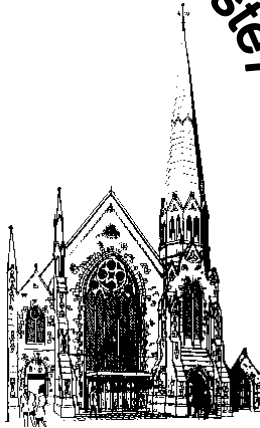


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



MARCH 2023

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Minister (Rev John Yarren): 01305 262421
John's rest day is usually Friday. Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary.

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Sunday Services

5th March

10.30 am Rev John Yarren
Holy Communion
6.30 pm Rev John Yarren

12th March **World Church Sunday**

10.30 am Rev Jane Wilson
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

19th March **Mothering Sunday**

10.30 am Rev John Yarren
6.30 pm Rev Neil Riches

26th March

10.30 am Rev David Cuckson

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Frances Thompson and Pam Montgomerie. Frances regularly attended Sunday worship since moving here to be nearer her family. Pam attended worship on her mobility scooter when she could and was a regular in the coffee shop. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Roni Boyden would like to express her grateful thanks and appreciation for all your good wishes and prayers. It has meant such a lot to have your support and care.

World Church Sunday on 12th March

The service will be led by Rev Jane Wilson, and we will have a speaker from Wheels for the World, Jill Jenkinson, to introduce this year's World Church Project. There will be a retiring collection for Wheels for the World after the service.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

1st March Mr Chris Warren
8th March Mr Peter Jenner
15th March Rev John Walker
22nd March Rev Steph Jenner
29th March Rev Peter Clark

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

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



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 Saturday. 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

Prayer Chain

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

Pastoral Visitor Training

The next get-together of pastoral visitors will be on Tuesday 14 March at 2.30 pm in the coffee shop. Joy and Paul Wallis will talk about "Mental Health First Aid" which will be followed by refreshments, questions and discussion.

United Church Shop

Easter cards are now on sale in the [church shop](#). Do call in and see our range of books, gifts, CDs, serviettes, Traidcraft and cards for all occasions. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank You

I would like to say thank you very much to the church family and friends for your helpfulness and kind thoughts on the loss of Brian. A special thank you to John Yarrien and Heather, not forgetting the catering team. Thank you. Pam Owen

Leaping into Spring . . .

As we enter into Lent, I wonder if we could take up the challenge of starting something new for each day of Lent. It may be having a conversation with someone, offering a moment of prayer, doing someone's shopping, learning the piano - it could be anything really. Lent of course is a time of reflection and journey as we remember Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond. Many give something up, but I wonder in 2023 if starting something new may be something you could try.

We also have the [Transformed by the Presence of Jesus](#) Lent group (books available from the [church shop](#)), each Wednesday of Lent at 2pm at the Manse (7 Capitol Close). If you can't come to all the sessions, why not give one or two a go?

On **Maundy Thursday, 6th April, at 7.30 pm**, we will be having a special service including Holy Communion and foot washing.

On **Easter Saturday, 8th April**, we will be holding an Easter Family Fun Morning from 10am to 12pm, and giving out daffodils to those walking by in South Street as a symbol of the Resurrection. Maybe you could spare half an hour to pop in and be part of the morning with us. If you are able to help, please speak to Peter Jenner.

Then on **Sunday 9th April** we will join together for a Sunrise service at 6.00am at Maumbury Rings, followed by our Easter celebration service at 10.30am.

I pray God's blessing of love and peace as we continue our Lenten journey. Blessings, Rev John.

Address book

In January we started the preparation of a new 2023 address book and asked you to check your details and sign beside your entry. By the beginning of February there were still over 40 entries which had not been checked for a variety of reasons such as ill health. All these people have now been contacted and hopefully, by the end of February, we will be able to compile the finished booklet.

The checking, compiling, printing and collating are all large pieces of work. Hopefully the address book will be out sometime in March. It will be available to all members on the church database in either a printed or electronic version. Not everyone's details are in the book as not everyone wants their details to be published.

United Church Dorchester

World Church Easter Coffee Morning

Saturday, 18th March, 10 - 12

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

Get your Easter presents here: homemade, unique crafts, cakes and biscuits, books, bric-a-brac, jigsaws, plants and much more

All proceeds to go to [Wheels for the World](#), part of the [Through the Roof](#) charity



We are looking for helpers on the day, as well as donations to any of the stalls (e.g. bric-a-brac, jigsaws, homemade cakes, plants, books and crafts).

World Day of Prayer

[World Day of Prayer](#) is an international, ecumenical prayer movement that invites women, from a different part of the world each year, to prepare a worship service through which their hopes and fears for their country may be brought before the whole world in prayer.

On Friday 3rd March, an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe this day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women in Taiwan and translated into over 60 languages and 1,000 dialects. In the British Isles alone over 6,000 services will be held. The day begins as the sun rises over the island of Samoa and continues until it sets off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later. The theme 'I have heard about your faith' comes from Ephesians ch.1 v.15, in which St Paul writes to the early Christians in Ephesus to encourage them and to pray for them at a time of adversity.

Everyone is welcome to attend the services. The local Dorchester & District World Day of Prayer service will be held on **Friday 3rd March at 10:30 am at [St George's Church, Fordington](#)**. Coffee and Fairtrade products will be available after the service in St George's Hall.

For further information and to offer support please contact Jill Vines or Dorothy Smith.

Annual General Meeting

The UCD Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday March 30th at 7pm. It is being held this soon after the February Church meeting to ensure it is completed prior to Rev John Yarren's Sabbatical leave. All are welcome to attend. At that meeting we need to elect a new steward, as Maria Jacobson comes to the end of her term of office. If you are interested in becoming a steward, please complete a nomination form and return it to Brian Savage or Mary Martin by Sunday March 26th. Stewards must be Church members; lists of members and nomination forms will be available in the Church and Hall from early March.

QUIZ EVENING

on Saturday 25th March, 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 [Elizabeth & Paul Haynes](#)
Proceeds to [Action for Children](#)
Please support

DSW Circuit Band and Singers

This group meets on Wednesdays from 5-6pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church. The band meets weekly and the singers meet on alternate weeks. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact [Rosemary Wells](#).

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the April news sheet is Sunday 19th March. 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.