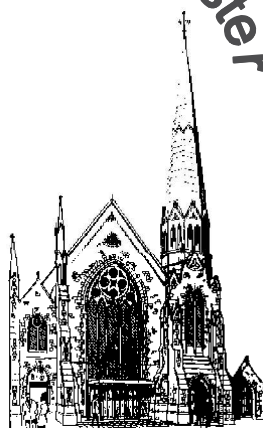


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



OCTOBER 2025

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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.

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We are a Christian Community seeking to be a Beacon of God's Light and Love for All

Sunday Services

5th October

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion

12th October

10.30 am Mr Chris Warren
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

19th October **World Church Sunday**

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
6.30 pm Christians Together in
Dorchester Prayer Week service

26th October

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

1st October Mr Chris Warren
8th October Rev John Yarrien
15th October Rev John Walker
22nd October Mr Tony Boyden
29th October Rev Brenda Stephenson

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 12th October, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of Rev David Reep. Please pray for Audrey and the family. David was pivotal in the development of UCD and you can find out more in the Vision magazine.

Happy birthday to Martin Williams and Paul Haynes, who are celebrating their 90th birthdays in October.

Congratulations to Margaret and Martin Thorp, who celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary in September.

Welcome Meeting

Annually we have a welcome meeting for those who have joined our fellowship over the last year. In late September/early October you should receive a personal invitation to this welcome event on Sunday 26th October at 3pm in the church coffee shop. If you don't receive an invitation, please let Wendy Hilton or Ruth Magee know and we will give you an invitation. This is an opportunity to find out more about UCD and ask questions. It is also a lovely occasion when new people meet other new people and some lasting friendships are formed.

On **World Church Sunday**, 19th October, there will be a retiring collection for the [Methodist World Mission Fund](#). People who have World Church collection boxes are invited to bring them so that they can be dedicated during the service.

The church is open for **Morning Prayer** each Tuesday starting at 8.30am. All welcome.



**Come Walk
With Us**



All are welcome to join Enid & John Parson, Gill & Peter Robinson on a leisurely walk of 3-4 miles on Saturday 4th October, starting at 2pm from [Knighton Nature Reserve](#) car park ([by Silverlake](#)). For further details please contact one of us.



Quiz Evening

Saturday 18th October, 7pm at United Church Dorchester
£5 per person

Come as a team (max 6 people) or join a team on the night
Coffee/tea and cake provided

Please pre-book if possible by contacting [Peter/Gill Robinson](#)

Proceeds to [The Leprosy Mission](#)
Please support

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in during October are:

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| October | 1 st | Freedom From Torture | 22 nd | Relate |
| | 8 th | Parkinson's UK | 29 th | Salvation Army |
| | 15 th | Marie Curie | | |

If you know of any charities who might be interested in having a stall in future months (we only have one charity stall each Wednesday) then please put them in touch with me. We have no vacant weeks before Christmas, but we shall soon be taking bookings for the new year.

John Parson

Christian Aid dates

Christian Aid walk to the River Jordan: **Saturday, October 11th**, 9.30 am. An invigorating and popular sponsored walk from St Peter's Church, Dorchester to Bowleaze Cove, about 8 miles long with a stop for lunch at Osmington Church. More details and sponsor forms from [Tony Boyden](#).

Christian Aid market: **Saturday, November 1st**, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. A range of stalls and tea and coffee followed by ploughman's lunches (from 12.00 to 1.00 pm). Cakes for the cake stall would be very welcome.

Christian Aid street collection: **Friday, November 14th**, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. If you would like to volunteer to collect for an hour or so, please let Tony Boyden know.

Christmas shoe boxes

We will again be supporting the [House of Opportunity](#) in making up [Christmas shoe boxes](#). More details are available in the Oct/Nov Vision magazine. Leaflets are available in both foyers. Shoe boxes need to be returned for their dedication on Sunday 23 November, after which they will be collected.

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact [Enid Parson](#).

Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Dorchester Poverty Action: Annual Open Meeting

Tuesday 7th October at 7pm at Dorford Centre

The speaker will be Jon Sloper of "[Help and Kindness](#)"

"Get help, give help, work together."

Jon has extensive knowledge of the issues affecting families in Dorset, along with the organisations offering help and support. Do come along and hear about the work going on in YOUR AREA.

Refreshments provided

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th November, 10.00 -12.00 in the Church Hall

Stalls include:

- Cakes
- Crafts
- Books
- Jigsaws
- Bric-a-Brac
- Guess the weight of the hamper
- Mystery Gift Bags
- Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Cake & Mince Pies



Please support – all proceeds for [The Leprosy Mission](#)

Donations of cakes and items for stalls will be gratefully received

If you are able to offer help on the day please contact [Gill Robinson](#)

Could YOU help with PowerPoint?

Four of us take it in turns to prepare the Sunday morning PowerPoint and run it during the service. It would give us all much more flexibility if we could have one or two others who would join the team. There must be ex-teachers, or others who used PowerPoint in a previous life. Could you come and help us please. If you haven't used PowerPoint, but are familiar with one or more programs of the Microsoft Office suite, then it wouldn't take much to learn it and the members of the current team would be happy to help you learn. Likewise, technical problems can occur very occasionally in the service but you wouldn't be on your own as there are several of us around who could help sort any problems. If you think that you would like to join us please contact [John Hilton](#)

Vision magazine advertising volunteer

Since Marion's retirement, we are looking for another volunteer to look after our advertisers, who bring valuable revenue into the church. The role involves sending out an annual invoice and checking these have been paid, distributing each new magazine (6 times p.a.) and encouraging new advertisers. Please see Wendy Hilton if you can help.

Dorset Historic Churches “Ride and Stride”, 13th September

Many thanks to all who generously sponsored Eric Young for [this event](#). He cycled about 36 miles and visited 25 churches. He expects to raise almost £400, half of which will go to [Dorset Historic Churches Trust](#) and half to Dorchester United Church. Thanks also to Shawn Board, our organiser, and those who helped him staff the Church on the day.

From Rev John Yarrien: I visited 9 churches in total, cycling 15 miles in just over 2 hours. I visited several churches in Dorchester in a circular route that took me from UCD, across to the Catholic church, St Peter’s, over to St George’s, to Stinsford, then to West Stafford, West Knighton, then on to Broadmayne, before heading back into Dorchester to my final stop at St Mary’s Church in Edward Road. I am very grateful for the donations that have been made. I have collected £200, which is amazing. Next year I hope to be a little more ambitious, but this was a challenging and affirming start to my Ride and Stride journey. Thank you for all the encouragement.

Saturday Men’s Breakfast Meetings

The next Men's Group meetings will be at 8.30 a.m. on 11th October, 15th November and 13th December.
Paul Wallis



We look forward to welcoming you to the [United Church Shop](#)
Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday,
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
The shop is in Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library

We have just put out our Christmas goods and have a good selection of Leprosy Mission, Traidcraft and Hannah Dunnett Christmas cards, as well as Advent candles, Advent calendars, and gifts.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the November news sheet is midday on Sunday, 19th 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 – please [send in](#) any information about [Events](#) taking place at the church, or [Latest News](#) items that may be of interest.

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.