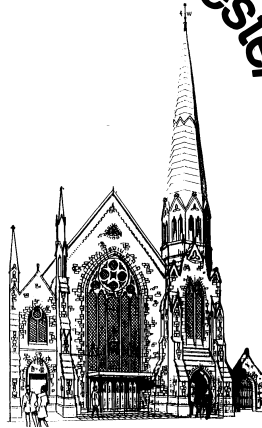


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JANUARY 2021

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Lectionary readings

3rd January

Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1: (1-9) 10-18

10th January

Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

17th January

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

24th January

Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

31st January

Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Sunday Worship

3rd January

10.00/11.15 Rev P Clark

10th January

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarrien
Covenant Service
Holy Communion

17th January

10.00/11.15 Mr P Jenner

24th January

10.00/11.15 Rev R Lownsborough

31st January

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarrien

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.30am

6th January Rev B Stephenson

13th January Rev P Clark

20th January Mr A Boyden

27th January Mr C Warren

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
18th-25th January**

Rather than the normal services and soup, churches across Dorchester will be marking the week with a series of short services, some on zoom, some in person. At UCD we will be hosting a prayer service on Thursday 21st January, on zoom and at UCD, at 9.30am. More details from Rev John Yarrien.

Sunday, 27th December

With all the Christmas services and other events beginning with the Carol Services on the 20th December, and all the consequent opportunities for cross-infection, the Council of Stewards, at its meeting on the 8th December, decided to accept the recommendation of the circuit staff that we should not hold services on Sunday, 27th December. There will a circuit zoom service and a written service, but no YouTube service. There is a programme called "Sunday Worship" at 9.10am on BBC1 on that Sunday. If you cannot come to church and are not online, this is something which appears to be available every Sunday at various times.

Zoom service

Join members from across the circuit for a Zoom service every Sunday led by our local ministers and lay preachers. This is at 5 pm on Sundays when there are morning services in church, but at 10 am on 27th December when there aren't. To receive your first Zoom invitation to this service, e-mail Jacqui Trent at weybaymc@yahoo.com.

Church Family News

We sadly have to announce the death of Kay Ennals. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

Support Service

Worried about going out? Finding it hard to cope with queueing? Family too far away to help? Needing to self-isolate?



Please don't struggle on alone and put yourself at risk. Don't forget there is a cheerful and willing band of younger folk from church who are very happy to help out. We are happy to continue shopping, collecting prescriptions or other tasks as long as needed so if you, or folk you know, need support then please don't hesitate to make contact.

Support is being coordinated by Gill and Peter Robinson

One Way Christmas Fair

We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the One Way Christmas Fair a success. £583 was raised for our World Church Project, Mission Aviation Fellowship. There was a great Christmas atmosphere and people were able to see each other for coffee outside as the weather was kind. The church shop also was really pleased with the number of customers.

Christian Aid Recipe Booklet

We've still had only a few recipes sent in and we're sure that so many people have their favourites which others would love to see! Can I ask you to make a real effort to dig out your favourite recipes and send them to me.

Very many thanks. Tony Boyden.

Dorchester Family Support

(formerly School Holiday Lunch Club)

The church gave 6 big boxes full of Christmas food to the charity Dorchester Family Support to make up 250 hampers to distribute to families whose children are entitled to free school meals. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Dorchester Food Bank

The local community has been extremely generous in supplying money and food donations to Dorchester Food Bank over the last few months. We now have sufficient money and food to last at least six months. We therefore feel it would be more appropriate for the community to support other charities in greater need. John Weir, DFB Treasurer

A wealth of information in the new UCD website members' area

Di, our admin co-ordinator, and Kevin, our webmaster, have spent many hours over the last few months developing a password protected area on our website and loading it with useful information. Things like: who's on what rota and when; addresses in the church directory; our governing documents; annual reports, church meeting minutes and AGM minutes for the last five years; who's who on the Council of Stewards; policies and procedures in the church and, very soon, a regularly updated diary of bookings in the UCD buildings. You can use all these resources, if you can access the internet and if you have already completed the UCD consent form, which gives us permission to hold your contact details on the church database. The majority of you will have done this about 3 years ago. (Due to data protection legislation, the church database is not accessible on the web.)

Please contact Di (office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk or Tel: 457477) and ask for the username and password required to access the secure web area. Di will send you two separate emails, one containing the username and the second containing the password and instructions on how to log in. I hope you find the information useful. If something that you want to access is not there please let Di or me know and we'll see if it can be added.

John Hilton

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the February news sheet is Sunday 24th January. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson.