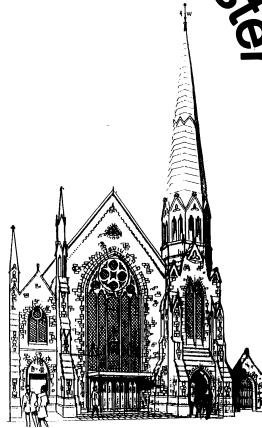


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



NOVEMBER 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](#)

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Sunday Services

6th November Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion

6.30 pm Mr R Lownsborough

13th November Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
3.30 pm Tea-pot

20th November

10.30 am Mr Chris Warren
6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien

27th November First Sunday of Advent

10.30 am Rev Neil Riches
URC 50th anniversary
4.00 pm Rev John Yarrien
Carol Service

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

2nd November Mr Tony Boyden

9th November Rev Peter Clark

16th November Rev Steph Jenner

23rd November Rev Neil Riches

30th November Rev John Yarrien

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Ruth Henshall, Barry Burt and Phyllis Bartlett. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Congratulations to Maureen Parker, who celebrated her 80th birthday in October.

In November Audrey Reep celebrates her 90th birthday and in the following month David celebrates his 90th. We send our best wishes to them both.

Congratulations to John and Kathryn Jitan on the arrival of Molly Ruth, a sister for Emma.

The service on **Remembrance Sunday** (November 13th) will be at 10.30am this year, taken by Rev John Yarrien, and an appropriate gap will be left just before 11am for anyone who wishes to attend the service at the Cenotaph. The two minute silence will be observed as a part of our service.

The next **Tea-Pot** (afternoon tea and favourite hymns) is on Sunday, 13th November, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

The 6.30 pm service on Sunday 20th November will be **Informal Worship** led by Rev John Yarrien and the Evening Music Group.

Weekly notices to your inbox via e-mail

You don't need to wait to pick up the printed notices on a Sunday (and you can 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 by e-mail and you will be added to the list. Contact office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk.

The next Church meeting will be held on Thursday November 24th at 7pm. We will begin with tea or coffee and a cake to celebrate 50 years of the United Reformed Church, with the business of the meeting beginning at 7.30pm. This meeting will include the budget for 2023. Celebrations will continue on Advent Sunday, November 27th, with Rev Neil Riches leading our worship (and more cake!)

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat.....

Once again we are planning for our **Journey to the Stable**, an interactive exploration of the true meaning of Christmas which we offer to local school children as well as the general public and once again we are looking for willing volunteers. We need help to welcome the school parties, talk about the "journey" and provide drinks and biscuits and to steward for public opening. If you are new to our Church or are not sure about what is entailed, please speak to Diana Leeming, Peter Jenner or Mary Martin. Journey to the Stable will be set up on December 7th and all but the stable will be taken down on December 17th.

In Christmas week the Church will be open for **Joy at Christmas**. The stable will be open and we hope to have a display of differing Nativity Scenes for folk to look at as well as providing a space to just be. If you have a Nativity Scene which has a particular story or meaning for you and which you are willing to lend for the week please let Diana Leeming, Wendy Hilton or Mary Martin know. And of course..... stewards will be needed.

United Church Dorchester

World Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 19th November, 10 -12

Come and join us for tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies, or even a bacon butty!

Get your Christmas presents early: homemade, unique Christmas Crafts, Cakes and Biscuits, Books and Bric-a-Brac; you even get the chance to win a Christmas Hamper!

We will be very grateful for donations of cakes/biscuits, books, good quality crafts and bric-a-brac, and for any offers of help on the day

All proceeds to go to [Tools with a Mission](#)



World Church Committee

The World Church Committee is urgently in need a couple of new members. We meet only three times a year, shortlist for UCD's World Church Project, and currently organise two coffee mornings, World Church Sundays and other events to raise money for the project, and for the Methodist and URC World Church Funds in general. If anybody is interested, please speak to Ruth or Maria.

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, 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 are in both foyers and the boxes will be dedicated on November 20th ready for collection.

Come and visit [our shop!](#)

As well as stocking a wide range of Christian books, we have Fairtrade foods and household goods, greetings cards, and ethically produced gifts. Pop in to chat and browse, you're always welcome.

