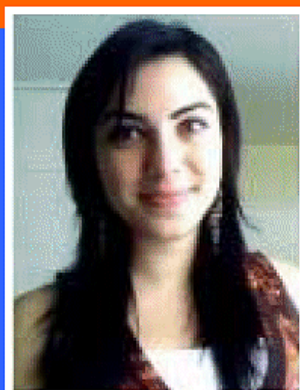


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The Winvin is lead by Nigel and Jo Hemming supported by the trustee, pastoral and administrative teams. The church was founded by Hugh and Ginny Cryer who are now pursuing their new leadership training and evangelistic venture "Culture Changers" and maintain the warmest, friendly links with the Winvin

The Pastoral Staff are responsible for leading key areas of the church. Each oversees a large team of volunteers who serve faithfully to make church happen. They are experienced in their field, and work alongside Nigel & Jo in the day to day running of the various services & ministries

PASTORAL STAFF



Larissa Grycuk
Children's Pastor

Rob & Karen Mullane
Worship Pastors



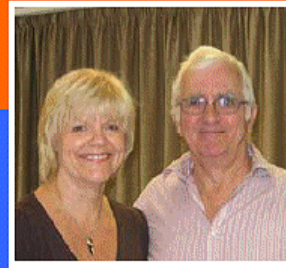
Our Trustees - Maintaining Legal Accountability

The business of the Winchester Vineyard is directed by our team of Trustees. They give oversight to the financial and legal affairs of the church

With input and suggestions gathered from the Pastoral and Administrative Staff and other Leaders from the church body, the Trustees resolve the spending of monies and approve budgets

Our Trustees are:
Nigel Hemming, Chris Goodier, Robin Hasslacher, Roger Tetstall, Alex Thurley-Ratcliff and Nicole White

LEADERSHIP ADVISORY TEAM



**Peter & Jill Davey, Edward & Catherine Law,
Neil & Jenny Mackereth and Brian & Hilary Nicholson**

The Leadership Advisory Team are advising and supporting Nigel & Jo as they lead the church through the current transition period. They are vastly experienced and between them they are responsible for many key areas of church life

TRANSITION TEAM



**Danielle Butler, Peter Davey, Chris Parsons,
Alex Thurley-Ratcliff and Isobel Tutt-Leppard**

The Team was set up specifically to provide support & accountability to Hugh & Ginny and Nigel & Jo through the process of handing over the senior leadership of the church. They are experienced leaders and represent the church in any discussions around the process of change

ADMINISTRATION STAFF



**Pam
Ilsley**
Cleaner



**Ted
Rodrigues**
Bookkeeper



**Mike
Morell**
Office
Manager



WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

We believe that God has called us to establish a growing, regional, biblically based church in South Hampshire, centred in Winchester, but also serving the surrounding towns and villages. We seek to worship God in a creative and contemporary way and communicate the gospel with compassion and mercy

We aim to make, train and equip disciples to become effective in extending God's Kingdom, to develop new leaders, to plant new Churches and to contribute to the blessing of the whole Christian Church



VISION STATEMENT

We are strongly committed to all the fundamental tenets of historic Christianity, as defined by the councils, creeds and catechisms of the Church down the centuries

We belong firmly within the mainstream of orthodox, biblical Christian faith. To use a technical definition, we are "conservative evangelicals" who believe in and seek to exercise the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

We believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and an infallible guide in all matters of faith and conduct. We are convinced that study of the scriptures is of vital importance, and we give prominence to its practical teaching

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS



SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS @ 10.30am

At 10.30am we begin our Celebration with some worship. There is then time for church family news, stories from the last couple of weeks about the great things God has done for ordinary folk in our church, a talk from the Bible on a helpful theme on following Jesus and what He is doing today and finally this is followed by a time to pray for each other for healing, empowering and encouragement



COMMUNION

We celebrate communion once a month during the morning celebration as well as within our Small Groups. We encourage all who know and love Jesus to share with us in taking communion

