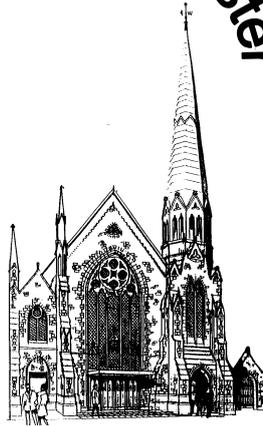


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**SEPTEMBER 2022**

Registered Charity No: 1137996

**Methodist and United Reformed**  
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

**Minister (Rev John Yarren):** 01305 262421  
John's rest day is usually Friday. Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary.

**Church Secretary:** Mary Martin  
**Senior Steward:** Brian Savage

**Church (general number):** 01305 262462  
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**Website:** [unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk](http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk)

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### Sunday Services

#### 4<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am Rev John Yarren  
Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Rev Ruth Lownsborough

#### 11<sup>th</sup> September Education Sunday

10.30 am Mr Chris Smith  
3.30 pm Tea-pot

#### 18<sup>th</sup> September Peace Sunday

10.30 am Rev John Walker  
6.30 pm Rev John Yarren

#### 25<sup>th</sup> September Harvest Festival

10.30 am Rev John Yarren  
All Age Service

### Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

7<sup>th</sup> September Mr Tony Boyden  
14<sup>th</sup> September Rev B Stephenson  
21<sup>st</sup> September Rev John Walker  
28<sup>th</sup> September Rev John Yarren

### Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, in the Coffee Lounge at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

### Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Richard Jones and Val Knight. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Congratulations to Paul and Elizabeth Haynes who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in July.

### Weekly notices to your inbox via e-mail

You don't need to wait to pick up the printed notices on a Sunday (and also save paper and ink). The notices can be sent to you via e-mail from the office by Friday. All you need to do is let the office know that you would like to receive them by e-mail and you will be added to the list. Contact [office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk](mailto:office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk)

### Flower Distribution

In September we are hoping to resume our custom of taking church flowers, for a variety of reasons, to members of our congregation. In the past we had a number of volunteers on a rota who did this but we would like to move away from this system and so I am asking you, the congregation, if you know of anyone who you think would appreciate receiving church flowers, to contact me, Gillian Daniel (my telephone number is in the church directory) to give me their name. If you would like to deliver the flowers yourself that would be great, but if that is not possible I will arrange for this be done. Thank you.

### Sunday Link

As a trial, for the month of September, the written notices and orders of service will be printed on the reverse of Sunday Link, which is a Christian news sheet designed to emphasise the 'link' between our Christian faith and everyday life. Each week there is an original reflection on one of the Sunday readings, which always aims to reveal something to us about our lives as Christians. This is coupled with an original prayer for us to pray on our own or with others. There are also articles on various aspects of Christian life. During the trial, feedback will be sought by the Stewards from the congregation before deciding whether to continue.

### Space for Prayer

During September, Churches Together in Dorchester are having a month focused on evangelism. As a response to this, the church will be open from 11.15 to 12 noon after our Market Day services on Wednesdays during September. During these sessions we will be focusing our prayer on the projects being carried out by the various churches across Dorchester, whilst offering space for people to simply come and pray and, if they wish, to be prayed for. We intend to have a prayer tree and, at three points during the 45 minutes, Rev John will offer a minute or two of prayers from the front, which we hope will include a selection of prayers from the prayer tree.

