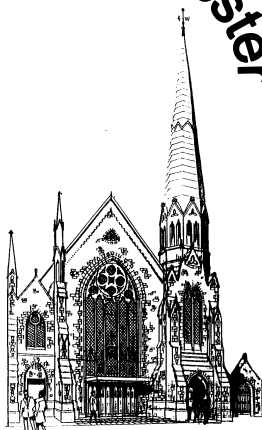


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



APRIL 2023

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](#)
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Sunday Services

2nd April	Palm Sunday
10.30 am	Rev John Walker
6th April	Maundy Thursday
7.30 pm	Rev John Yarrien
	Holy Communion with foot washing
9th April	Easter Day
10.30 am	Rev John Yarrien
	Holy Communion
16th April	
10.30 am	Rev Andrew De Ville
4.00 pm	Tea-Pot
23rd April	
10.30 am	Mr Tony Boyden
6.30 pm	Rev Ruth Lownsborough
30th April	
10.30 am	Worship Committee

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

5 th April	Mr Tony Boyden
12 th April	Rev Brenda Stephenson
19 th April	Mr Chris Warren
26 th April	Rev Neil Riches

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 16th April, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

Congratulations to Rose Gough, who was 96 in March. Rosemary and Ken Mills are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at the end of March and Carol and David Illingworth celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April. Congratulations to you all.

Congratulations on the arrival of Esme Grace on March 17th to Alex and Lewis Bull, and to Heather and Matthew on the arrival of their first granddaughter.



Churches Together in Dorchester Easter activities

Walk of Witness, Good Friday, April 7th, at 9.30 am

This annual commemoration of the Crucifixion will begin with a short act of worship at St Peter's led by Revd. Keith Magee at 9.30 am. We will then process in silence along South Street with the cross being carried until we reach the War Memorial at the end of South Street where there will be a further short act of worship. The procession will then proceed via the Borough Gardens to Dorchester Baptist Church where a further short act of worship will be led by Revd. James East. This will be followed by the opportunity for refreshments and fellowship.

Sonrise Service at Maumbury Rings, Easter Sunday, April 9th, at 6.00 am

This now very popular service early on Easter Sunday morning will be led by Revd. Keith Magee with other church representatives taking part. All are very welcome at both events.
Tony Boyden
Chair, Churches Together in Dorchester

Rev John Yarrien's Sabbatical

From 10th April to 10th July Rev John Yarrien will be on Sabbatical and we ask you to refrain from contacting him during this time, to enable him to benefit from the space gifted to him by the Methodist Church. You may well see Rev John around Dorchester during this time. Don't feel you have to avoid him if you do, but he won't be intentionally engaging with folk during his Sabbatical. If you are in need of ministerial support during this period, please contact Rev Jane Wilson or Rev Ruth Lownsborough, who will be offering cover. Rev John looks forward to sharing his reflections and learning during Sabbatical when he returns in July. Please hold him and his wife, Cora, in prayer.



United Church Shop

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10 to 12.30

Do come and see our colourful, affordable new range of gifts from Shared Earth, ethical products which are sustainable, recycled, plastic free and Fair Trade. We also have our usual range of books, gifts, CDs, cards for all occasions, and some remaining Traidcraft goods. We look forward to seeing you.

The shop also sells plants. It's the time of year when gardeners are thinking about sowing and dividing, so we would be grateful if you could donate a few extra plants to the shop.

Family Fun Morning

Easter Saturday, 8th April, 10am-12noon in the church and foyer

There will be toys and craft activities for children and parents to get involved in, and hot cross buns and drinks. We will also be giving out daffodils to those walking by in South Street as a symbol of the Resurrection. We need people to help with refreshments, crafts, and giving out flowers. 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.

Annual General Meeting

The UCD Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday March 30th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend. At that meeting we need to elect two new stewards. 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 are available in the Church and Hall.

Prayer Chain

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

2023 Church Address Book

The new church address book is now ready. There are two formats, a printed booklet and a digital format, which is on the members' area of the church website. This address book is solely for the use of those at United Church Dorchester, who have given consent (GDPR) for their details to be kept on the church's database. It only contains details of those who have given additional consent for their details to be printed, so you will not find everyone's details. Every effort has been made to ensure that the information presented is correct at the time of printing, but as soon as it is printed it is out of date. Please shred your old address book and do not just put it in the recycling bin. The address book is available from Wendy Hilton and is free, but donations can be put in the collection towards the printing costs.

If you do not already have access to the members' area of the church website, please contact the church office: office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk for the password.

Christmas Ideas Afternoon, Tuesday 25th April, 2-3.30pm

Open to ALL. Tea and cake will be provided. We will look at the Christmas 2023 questionnaires which have been returned and have a general chat about other ideas. See the April Vision magazine for further details. Peter Jenner.

Christmas Nativity

There is still one unnamed nativity in the vestry, which was not collected after the display of Christmas nativities. If this is yours, please let Wendy Hilton know.

First Aid Boxes

At one service in March we had to call out an ambulance twice in one service, a very unusual occurrence. If this happened, would you know where to find the first aid box? There are three first aid boxes, one in each of the kitchens and another in the Cerne Abbas room. They are regularly checked. If someone is feeling sick, there is a bowl labelled sick bowl, with gloves and disinfectant, in the cupboard under the urn in the South Street foyer kitchen. If there is an incident that needs recording, there is an incident book beside the first aid box in the hall kitchen.

Outreach Volunteers wanted in Westham

Jayne Newton, the Circuit Community Outreach Worker, is looking for help at Westham in Weymouth. More volunteers are needed to help with the Food Bank there on Mondays, and to welcome and chat at their Warm Welcome Café on Mondays from 10.30 to 2.30. She would also welcome help from drivers who would be able to collect food from the Industrial Estate. If you would like more details, please contact her.

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.