BAPTISM & BABY DEDICATIONS

Regular Adult Baptisms are celebrated here as we believe that Baptism is a command and not an optional extra! If it is helpful to you there is a baptism class before each baptism date. If you would like to be baptised please speak to a member of the pastoral staff about this

We dedicate babies to the Lord when their parents decide that they wish to give thanks for the birth of their child and ask Him for his blessing, protection and covering as they grow up. Our hope is that each baby or child that is dedicated here will decide to be baptised as an adult





RENEWAL

FOR EVERYBODY

Part of the winvin vision is to be a Centre for renewal and reaching out in this area. In the past year we have held meetings with Randy Clark from Global Awakening and the Bethel Church's Children's Team to minister last year. All this to say – we welcome these international speakers and leaders from different streams and love the diversity that they bring. We are so grateful for their input into this church and the wider Body of Christ – as well as the local community.

LEADERS' & PASTORS' HUB

Global Awakening and Culture Changers (founded by Hugh and Ginny Cryer and now based in Warwickshire) lead a monthly Leaders' Morning on a Thursday 10.00am – 1.00pm; with a lunch afterwards. This group is made up of the Senior Leaders/trainees/staff of churches within about a two hour radius of this Centre. Do ask for a seasonal diary of events for your interest! We are glad to announce that Alun and Donna Leppitt from the Bridge Church, Southampton are leading this venture from now on – see dates on our website

HOW TO JOIN US

We have no formal membership but we ask that everyone wanting to join the Winvin will return to us a completed Connect Card (see last page here for one to complete) and a data protection form

“INTRODUCING THE VINEYARD”

We warmly invite all new folks to this Supper” which is held every other month at the home of our Senior Leaders



This is an opportunity to meet us and to hear more about the Vineyard Movement and get to know more about the church and how things work here. It is also a time to find out about small groups and which might suit you best. For the next supper date – please see the bulletin or contact the Office on 01962 863217



THE WELCOME GROUP

Neil & Jenny Mackereth are leading a "Welcome Group", for newcomers to Winchester Vineyard (Winvin) and for those who have yet to decide which House or Small Group to join. The group meets in the Sitting Room at the Winvin on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7.30pm

Our aim is to welcome people in a friendly and informal House Group format, to help people settle into our Church family and, in due course, to help people find and move on to a House Group they will find helpful and really enjoy for the longer term

HOUSE & SMALL GROUPS

One of the first things that Jesus did was to start a small group! In this setting, Jesus trained and transformed a group of twelve ordinary people into effective disciples. Later, Jesus' followers met together to worship, receive teaching, pray and share their lives with each other. This resulted in their having a powerful influence upon their communities

From its earliest days, when the church met together, it would gather in both large settings as well as small groups. Please pick up our Small Group Flyer giving you details of small groups here



*"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all people".
Acts 2:46*

THE WINCHESTER VINEYARD BEGAN AS A SMALL GROUP!

Small groups are at the heart of Vineyard Churches because we find they are the best way of encouraging people to relate to God and to one another in a natural way. Joining a group is an easy way of getting involved, making friends and finding out more about what God is doing

The Small Group setting is very informal and a wonderful way of making friends, meeting with God and becoming a part of this Christian community

Please see the Small Group publicity on the Information Desk in the café area



INTRODUCING DISCIPLESHIP

HOW TO GET STARTED AS A NEW CHRISTIAN

If you would like someone to stand alongside you as you start your journey following Jesus – please contact the pastoral staff on 01962 863217 or info@winvin.org.uk – we believe in helping and training individuals – we believe in being disciples and making disciples!

