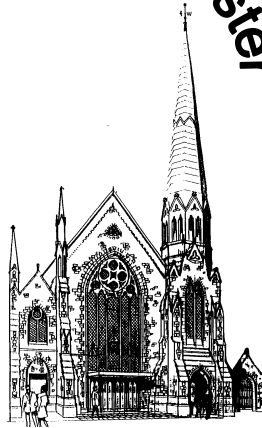


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



APRIL 2022

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Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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Lectionary readings

3rd April

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

10th April

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14 – 23:56 *or*
Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 *or*
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1 – 19:42

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 *or* Isaiah
65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 *or* Luke
24:1-12

24th April

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Sunday Services

3rd April

10.30 Mr C Warren
18.30 Rev B Stephenson

10th April

Palm Sunday
10.30 Rev J Yarrien
Holy Communion

14th April

Maundy Thursday
19.30 Tenebrae Service
Rev J Yarrien

17th April

Easter Sunday
10.30 Mr A Boyden

24th April

10.30 Rev J Yarrien
18.30 Rev J Yarrien

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

6th April Rev B Stephenson
13th April Mr C Warren
20th April Mr P Jenner
27th April Rev J Yarrien

Good Friday Walk of Witness

The Walk of Witness, organised by Churches Together, will be on Good Friday, 15th April, starting at the Pump at Cornhill at 9.30am. The Walk will take us down South Street, then crossing Trinity Street and going up Bowling Alley Lane to Borough Gardens, where there will be an open air service at the bandstand.

Church Family News

The funeral of Miss Enid Deakin will take place at Weymouth Crematorium at 10.45am on Monday, 4th April. It will be conducted by the Rev John Walker, who had known Enid for over sixty years. Enid was a Circuit Steward of the Weymouth Circuit for a number of years and, as a daughter of the manse, involved in many ways...choir member, WW/Network and much fund raising.

Rev Jane Wilson

The Rev Jane Wilson is the Methodist minister who is joining the circuit in September and will be based in Bridport. Her welcome service will be at 6.30pm on Friday, 2nd September, at Bridport United Church.

Ukraine

The church's retiring collection for Ukraine came to £616.35, while many we know have donated directly to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC).

Sonrise Service

On Easter Sunday, 17th April, there will be a Sonrise (not a spelling mistake) service, organised by Churches Together, at Maumbury Rings at 6am. Sunrise that morning is at 6.14am. Do join us.
"Early on the Sunday morning, whilst it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb".

Back to normality questionnaire

Guided by the results of our "Back to Normality" survey and recognising that Covid numbers are rising rapidly again in Dorset, the Stewards encourage worshippers to wear their masks when moving about the building but they can remove them once they are seated if they wish to do so. The stewards also request that we all continue to sit to sing hymns for the time being.

AGM and Elections for Council of Stewards

Wednesday 27th April at 7.00pm in the hall

This year we require at least four new Stewards. To make a nomination, please get the agreement of the person you want to nominate before you proceed further. The nominee must be a church member. A list of members, and nomination forms, can be found on a notice board in the hall and in the church foyer. Fill in the form and hand to either the Senior Steward (John Parson) or the Acting Church Secretary (John Hilton) or post in the metal post box in the Charles St foyer by midday on Sunday 24th April. If you are interested in becoming a Steward and don't know what is involved a copy of the job description is on the notice board by each members' list. Alternatively talk to John Parson or John Hilton.

The agenda and minutes of the previous (2021) meeting will be available as you leave church from early April. However, if you are able to, please look on the church website and download them from there. The 2021 Annual Report and Annual Accounts will also be available online. There will be a few copies available in the foyer but please only take one if you intend to read it because it is a lot of paper.

Relief for Ukrainian Refugees

Paul and Joy Wallis are hiring a van to take donated goods to Poland for the Ukrainian refugees. The intention had been for Paul's Polish brother-in-law, Jorj, to go with him, but Jorj has tested positive for Covid so Joy is going instead. They plan to leave on Monday, 21st March, so they may have gone and come back by the time you read this. The group in Bournemouth who are organising the collection and transmission of goods will pay for the fuel and ferry crossing. Donations from UCD, Bridport United Church and Jorj's church in Eastbourne will cover the cost of hiring the van, and also contribute to the cost of fuel and the ferry crossing, and Dorchester Baptist Church have also contributed to this.

Easter Day Breakfast

On Sunday 17 April the Easter Day breakfast is making a return and all are welcome to enjoy breakfast at the United Church before the 10:30 service.

To start we provide fruit compôte, muesli and cereal, followed by a cooked breakfast, toast, fruit juice, tea and coffee. Back by popular demand we even have Jon's homemade marmalade. We serve between 08:30 and 09:30 and the cost is £5:00 for adults and £3:00 for children under 12. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the hall or contact Jonathan Mair.

