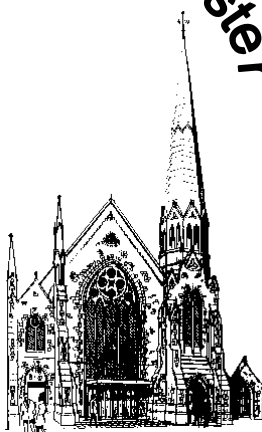


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JANUARY 2024

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.

Pastoral Support Assistant: [Ruth Magee](#)

Church Secretary: Position vacant.

Please contact Senior Steward (see below)

Senior Steward: [Michael Humphrey](#)

Church (general number): 01305 262462

Church office: 01305 457477

Website: unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk

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Sunday Services

7th January

10.30 am Rev Steph Jenner
Epiphany Service

14th January

10.30 am Rev Gwyneth Owen
Covenant Service
Holy Communion
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

21st January

10.30 am Rev Tim Meachin

28th January

10.30 am Rev Gwyneth Owen
6.30 pm Rev Peter Clark

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

3rd January Rev Brenda Stephenson
10th January Rev Steph Jenner
17th January Rev John Walker
24th January Mr Chris Warren
31st January Mr Peter Jenner

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 14th January, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

The church is open for Morning Prayer each Tuesday starting at 8.30am. All welcome.

Church Family News

The pastoral committee would like to say a huge thank you to Ruth Archer, who has retired as a pastoral visitor after many years.

Penny Fennell would like to thank the church family for all the cards, support and prayers she and her sister Mandy received during their sister Wendy's treatment and palliative care, which is very much appreciated.

Rod Goldsworthy thanks everyone for their prayers following his wife Mary's death. Donations in her memory will be split between [Christian Aid](#) and [Drighlington Methodist Church](#): details from Pat Brown.

Quiet Christmas and Journey to the Stable

Thank you to everyone who helped to make these events so successful.

Invitation to the Epiphany Emporium

Thursday January 18th, arrivals from 11.30am, cost: £8
Eating, Exuberance & Enrichment guaranteed!
Details from Ruth Magee ([Pastoral Support Assistant](#))

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.

Charities

On Wednesdays we have a Coffee Morning in the hall from 9.30am until 12 noon. For the last couple of years we have invited charities (one each Wednesday) to have a stall selling their goods to raise money for their good causes. A few charities have done this, but we have space for many more. We provide tables and chairs, and there is no charge. I am in the process of visiting all the charity shops in South Street and Trinity Street, and inviting them to have a stall from time to time. Obviously, there are many other charities with supporters in Dorchester. If you have the contact details (telephone number or email address) for any of these, please let me know. It is good for the church to support these worthy causes, and it also promotes our Coffee Morning.

John Parson

Christian Aid Annual Market

Saturday, 27 January

Church Hall: Market 10.00-12.00 Ploughman's Lunches 12.00-1.00

Stalls, Coffee/ Tea, Lunches

We would be particularly grateful for donations of home-made cakes



Church Shop

The [Church Shop](#) is on Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library, and is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 12.30.

The period leading up to Christmas is the shop's busiest time, but don't forget to support us in the new year. We have a range of cards for all occasions, Christian books and attractive gifts. We look forward to seeing you.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the February news sheet is **Friday 19th January**. 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, 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.