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS

“He is the one who gave these gifts to the Church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and to build up our Church, the body of Christ.” Eph 4 11-13

Our vision at the Winvin is to enable all of us to grow in our faith. We have a high value and emphasis on training from the newest Christian to the more mature believer

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES CURRENTLY INCLUDE:

- Introducing Discipleship - Nigel & Jo Hemming
- Potential House Group Leaders’ Training – Peter & Jill Davey
- Alpha Courses – Edward & Catherine Law
- Living Free & Discipleship Courses - Nigel & Jo Hemming
- Freedom Prayer and “SOZO” Prayer Training – Alex Thurley-Ratcliff / Mervyn & Clare Suffield and Anna Clarkstone
- Positive Parenting – Malcolm & Camilla Douglas
- Worship Training – Termly - Rob & Karen Mullane
- Marriage Seminars – Annually – Chris & Anna Payne

Do look out for the “epress” our weekly bulletin with details of the above – you can download this anytime from our website homepage or ask for it to be emailed you direct “hot off the press” each week from us on admin@winvin.org.uk



KIDS' CHURCH

Children's Pastor – Larissa Grycuk

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these". Matthew 19:14

The Team at Kids' Church really believe that no greater ministry exists than ministry to the children God has placed in our care. Just as any adult can know and experience God's love and follow and serve Him in supernatural power so does any child in Kids' Church!

The aim of Kids' Church is to "bring the children of Winchester and the surrounding areas into the presence of God". Everything we do is to bring children into an encounter with God so that they develop a relationship with God for themselves from the moment they join the Big Fish Nursery, right through to when they leave us to join the youth at 11 years old

We see Kids' Church as a place where through biblically sound teaching the children will experience love, forgiveness and mercy, learn more about God & Jesus, encounter the Holy Spirit, begin to exercise spiritual gifts, developing passionate hearts that love God, worship Him and want to follow after Him – and have fun at the same time!

Our leaders in Kids' Church are passionate for Jesus and have a heart for children. Obviously we operate a strict Child Protection Policy. We invite people who have a heart for children and some experience working with children to get involved. Anyone who wishes to get involved goes through an application process which includes a Criminal Records Check



THE CRÈCHE



0-3's - For the babies there are lots of toys to keep them happy and entertained. For the older ones in this age group there are themed activities each week which incorporates, play, craft, a bible story and some worship from time to time

WHAT HAPPENS MIDWEEK

THE BIG FISH



Big Fish is our Parent & Toddler Group, which is held in the Nursery at the Vineyard Centre on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10am - 11.30am.

Please contact Catherine Law for more details e-mail admin@winvin.org.uk



THERE MAY BE A WAITING LIST FOR THE BIG FISH

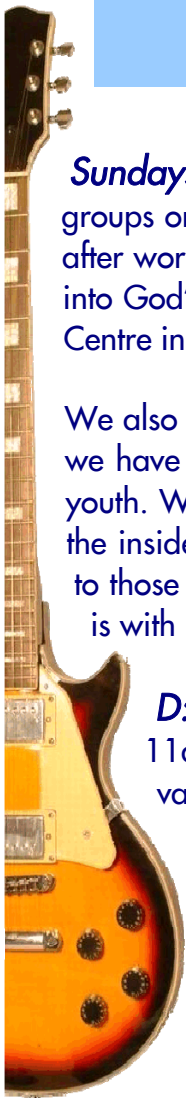
YOUTH & TEENAGERS

Sundays: Here at Winvin we have a lively bunch of youth who generally split into 2 age groups on a Sunday; 11 -14 is D:VINE, and 15 - 17 is VOYC. Both groups meet upstairs after worship in the main service to give both the youth and the leaders a chance to enter into God's presence through worship. We also run a Friday Club most weeks here at the Centre in the Winvin Youth Café and chill-out area from 7 - 9pm

We also have a great team who help to lead and facilitate these groups for the youth and we have a clear and passionate vision of what we feel God wants to do with us and the youth. We believe that God wants us all to grow closer to him through intimacy, purer on the inside through healing and wholeness, and stronger and more equipped to reach out to those who need a real encounter with Jesus. We believe that God is good, and that he is with us in our upward, inward and outward journeys!

D:VINE 11 - 14 (Years 7, 8 and 9) Meets upstairs in the Youth Café at 11am after worship in the main service. D:VINE get together to explore the vastness of who God is and what he has planned for us in creative and dynamic ways. God loves teenagers and so do we, and we know that Jesus speaks to young people, equips them for life and Godliness, and fills them with his Holy Spirit. D:VINE leaders and facilitators seek to somehow harness the raw energy that is a teenage wonder, distil it and put it into a packet, and then direct it higher, deeper and further with God!

VOYC 15 - 17 (Years 10 upwards) Meets as "The Youth Cell" - a small group in a house in Harestock at 8pm every other week - please do contact our leaders -
Graham & Lyn Matthews



Youth Club on Fridays This is definitely a place to be on a Friday from 7 - 9pm! If you are 11 to 18, like kicking back and having fun, and want to spend some time in God's presence in a relaxed and social setting, then you've got to be here. There will be a team of friendly adults who can do amazing things like cook chocolatey things and play Nintendo Wii. We have had in the past and plan to have again in the future video evenings, trips out to fun places, and journalling and creative writing sessions. Also to come - art, talking, tuck shop, music, listening, art, music, repetition and much, much more! Youth Club is an accessible place and space that youth at Winvin can bring their friends to socialise and enjoy whatever is going on

TWENTIES & STUDENTS

The Twenty Somethings meet on a Thursday at leaders' homes in and around Winchester at 8.00pm. If you are between 18 and 30 and would like to know more – please contact the pastoral staff for more information

Sundays after church during term time - sometimes lunches in our upstairs lounge or other events outside - like boating after the next bank holiday

Mostly this is a time for us to get to know and support each other better and share in what's going on. We are not afraid to tackle tough issues. This creates a great environment for us all to grow spiritually, be real and develop friendship



We can also arrange mentoring with students that have been there done that, or have already graduated, or people who are older and can offer great advice and support. Every now and then, we have Sunday lunch and afternoon at someone's house. We try to complement the work of the CU, by providing a church base to support you during your time in Winchester





MEN'S MINISTRY – "ICE"

The Men's ministry is called ICE, reflecting the qualities of integrity, Creativity and Excellence. Our passion is to become a band of brothers, in relationship with each other, and reaching out to men who don't know Jesus

We aim to get together once a month, usually on a Friday, for a mixture of WORK (for others), REST (with Jesus) and PLAY (together). For more information, please speak to Mike O'Connor, Graham Marshall or Jack Broadley



WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S GROUP



We are a group of women who enjoy being together and talking about the things that really matter to use in life. This is a time for chatting, meeting together with friends, worshipping, learning from God's Word and praying for one another in a safe setting

This group now meets in the Nursery so that your children can play safely at the same time. This is a daytime group and is held in term time on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am – 11.30am in the Vineyard Centre led by Cathy O'Connor, Jane Cadle-Mills and team



WOMEN2GETHER

WOMEN'S MINISTRY - LED BY JENNY MACKERETH AND TEAM



Our Mission is to serve the women of the church and together to serve our local community, family, friends and neighbours outside of the church. We endeavour to be creative with outings, events and social activities throughout the year. Our heart is that we encourage inclusivity and utilize the enormous variety of gifts and talents to be found among the women of the church, promoting teamwork, developing friendship and sharing spiritual support



Fun - To lean to laugh and relax, enjoy each other's company whether in a spiritual or social setting
Romans 15:7



Fellowship
Having fun together to broaden our friendship And trust so we will be there for each other both in good times and bad
Galatians 6:2



Fruit
Sharing fun and fellowship to develop unity among us, so guests to our events will be drawn to Jesus as they see our love for each other
Psalm 133

Women2gether do:

