

NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JUNE 2023

Registered Charity No: 1137996

Methodist and United Reformed
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

Minister (Rev John Yarren):

On Sabbatical from 10th April to 10th July

Pastoral Support Assistant: [Ruth Magee](#)

Church Secretary: [Mary Martin](#)

Senior Steward: [Brian Savage](#)

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<p>4th June 10.30 am 6.30 pm</p> <p>11th June 10.30 am 4.00 pm</p> <p>18th June 10.30 am 6.30 pm</p> <p>25th June 10.30 am</p>	<p>Sunday services Trinity Sunday Rev John Walker Holy Communion Rev Gwyneth Owen</p> <p>Methodist Homes Sunday Mr Tim Wells Tea-Pot</p> <p>Rev David Cuckson Rev Neil Riches</p> <p>Sanctuary Sunday Mr Tony Boyden</p>	<p>Wheels for the World The World Church Committee would like to thank the congregation who gave so generously to the retiring collection for Wheels for the World on April 30th. The sum of £678.50 was raised, which was exceptional, and gratefully received.</p> <p>All Ways to Praise Our next meeting will be on 10th June at 10:30 in the church, for about an hour. Please bring along anything you would like to share -- or just come and enjoy!</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Market Day Services Wednesdays at 10.45 am</p> <p>7th June Rev Peter Clark 14th June Rev John Walker 21st June Mr Chris Warren 28th June Rev Neil Riches</p> <p>Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 11th June, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.</p>		<p>United Church Shop Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 12.30</p> <p>The shop has a good range of translations of the Bible and also of books on subjects such as prayer, Christian life, and pastoral issues. Please do come and have a browse and get encouragement in your Christian life. We are expecting another order of interesting gifts from Shared Earth, and we also have a selection of crosses on chains and some earrings.</p>

UCD Church Clearance Day - Saturday 24th June 9.00am to 5.00pm

On Saturday 24th June we will be sorting through all the downstairs storage rooms and cupboards. This will enable us to see what we need to keep or dispose of. This is important as the Church has no spare storage capacity. So before we start to use up even more space, we must try and reduce what we currently have in storage.

If you, or a group that you belong to, uses any ground floor storage space anywhere at UCD this will affect you. All items currently stored will be removed and taken to the Hall where you will be able to view the items and decide what you wish to keep and decide what you no longer need. **This viewing will be from 10.30am until 3.00pm on Saturday 24th June in the Hall.** The Property Team and Stewards will then arrange to dispose of the surplus. Items for retention will be put back into storage.

If you cannot come to the viewing on this date, please arrange to look through your items in storage beforehand and tell Paul Smith or John Hilton what items you wish to keep.

Michael Humphrey

Dorchester Family Support (Charity No 1188567)

Objectives 2023

Our primary purpose is to support free school meals families with food parcels during the holidays. We started last year with a healthy balance sheet of £25000. Thanks to some very generous donations last year we were able to spend £29000 on food. Our year-end balance sheet stands at £15000.

In the summer we supported around 200 families, which was similar to the numbers in the last two years. However, at Christmas the numbers increased to 240. Due to the ongoing cost of living crisis we expect an increase in the number of families this year and we would also like to provide support during the summer for five weeks rather than the usual four weeks. With this in mind our projected budget for summer 2023 is over £40000 and we would prefer to end the year with a surplus as we are planning to continue next year. We have been supported by the local community for many years but this year we have extended our fundraising activities.

For more information about the scheme, see the [DFS web site](#).

Donation forms are available in the foyer; alternatively, you can visit the '[Donate](#)' page of the DFS web site to send money directly.

The Fellowship of Meditation

Marian Dunlop House, 8 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, DT1 1PW

e-mail: fellowship.meditation@gmail.com Website: www.thefellowshipofmeditation.org

Does the thought of a quiet time and some peace appeal to you? Then join us for a Quiet Day at Marian Dunlop House from 10.00am to 3.30pm on **Saturday 10 June**. Join us for a day of restorative relaxation as we spend time in Contemplative Meditation reflecting on Stillness for Strength. The house belongs to The Fellowship of Meditation and has an extensive library you can browse in, time can be spent in the beautiful garden with its summerhouse and seats all around. Tea and coffee will be provided but we ask you to bring your own lunch. Everybody is welcome so come along and enjoy some space and each other's company. No booking is required, no set charge is made, donations are welcome. If you have any queries about the day, please contact the Fellowship office on 01305 251396. If you can't manage this day, we are holding another Quiet Day on Saturday 19 August at the same times so do join us then!

Dorchester Poverty Action

Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st July from 10-12 noon
in United Church Hall

Lots of stalls – cakes, books, gifts, bric-a-brac

Donations can be given to Wendy Hilton

Please support this local charity

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the June news sheet is Sunday 21st May. 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.