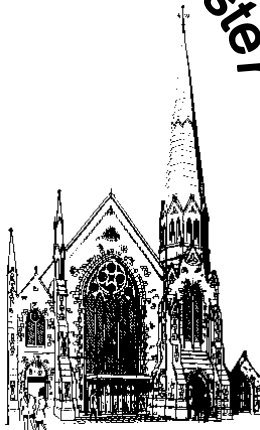


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JULY/AUGUST 2023

Registered Charity No: 1137996

Methodist and United Reformed
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

Minister (Rev John Yarrien):

On Sabbatical from 10th April to 10th July

Pastoral Support Assistant: [Ruth Magee](#)

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Sunday Services

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| 2nd July 10.30 am | Rev Brenda Stephenson Holy Communion | 6th August 10.30 am | Rev John Yarrien Holy Communion |
| 6.30 pm | Rev Neil Riches | 6.30 pm | Worship Committee |
| 9th July 10.30 am | Action for Children Sunday Rev Steph Jenner | 13th August 10.30 am | Mr Richard Lownsbrough |
| 4.00 pm | Tea-Pot | 4.00 pm | Tea-Pot |
| 16th July 10.30 am | Mr Chris Warren | 20th August 10.30 am | Rev John Yarrien |
| 6.30 pm | Rev Peter Clark | 6.30 pm | Rev John Yarrien |
| 23rd July 10.30 am | Rev John Yarrien Baptism | 27th August 10.30 am | Rev Gwyneth Owen |
| 6.30 pm | Rev John Yarrien | | |
| 30th July 10.30 am | Rev David Cuckson | | |

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

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| 5 th July | Mr Tony Boyden |
| 12 th July | Mr Peter Jenner |
| 19 th July | Mrs Elizabeth Haynes |
| 26 th July | Rev Steph Jenner |
| 2 nd August | Rev John Yarrien |
| 9 th August | Mr Tony Boyden |
| 16 th August | Rev Brenda Stephenson |
| 23 rd August | Rev Steph Jenner |
| 30 th August | Mr Chris Warren |

Action for Children Sunday on Sunday 9th July, 10.30 am
Our [Action for Children](#) Sunday will be led by Revd Steph Jenner and the AFC team. Please bring along your League of Light boxes if you have them. There will be a retiring collection for AFC.

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pots are on Sunday, 9th July and Sunday, 13th August, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Barbara Coe and Mavis Perry. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Congratulation to Denys Hood, who celebrates his 90th birthday on August 11th. Happy Birthday Denys!

Mary Rousell has moved. Her new address is Apartment 26, Signature House, 3 Maumbury Gardens, Dorchester, DT1 2AT. Her phone number is the same.

Action for Children Garden Party

Saturday 8th July, 2 – 5 pm, at 51 Coburg Road

Come and join us for cream teas, cakes and refreshments in Sue and Colin's garden. Plant and Cake Stalls and Bring and Buy Sale. Any donations to the stalls would be greatly appreciated.

Please come and support us, for fun and fellowship and to raise much needed funds for [Action for Children](#) and their important work with children and families.

Next Church Meeting

The next Church Meeting will be on Thursday July 20th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.



Brenda's singing group

A small group of us with links to the United Church visit care homes to sing old songs to and with the residents. This either happens on a Thursday morning or a Thursday afternoon. We need a couple more singers - no audition necessary!! If you would like to know more or to come along to our next practice or visit, please have a word with Brenda Stephenson or Elizabeth Haynes.

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](#)

Eco Church Open Garden

Many thanks to all those who attended the Open Garden afternoon on 11th June at Beryl and Anthony Page's home in Charminster. Despite rain threatening, around 40 people attended and enjoyed some spectacular plants and tea and cake. A fantastic total of £347 was raised for the [Tearfund plastics campaign](#).

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.

An Afternoon for Africa



In April, we heard from Jill Jenkinson about [Wheels for the World](#) and, as well as telling us about the donation of wheelchairs and walking aids, she showed us the knitted glove puppets given to children who have no toys of their own.

Last year's charity, [Tools With A Mission](#), have need of sewing kit bags, tool rolls, needle books and scissor cases.

Prior to the pandemic some of the church members got together occasionally on a Sunday afternoon to draw around templates, cut fabric and sew to make sanitary protection for girls in Kenya. These simple steps, using towels and fabrics which we may have discarded, helped to enable school girls in Kenya to complete their education and give them a chance to fulfil their potential.

SO – if you can use a pen to draw around a template, or a pair of scissors, or can knit or sew, please come along to AN AFTERNOON FOR AFRICA on **Sunday June 25th** in the Hall from 2pm, and let's make a difference. Tea and coffee will be provided.

For more information, contact [Mary Martin](#).

[Dorchester Family Support](#) - summer food parcels

With only a few weeks left now before we start the distribution of food parcels, our plans have finally come together. The form inviting families to book for the summer was sent out by the schools last Friday. By the Saturday morning we had 160 families enrol which equates to 240 parcels as larger families get extra food. We would not be able to offer this support without your help so many thanks to you all. Kath Joslin

United Church Shop

Don't forget to come and browse in the [Church Shop](#), which is on Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library. The shop is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 12.30.

We've got a good range of Bibles, Christian books, greetings cards for all occasions, some remaining Traidcraft items, CDs, and unusual, colourful and affordable gifts which are fair trade, eco-friendly and ethical.

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 19 August. 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.

Wheels for the World

We have a collection of wheelchairs, walkers, crutches and sticks which people have donated for [Wheels for the World](#) and we will be taking them to the charity in July. If you have anything of this sort to donate, please bring them to church or speak to Karen Southwood or Maria Jacobson.

Special Service of Appreciation

On Saturday 7th October at 2pm at the Dorford Centre, [Churches Together in Dorchester](#) will be holding a service of appreciation at which the local Christian community will give thanks to God and pray for local public services. The MP for West Dorset has been invited, along with representatives of Dorset Council and Dorchester Town Council, the NHS, education leaders, Dorset Police, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service, SWASFT, and people from voluntary sectors of our community.

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.