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| ❖ Coffee mornings | ❖ Prayer and worship |
| ❖ Theatre trips | ❖ Workshops |
| ❖ Seasonal events | ❖ Outreaches |
| ❖ Pamper days | ❖ Crafts |
| | ❖ Etc..... |

STREAMS OF HOPE HEALING



STREAMS OF HOPE covers all the healing ministries of the Winvin. Do please pick up a brochure for more details of how to make an appointment or to read more about Streams of Hope. You can have an informal chat with an advisor to help make a decision about what kind of prayer ministry will be best for you at any one time – SOZO, Freedom Prayer, Restoring the Foundations or other small group prayer times

LIVING FREE

Living Free is the basic course written by Mike Riches that introduces us to the ministry of Jesus through biblical truth. It would be an excellent follow up after the Alpha Course and is also a vital part of the Discipleship Training in this church. In this course we learn more about the love God has for us, the reality of spiritual warfare and that Jesus has come to set us free



FREEDOM IN CHRIST DISCIPLESHIP COURSE

Led by Brian Nicholson & Team

If you have never really had a good biblical grounding in the Christian Life, or you have ongoing issues in your life, then this 12 week course is for you. While it is a substantial course, the rewards & results will prove well worth the investment of time

What is involved? It will give you an excellent foundation from which to grasp and put into practice the insights of "LIVING FREE". It will also enable you to deal with all the baggage with which you may have come to faith, however long you may have been a Christian. Thousands of people in the UK and around the world have had their lives transformed through engaging with these truths

Who is it for? Everyone who would like a good grounding in New Testament Christianity, so you can truly and confidently live out your faith. Dates of Course: Tuesdays 20th September to 6th December '11; 10th January '12. - Winvin Centre at 7.45pm for 8pm start. Cost: £15 for materials



SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Mission isn't always about crossing geographical frontiers, but sometimes cultural ones. We have a very strong desire to help the poor, the needy and those in prison in our locality. While our primary emphasis is on each of us personally extending God's kingdom to those around us - praying for our family, neighbours and friends - we do also have a number of initiatives designed to provide opportunities to serve and to love others

To reach these we need go no further than our own doorstep. In this we are following closely in Jesus' footsteps. We also, alongside the Vineyard Movement aim to be actively church planting in the UK



STREET TEAMS

Street Teams aim to help the homeless of Winchester. Experienced teams go out every Saturday night into the city centre with soup, rolls, tea, coffee, crisps, biscuits, blankets, socks, hats, etc. and a listening ear - to talk and to be Jesus to those they meet

If you would like to be part of a team going out on a Saturday night between 8.00 - 10.00pm to the homeless please contact Keith & Frances Rogers on 01962 880017

Healing On The Streets WINCHESTER



The Healing on the Streets model is a simple, but beautiful way, to reach out to the lost and hurting on the streets of your town or city. It enables you to connect with your community every week, powerfully expressing God's love in the market place, whatever the weather. We simply invite people to sit on chairs so we can pray for them

This gentle ministry works within a loving, and compassionate environment, full of the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. It is marked by a true sense of peace. Amongst the hustle and bustle of busy shoppers, walks the Prince of Peace. Stillness falls; passers-by begin to slow and stop, as the presence of God draws their hearts...

Over time we build relationships, creating stepping stones for people to come to Jesus, and be healed along the way. We take an interdenominational team out monthly – alongside other church leaders who also lead a weekly team. For more information talk to Edward Law on edward@lawmail.f9.co.uk

HELP FOR FAMILIES



PRACTICAL PARENTING

Presented by Malcolm and Camilla Douglas

We believe that good family life depends on confident parents. Our aim is to see training and support accessible to all parents within their locality. We deliver parenting workshops and courses to parents, schools and community groups in the Winvin and the local community

FOOD STOREHOUSE

The Storehouse is a way of confidentially giving out food parcels and offering help in areas of need. This ministry is enabled by the regular giving of tithes and offerings by the members of the Winvin. We also encourage our members to pray before going shopping and to obediently purchase items that can be donated on a weekly basis and contribute towards the food parcels that are given out