[Other events](#) taking place during the month are:

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Prayer Day for Month of Mission

10.30 am St Peter's Church, 1.30 pm Dorchester Community Church, 7.30 pm The Storehouse Church

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm Dorchester Baptist Church

Gavin Calver, CEO of the Evangelical Alliance: "The Church being more missional"

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 7 pm at The Storehouse Church

Book Signing: Mike Robinson's book on healing, 'Swordtalk'

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 7 pm at The Storehouse Church: A comedy evening with Mark Ritchie

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 6.30 pm, closing event at Dorchester Baptist Church: Gospel Service with Gavin Calver

### New Church Website

The new [Church website](#) has been up and running for a few weeks now - we hope you like the updated version! After all the many hours of hard work and consultation, there are two specific things we would like to draw to your attention:

#### Members' Resources

These are available via the Login button at the top of the screen: when prompted to do so, enter the same username and password as on the old version of the site. This will add a new item to the 'About Us' drop-down menu, called 'Members' Resources'. Click/tap on that, and it should take you to the Resources area, which contains all the same information as before.

If you have forgotten the username and/or password, please contact the [church office](#) directly: do not click on the 'Lost your password' option as this will stop everyone else getting access!

#### Providing updates for events and meetings

We would like to appeal to all organisations within the church who hold regular events and meetings: **please** let us know details (with publicity material e.g. posters) of your events as soon as you can. This will save us a lot of time chasing people for information.

Kevin and Susy Rogers

#### Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact Penny Fennell ([Prayer Chain](#) coordinator). Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

#### Welcome meeting

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in the coffee shop there will be a welcome meeting for all those who have started attending the United Church in the last year. You should all have received a personal invitation. However, if you are new and haven't received an invitation, please do come along and meet others who have also just started coming. For further details see Rev John Yarrien or Wendy Hilton.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest festival this year will be held on 25th September. Given the particular circumstances of our time, with so many people finding it hard to afford food, we have decided that we should collect items for the Dorchester Food Bank. The Food Bank is unable to deal with fresh food, so tinned and packaged foods are preferred. There is a list below of the food and hygiene products that the Food Bank supplies.

There will also be a bring-and-share lunch after church, organised by Sue Gannaway. In order to help the catering group, please sign up on the list in the hall, specifying what you will bring.

#### DONATIONS FOR FOODBANK

**Please ensure items are unopened and well within their Best Before End dates**

*Items marked \*\* are things we run out of most often and have to shop for regularly*

FOOD ITEMS:	HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL CARE:
Baked beans	**Laundry gel/tabs
Tinned and packet soups	**Washing up liquid
**Ready meals (e.g. tinned spaghetti, ravioli, instant flavoured noodles and pasta)	**Anti-bac/cleaning spray/bleach
**Tinned fish (not just tuna!)	Toilet rolls
Tinned meat products	**Shampoo
Pasta sauce	Shower gel (but NOT soap)
**Custard (tins and packets)	Toothpaste
**Rice pudding	**Deodorant (men and women)
Tinned fruit	**Shaving gel/razors
Tinned veg (e.g. carrots, peas, mushrooms, tomatoes)	Sanitary towels/pads/tampons
Rice & Pasta	
**Tinned potatoes and instant mash	<b>'EXTRAS' (most requested by our clients)</b>
Sweet biscuits	Ketchup
Cereal	Brown sauce
**Jam	Mayo
**Tea & Coffee inc sachets	Cooking oil
**UHT milk	Instant hot chocolate
**Sugar	Squash/soft drinks
	Crisps and confectionery

*Other items are welcome but please bear in mind that we have limited storage space*



#### [Come and visit our shop!](#)

As well as stocking a wide range of Christian books, we have Fairtrade foods and household goods, greetings cards, and ethically produced gifts. Pop in to chat and browse, you're always welcome!

We are open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, 10am—12.30pm.

### Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride

The [Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride](#) will take place this year on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested in taking part, please contact me - Shawn Board, your Ride & Stride local coordinator - [via email](#) for further information. Half the money raised through sponsorship will be returned to this church.

