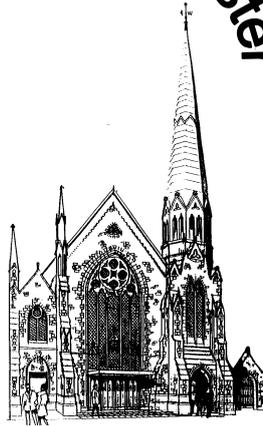


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



OCTOBER 2022

Registered Charity No: 1137996

Methodist and United Reformed
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

Minister (Rev John Yarrien): 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
Church office: 01305 457477
Website: unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk

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Sunday Services

2nd October

10.30 am Rev Ruth Lownsborough
Holy Communion

9th October

Homeless Sunday

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien/
Rev Brenda Stephenson
3.30 pm Tea-pot

16th October

World Church Sunday

10.30 am Mrs Elizabeth Haynes
6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion

23rd October

One World Week

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien

30th October

10.30 am Ms Gill Bumphrey

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Sheila King and Doreen Lusby. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Congratulations to Nigel and Sandra Hewish, who celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary in September.

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 9th October, in the Coffee Lounge at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

World Church Sunday

On 16th October, please bring your World Church collection boxes to be dedicated at the service. There will be a retiring collection for the URC's Council for World Mission.

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 the notices and you will be added to the list. Contact office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

5th October Mr Peter Jenner
12th October Rev Peter Clark
19th October Mr Chris Warren
26th October Rev B Stephenson

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact [Penny Fennell](mailto:Penny.Fennell@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk). Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Offering a Warm Welcome

As the cost of living soars and many people are struggling to pay their fuel bills, the Council of Stewards are considering working with other statutory and voluntary organisations in the town (including Churches Together in Dorchester) to open an area of the church building to provide warmth and a welcome. The plans are at a very early stage and will be influenced by government policy and other local provision but if you think that you would be willing to help in some way, please speak to one of the stewards.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

We will again be filling Christmas shoe boxes for the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion based at St Paul's Church in Salisbury. The charity works to break the cycle of poverty and marginalisation for some of the most vulnerable individuals and communities in south east Europe. They prevent exploitation and human trafficking, helping to effect positive change throughout the region. UCD collected over 30 shoe boxes last Christmas which went to Bulgaria. Leaflets should be available soon and we hope to have the boxes dedicated in mid-November.

Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Many thanks to all who sponsored Eric Young for this event on 10th September. He cycled 35 miles and visited 24 churches. He expects to raise about £300, half of which will go to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and half to United Church Dorchester.

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

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

Christian Aid

There will be a very busy weekend for Christian Aid in October:

Friday 14 October: There will be a collection in South Street between 9 am and 5 pm.

Saturday 15 October: The Christian Aid Market involving stalls from across the churches will be held in the Hall followed by ploughman's lunches. This will run from 10 am and lunches will end at 1.30. The Market, a long-established favourite, will be opened by the Mayor, Councillor Mrs Hewitt. If you are able to donate a cake or some local produce this would be very much appreciated.

Sunday 16 October: There will be a 'Big (vegetarian) Brekkie' at Dorchester Baptist Church from 8 am to 9 am. Entry limited by pre-booking. There will be no entrance fee but voluntary donations to Christian Aid welcome. For further details contact [Tony Boyden](#) after 6 October.

Autumn Concert at the United Church on Tuesday 11th October at 7pm

presented by the Thomas Hardy School Music Department
featuring talented soloists and the Thomas Hardy Singers

Entrance free but retiring collection for Music Department funds
Please come along and enjoy a feast of local youthful musical talent

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the November news sheet is Sunday 23rd October. 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.