We have give-away packs which can be taken by our Winvin members to give to those in need they see on the streets, on their journeys to work etc. These are available from the Welcome Desk in the café area

CHILDREN'S STOREHOUSE

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The Children's Storehouse is our way of helping families by providing children's clothing, a small amount of adult's clothing, baby equipment and toys. The Children's Storehouse is open on Thursday mornings during school term time from 9.30am – 12 noon

Families are referred to the Storehouse by the various agencies in Winchester. The Storehouse is open to all Winvin members. For more details please contact Gill Jameson on 01962 863217

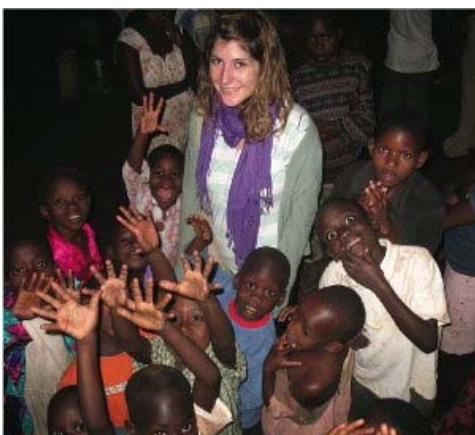


MISSIONS - HOME / OVERSEAS

We support members of the Church who are feeling called to serve God abroad on a short or long term basis. Mission is something that the Vineyard Movement is committed to and we at Winchester Vineyard are privileged to take part in our own way. Do look at the "mission board" to see what is happening around the globe and where our friends and family are!

KARIS KIDS

The Vision of Karis Kids is to place Ugandan orphaned children within families. Our aim is to link Christian British families to Christian Ugandan families to support these adopted children in Uganda - a way of being God's worldwide family caring for each other



In our Karis Kids initiative, the Winchester Vineyard is linked to Kampala Cathedral as our aim is to link UK Churches with Churches in the Kampala region of Uganda, under the supervision of Zac Nyingiye, Bishop of Kampala. Our hope is that many other churches will want to join this vision. The Karis Kids Co-ordinator is Edward Law – you can contact him on edward@lawmail.f9.co.uk



HOW TO JOIN US

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Data Protection Policy and The Winchester Vineyard

Permissions Page
We need your permission in order to process your personal data. Please read statements and if you understand them and wish to give your consent please tick boxes and sign and date this page. Please then return to the church office.

Personal Permissions:

- Winchester Vineyard will create and retain computer and paper records on me
- I am aware that:
 - I am a member of the church.
 - These records will be processed in order to facilitate the workings of the church
 - Records will be held in compliance with the principles of the Data Protection Act 1998.
 - I have received a copy of the paper entitled Data Protection Policy

I consent for this to happen.

I consent for my photograph to be taken.



CONNECT CARD

We are delighted to welcome you today!
Please tick or fill in the following options

- I would like to find out more about how to become a Christian
- I would like to come to the next Newcomers' Supper
- Do you have any special dietary needs
- I would like a member of the Pastoral Staff to contact me
- I would like to join the Church
- I would like to have prayer for a special need or healing
- It would like to become a Friend of the Winvin and receive the "e-press" electronic news sheet each week
- I would like to have a Freedom Prayer

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms (circle) Date:

Your Name(s):

Your Address:

Postcode:

Telephone(s)/Mobile(s):

E-mail(s):

Data Protection Act 1998. Your personal information will be kept in a database. This information will not be passed to any third parties and will only be used by staff of Winchester Vineyard Church, for the purpose indicated above. Our policy "Data Protection and the Winvin", is available from the Church Office

Letter/Pack Pastor Link Supper Invite

OFFICE USE



Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches."

Luke 13:18-19 NIV

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