Please note the change in the days we are open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings, 10am—12.30pm. The shop entrance is at the back of the church building, in Charles Street.

Susy will only be doing two more [Traidcraft](#) orders before Christmas. The last one will be done on December 5. You should know that Traidcraft have serious supply issues and not all products will be in stock. Please email Susy asap if you need anything urgently.

Message from the Webmaster

After two years, we are changing the Password that provides a secure log-in to the Members' Resources area of the UCD web site.

The Username will remain the same, it is only the Password that will change. The Stewards all know the new Password, so please ask one of them for the detail; or contact the Church Office, who can also provide a guidance sheet if you are completely new to the log-in process. Please note that the change will happen on **Tuesday, 1st November**, so the existing Username/Password combination will continue to work until then.

Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride 2022

Grateful thanks are extended to Pauline Humphrey, Colin Tizzard, Julia Young, Marion Cox, and Enid and John Parson who very kindly volunteered to help with staffing the church for the [Ride and Stride](#) event. Your valued help was most appreciated. Once again, Eric Young rode for us, and of course many thanks are due to him and also to those who sponsored him. He covered 24 churches and rode 35 miles. Thanks also to Mrs Dorothy Smith who also took part and covered 7 churches. Altogether they raised a total of £333.60 which will be shared between our Church and the Dorset Historic Churches Trust. A great effort and well done.

This year we welcomed a total of 27 Riders and Striders plus three four-legged friends to the Church which, apart from the doggies, was unfortunately down on last year. Possibly the passing of Her Majesty the Queen may have had a bearing on this. Although the number of visitors was down, the amount of money raised in sponsorship was again increased on last year, which was very pleasing.

Once again, many thanks and God bless you all.
Shawn Board
Ride and Stride Organiser

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.

Quiet Christmas

A short (40-minutes) service will be held on Friday 9th December at 3pm followed by light refreshments. This is an ideal service for those who find sitting difficult for lengths of time. It will be café style in the church with refreshments served where you sit. Please let anyone know who might find this just the right Christmas service for them.

Room Bookings

We have a new administrator, Ellie, who is learning the ropes about room bookings. Please will you make sure you book the room you wish to use, preferably through the church office e-mail, as there have been several double bookings recently. Several groups have had to change rooms for a variety of reasons, so please don't assume you can have the room just because you always have. Also, if you are booking the hall and you also need the kitchen and coffee shop, book them too. More and more people are now booking rooms so, to make sure you have the rooms you want, please book as early as possible. We are currently still working out the times and days that Ellie will be in the office, so please use the [office e-mail](#) or leave a message on the office answerphone (01305 457477).

Dorchester Family Support



Charity No: 1188567

Despite it only being October as I write this, our thoughts at [Dorchester Family Support](#) have already turned towards Christmas as we seek once again to help local families in need of practical support. This year we shall be working from Dorford Church on Friday 16th December to pack the hampers whilst our families will come in on Saturday 17th December to pick up their parcels. Based on the numbers that we saw in the summer, we expect about 200 families to make use of this facility.

DFS is totally reliant on support from our community to enable this work to continue. If you can help us financially we would be very grateful – donations can be made on the [DFS web site](#). We are also in need of large “bags for life”, preferably with a Christmas image. This will stop us having to use large amounts of cardboard/plastic to pack the goods we hope to give out. As always, your prayers for this work will be welcome not only for our families but also for the volunteers who give so generously of their time. I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

Kath Joslin – Trustee DFS

Email: joslinkath@gmail.com

Hall Flooring

Due to a variety of issues the renewal of the hall floor has had to be postponed until the new year. The new date has yet to be confirmed.

Fire Evacuation Training

The Fire Officer will be leading a short session (30-40 minutes) on Tuesday 1st November at 6.15pm for Church Leaders and Activity or Shop Leaders who have not recently completed the training. It will include evacuation procedures and also managing the Fire Alarm. Please attend if you possibly can, and let Paul Smith have your name if you intend to be present. Many thanks. Brian Savage



The Quiet Space Open Day

Saturday 19 November, 11.00am-3.00pm

Come and see this special place and find out about all that happens here

Refreshments

The Quiet Space, Woodlands Crescent, Poundbury, Dorchester DT1 3RQ

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the December news sheet is Sunday 20th November. 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.