As in years past, it is hoped that the church will be open and staffed between 10 am and 6pm, so if you could spare an hour or two on the day to welcome Riders and Striders to UCD, offering refreshments, signing sponsor sheets and giving directions to other churches etc, I would be pleased to hear from you. It is hoped that this year there will be no Covid-19 restrictions in force, and once numbers of helpers are ascertained, I will then be in contact with you and compile a rota. It is hoped that a sufficient number of people will come forward to operate a shift system as in past years, but whatever you can manage would be appreciated.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in anticipation.  
Every blessing  
Shawn

#### **Christian Aid Walk to the River Jordan**

Saturday 17 September

Start: 09.30 at St Peter's Church, Dorchester

Finish: River Jordan/Bowleaze Cove, Preston

Lunch: Picnic or Bowleaze Café

Distance: approx. 8 miles (or shorter stages)

Return from Weymouth by public transport

Sponsor forms and details from the [UCD web site](#)  
or the United Church shop.

Why not encourage friends and family to walk and get sponsorship?

#### **Christian Aid Annual Market**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 10-1.30  
at the United Church

Stalls galore  
Coffee/tea and lunches

Official opening by the Deputy  
Mayor and Mayoress of  
Dorchester

#### **Dorchester Poverty Action Annual Open Meeting "Helping people manage money better"**

Speakers: Dick and Jane Howard, CAP Money Coaches  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm  
in Dorford Centre Activities Room  
Everyone welcome

The Dorchester Poverty Action coffee morning in July raised over £1,000 to provide grants to those in DT1 and DT2 at points of financial crisis. A debt leaflet was also launched to encourage those struggling financially to seek help sooner rather than later.

#### **Rotas**

Will those people who are responsible for compiling any rota please ensure that there is an up-to-date copy in the purple folder in the kitchen to the side of the front entrance lobby so that everyone knows who should be doing what!

### **Dorset County Show, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

We are erecting our marquee on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 1pm on the Show Ground. It will take a couple of hours at least and then on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm we have to take it down. If you can help with this, bearing in mind that it is quite physical work on both days, please let Peter Jenner know by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

The Show will soon be here and we ask that you will remember it in your prayers: the organisers, exhibitors, farmers, and those who attend, that they will have an enjoyable day.

Peter Jenner

### **District Synod, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Our circuit will be hosting the next Synod on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at UCD. As hosts we will need to provide volunteers to staff the reception and doors, supply teas and coffees throughout the day and set up/clear up. We hosted a very successful Synod here back in April 2019, so we know we can do it again with your help.

Please can you let Jacqui know how you can help on the day and what hours would best suit you. The event is planned to start at 9.00am for early arrivals and finish by 4.30pm, with clearing up still to do. Refreshments will be available on arrival, at lunch and at the end of the day as people leave.

We look forward to hearing from as many people as possible; many hands make light work.

Jacqui Trent: [weybaymc@yahoo.com](mailto:weybaymc@yahoo.com)

### **Appeal for Cakes for Synod**

As well as offering tea and coffee at the end of the day we will be offering cakes to strengthen attendees on their way home – so we would be most grateful to anyone who would be able to make a cake. We know there are many excellent bakers out there! If you can do so, please let me know so I can compile a list for those organising refreshments that afternoon. Please e-mail me via the [UCD Contact Form](#) (Circuit Administrator MJ). With many thanks, Maria Jacobson.

### **Wanted - Bags for Life**

Do you have any “bags for life” that you no longer need? They can be in poor condition. They are needed for Tools with a Mission sewing machines which do not have a case. They are an ideal size for a sewing machine, foot pedal and instruction book, so items don't get separated. Please give to Wendy or John Hilton. Thank you.

### **Notices for news sheet**

The deadline for the October news sheet is Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson

### **Church Website**

Don't forget to check out the [church website](#), which is managed by Kevin and Susy Rogers. As well as a downloadable version of the news sheet, it also gives information on a number of different things concerning the church and how it runs. The website belongs to the church as a whole so you are encouraged to contribute. Where possible, go, discover and explore!

### **Data Protection Act**

In common with most other churches and organisations, the United Church Dorchester keeps pastoral records of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of regular worshippers and friends. The information is used for church purposes only, is never communicated to any other body and is held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Please notify us in writing if you do not wish your data to be held by us in this way.