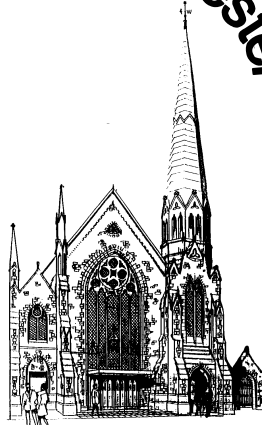


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



OCTOBER 2020

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Lectionary readings

4th October

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:7-15
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

11th October

Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

18th October

Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9 (10-13)
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

25th October

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm 1
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Sunday Worship

4th October

10.00 am Rev J Yarren
Holy Communion

11th October World Church Sunday

10.00 am Rev P Clark

18th October

10.00 am Ms G Bumphrey

25th October One World Week

10.00 am Rev J Yarren

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.30am

7th October Rev J Walker

14th October Mr T Boyden

21st October Mr P Jenner

28th October Mr C Warren

Everyday Prayer

All-embracing God, you love us all as your children. We come from different families, different homes and different backgrounds but we are united in faith. We join with sisters and brothers around the world in worship and praise. Amen

Communion

After looking into how to conduct a service of Holy Communion safely under the Covid restrictions, the Rev John Yarren is hoping to preside at Communion services on Sunday, 4th October, at 10am and 11.15am. The congregation will receive the elements in one kind only. The minister will wear a visor and gloves, and will bring a wafer, not bread, round to each member of the congregation and place it in our hands at arm's length. He will then drink the wine from a chalice on behalf of us all. We hope that you will all find this an acceptable way of enabling us to celebrate the Lord's Supper and carry out His instruction, "Do this in remembrance of me".

Commemoration

Since the start of lockdown in March, several of our church members have died. Because of the covid restrictions, very few people were allowed to attend their funerals and, because our church services were suspended, it was not even possible to mention their passing during a service. At each of our morning services on Sunday, 1st November, All Saints Day, the Rev John Yarren will conduct a short act of commemoration at which the names of all our members who have died this year will be read out. We will mourn their passing; thank God for their lives and all that they meant to us; and remember the Christian hope of an infinitely better life in heaven.

World Church Sunday

Sadly we had to put all our activities for our World Church Project, Mission Aviation Fellowship, on hold this year, but we will have our World Church Sunday on 11th October. Peter Clark will lead this service and will give us an update on the work of MAF during this extraordinary year. Please bring your World Church collection box with you on the 11th if you can, or arrange with Maria Jacobson to drop it off or have it picked up.

Monthly booking for worship services

In July we implemented seat bookings for worship. We are now having two services each Sunday at 10am and 11.15am and there are between 65 and 80 who attend every Sunday. From October by popular request we will be starting monthly bookings. If you would like to book for a calendar month (4 or 5 Sundays), please let Gillian know before the beginning of the month. If there are any of the Sundays when you know you will be away or you are on duty and will already have a designated seat, please make sure Gillian knows. We still have many members who have not returned to Sunday services, so we do not want unused seats when people are wanting to book. Individual Sunday bookings will continue for those who prefer to book weekly.

Please contact Gillian via the web site 'Contact us' pages or church office phone: monthly bookings at least two days before the beginning of the month, weekly bookings by 6pm on the Saturday before the Sunday.

Harvest Festival – A Reminder

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 27th September at 10am and repeated if necessary at 11.15am. It will be led by the Revd John Walker. Because of the present Covid restrictions, please do not bring fresh produce, but only food in tins, jars or packets. We shall not be setting up on the Saturday afternoon. Please bring your gifts to the front as you enter the church on the Sunday morning.

Zoom service

Join members from across the circuit for a weekly Zoom service every Sunday at **5pm** led by our local ministers and lay preachers. To receive your first Zoom invitation to this service, e-mail Jacqui Trent at weybaymc@yahoo.com.

Printed service sheets

Those who requested a printed and hand delivered service sheet may no longer use them as they now come to the regular church service. If you no longer need this service, please can you let either the person who delivers it to you or Wendy Hilton know.

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.