Forest Praise – Saturday April 30th, 10.30 -11.45 am

Now that the weather is getting better (hopefully) we can venture outside and have activities under a couple of gazebos in the grounds of St George's. We always need help and appreciate it. Please do tell your friends especially those with children.

We are going to be at St George's Fayre on **Saturday 23rd April** promoting Forest Praise. We will have very quick crafts for children to do and take home. If you would like to help us on the day please see Janice Young or Peter Jenner.

Journey to the Empty Tomb

United Church Dorchester are offering an interactive Journey to the Empty Tomb; you will be invited to reflect on key events leading up to Christ's resurrection, spend some time thinking about events in relation to your own life, and take a symbol and response card so that you can continue your reflections at home.

Help will be needed to set this up on April 10th from 2pm, and to steward from Monday 11th to Saturday 16th April (Holy Week) from 11am to 3pm. Please let Mary Martin know if you can help and look out for the rota for stewards on the hall notice board.

Easter Saturday, 16th April

We shall be giving out flowers in the morning in South Street to remind people that it's Easter and also an Easter activity pack for children. Journey to the Empty Tomb will be open so we will have a presence as people go about their day. See either Peter Jenner or Janice Young if you would like to help in giving out some flowers.

New Pastoral Support Assistant . . . appointed

You may be aware that the church has recently advertised the post of Pastoral Support Assistant, which will help support both Rev John and the Pastoral Visitors team to offer pastoral care and support across the church, on a 10 hour per week contract. We interviewed two very good candidates, and we give thanks to God for them coming forward. Following the interview process and deliberations of the interview panel, we have offered the post to Rev Andrew Tyler, who comes to us with a huge amount of pastoral ministry experience, working in both Anglican parishes and hospital and hospice chaplaincy within a number of contexts. Andrew has accepted the post, subject to the usual reference checks and the completion of a DBS. We hope that Andrew will be able to begin working with us no later than 1st May 2022. I hope you will join me in praying for Andrew as he prepares to join the UCD team and community in this important work, as we look forward to working with him.

Every Blessing
Rev John Yarrien

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

Or Tea, Laughter and Chat

We are now having 6.30pm evening services on two Sundays each month. This leaves two Sundays when we can do something different. Both John Yarrien and I had experienced a different kind of service, he in Mansfield, Enid and I in a Lincolnshire village, and this has been proposed to the Council of Stewards and accepted by them. On Sunday, 10th April, which is Palm Sunday, we shall have Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns, which can also be called Tea, Laughter and Chat, or simply Teapot. We hope that people will arrive in the hall from 3.30pm onwards ready for a formal start at 4pm. There will be tables of six, and we will serve afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes and tea. Karen Southwood has agreed to be in charge of the food, and she and her husband also have experience of this type of service in their previous church in Hemel Hempstead. At about a quarter to five, we shall give out hymn books and sing some favourite hymns. Between hymns there will be a bible reading and perhaps a short talk about it, and later a time of prayer, and we will finish with the Grace at about 5.30pm. We hope overall to sing (parts of) perhaps nine or ten hymns. Do come along and enjoy a time of relaxed fellowship and worship.

John Parson
Senior Steward

Community Litter Pick Saturday 2nd April, 10am-12noon Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester

Meet outside Brewhouse and Kitchen at 9.50am
Equipment courtesy of Dorchester Town Council
For more information, email [Tony McDougal](mailto:Tony.McDougal@ucd.dorset.nhs.uk).



Underhill Methodist Church

Underhill Methodist Church on Portland is closing for worship. You are warmly welcomed to a Circuit service there on Sunday 3rd April at 3pm to celebrate the life and witness of the church over many generations.

Prayer Chain

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

Spring Concert, Wednesday 6th April at 7.30 pm

Thomas Hardy School Music Department present their Spring Concert at the United Church. The concert will feature the Thomas Hardy Singers and Orchestra as well as other instrumental groups. Free entry but there will be a retiring collection for the Dorchester Child Contact Centre. All are welcome to support our young musicians.

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World Church Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday, 2nd April, 10 - 12

Come and join us for coffee, tea, cakes and hot cross buns!

Get your Easter presents here: unique crafts, homemade cakes and biscuits, books, plants, bric-a-brac and Guess the Weight of our Spring Hamper

All proceeds to go to Tools with a Mission

We are looking for helpers on the day, as well as donations to any of the stalls



Piano free to a good home. Please contact John Hilton.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the May news sheet is Easter Sunday, 17th April. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson.

Church Website

Don't forget to check out the church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>), 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.