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. Lockdown may have eased a little but the future months still seem uncertain. 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.

Name badges

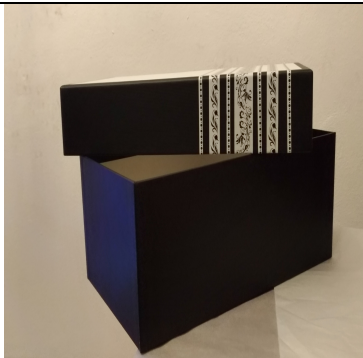
To help Rev John Yarrien and his wife Cora get to know us better, all stewards and those who are regularly on duty have been given name badges. However this is open to everyone. If you would like a name badge which will help John, Cora and many of us to remember names, please see Wendy Hilton.

New address book

We hope to print a new address book during the autumn. This will be available to those who are on the church database and will include all those who have given consent for their details to be printed. If you have said you do not want your details printed, then you will not be included. If over the last couple of years you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail please can you let Wendy Hilton know so we can check these have been updated.

Traidcraft in the Church Shop

We are pleased to report that the Church Shop is now open on two mornings per week (Wednesdays and Fridays). Sales of Traidcraft have been steady but not spectacular. As the festive season approaches I would urge you to place your orders early rather than late, as I am ordering far less often. We will have the usual range of festive cards and some Advent Calendars. Festive foods will be in stock in limited quantities, as we can't sell them in January! Special orders will be taken - either call into the shop or phone/email me (my details are in the church directory). Catalogues are available in the shop or online at: <https://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/>. Home deliveries can be made to those still shielding or self-isolating. This is a difficult time for all of us, but especially for Traidcraft producers around the world. Please give them all the support you can. Thank you. Susy



Christmas Shoe Boxes

This year we will again be collecting shoe boxes for the local charity the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion based in Salisbury. The charity works to break the cycle of poverty and marginalisation for some of the most vulnerable individuals and communities in Southern Europe. Leaflets are available in the church foyer and shop. If you are currently not attending church because of Covid and would like a leaflet, give Maureen Parker a ring. Boxes will be dedicated on Sunday November 15th, so start looking for that shoebox.

Race for Life

John Stedman is walking round and round the garden at Culliford House to raise money for Race for Life. He intends to walk the 5km of the race over the course of time. He is hoping that some of his church friends will support him in this. If you would like to donate you can either go to Culliford House's Facebook page and find the Just Giving link or speak to Brenda Stephenson or Elizabeth Haynes who will arrange to get your donation to the home.

Dorset Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride

Many thanks to all who kindly sponsored me for this event. Your support was much appreciated. I visited 30 churches and cycled about 65 miles and slept well on Saturday night! Eric Young

Everyday Prayer

Pat Bolton has been producing the Everyday Prayer for the news sheet for the past twelve years and would now like to pass this on to someone else. If you are interested in taking it on, please speak to Pat.

Update from Dan Jacobson

Hello all! Just a brief update to let you know what I'm doing. You've probably heard that we're back into local lockdown in the northeast which is a bit rubbish, but fortunately most of my internship activities at King's Church, Durham will be able to continue, many of them in person which is a real blessing. We've now found out what our placements are and I will be involved in running an alpha course and the church youth group, and will be doing outreach in the community with a lunch club and befriending. In addition to this there is a lot of teaching as well as some quite intense discipleship, with the hope of doing some more mission related things next year. I'd like to reiterate my thanks for your help this year and ask if you could continue praying for me as I move forward. Hope to see you all soon! Dan

News sheet and Vision magazine

The October/November Vision magazine is currently being distributed in geographical areas. It is not being delivered by your pastoral visitor. If you do not receive your Vision magazine by the middle of October, please let Wendy know.

For the next few months the printed version of the monthly news sheet will not be available in church. The news sheet will continue to be available on the church website and printed copies will be delivered to those who do not have computer access or are unable to download or print it. If you are experiencing difficulties and would like to have a printed copy delivered, please let Wendy know.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the November news sheet is Sunday 25th October. 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 about the church and its various groups, events, reports and how to contact specific members/groups. 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.