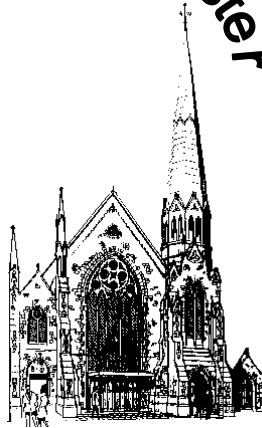


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**SEPTEMBER 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:** [Michael Humphrey](#)  
**Senior Steward:** To be appointed

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### Sunday Services

#### 1<sup>st</sup> September

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien  
Holy Communion

#### 8<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am Mr Chris Warren  
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

#### 15<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am Rev Steph Jenner

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien  
6.30 pm Rev Neil Riches

#### 29<sup>th</sup> September Harvest

10.30 am Rev John Walker

### Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of David Crosthwaite. Please pray for Susan and the family at this sad time.

Congratulations to Alan and Penny Henn, who celebrate their diamond wedding anniversary in September and also to Penny and David Fennell and Gill and John Pinney, who celebrate their golden wedding anniversaries in the first week of September.

Belated congratulations to Revs John and Cora Yarrien who celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July.

### Harvest Festival, Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

We will be holding our annual harvest festival during the morning service on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Any donations of food stuffs will be given to the Dorchester Foodbank. Tins and packeted items only, please. A list of the most used items is on the noticeboards in the foyer and the hall and on the [DFB website](#)

There will also be a "bring and share" lunch in the hall after coffee. Please sign up on the noticeboard in the hall.

### Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

### Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am  
4<sup>th</sup> September Rev Brenda Stephenson  
11<sup>th</sup> September Rev Neil Riches  
18<sup>th</sup> September Rev John Walker  
25<sup>th</sup> September Mr Chris Warren

### 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.

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

**Vision Meeting: Small Groups**

Many diverse thoughts about the role of small groups within the life of our Church were expressed at the recent Vision meetings. Some have been summarised in the August-September Vision magazine. There will be an opportunity to take these further at a meeting arranged by Jenny Mair and David Cuckson on behalf of the Council of Stewards on **Thursday 19 September at 7.00 pm in the Coffee Lounge.**

Are you already a member of a small group and wonder how these might develop in future? Have you been a member in the past and wonder if perhaps something a bit different might suit you in the future? Have you not yet joined a group in our Church? Ideas or maybe just questions – please come and make your contribution.

**Quiz Evening**

on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 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  
Peter or Gill Robinson

Email via UCD Contact Form: [Wheels for the World](#)

Proceeds to [Wheels for the World](#)

Please support

**Offer of Books for a Fellowship Group  
The Twelve Disciples by Douglas Connelly**

The Tuesday Fellowship Group has recently finished studying the above and would like to offer the booklets to another group if you would like to follow it. Each chapter covers one of the disciples except the last one which covers the three about which the Bible offers the least information. We have six books available. Please contact Chris Warren and we are happy to pass the booklets on.

**Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls**

The charities booked in until the end of September are:

August 28 <sup>th</sup>	Available	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Parkinson's Society
September 11 <sup>th</sup>	Julia's House	September 18 <sup>th</sup>	Feral and Elderly Cat Care
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	A joint stall for Christian Aid and Wheels for the World		

If you know of any charities who might be interested in having a stall in future months (we only have one charity stall each Wednesday) then please put them in touch with me.

John Parson

**Soul Space**

Do you enjoy more informal worship and modern worship songs? This happens on the first Sunday of every month at Soul Space in Bridport United Church at 4pm. It usually lasts an hour and a quarter. It is planned and run by a small team of people. I think it is very good and I go each month when I can. Speak to me if you would like to know more. Brenda Stephenson

**Tea and Chat**

New to the area or UCD and want to meet more people?  
Want to meet old friends or make new friends?  
Come along to **Tea and Chat**, a new social activity  
**Thursday 3 October, 2.30 – 4pm in the Coffee Shop**  
Refreshments including cake  
Quizzes to break the ice available  
Everyone Welcome

**Christians Against Poverty (CAP) – expert money coaching**

CAP's next free, [expert money coaching sessions](#) will be on either Tuesday 3 September 2pm – 5pm or Saturday 7 September 9.30am – 12.30pm. For full details and to sign up, visit the [Dorford website for CAP](#) or call 01305 262045.

### Ride and Stride for Churches

This year's [Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride](#) takes place on Saturday 14th September. If you wish to take part, please [contact me](#), Shawn Board, for a sponsor form and further information.

Half of the money raised will go to this church which will be open and staffed between 10 am and 6pm, so if you could spare an hour or two on the day to welcome Riders and Striders to UCD, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Once numbers of helpers are ascertained, I will then be in contact with you again and compile a rota. It is hoped that a sufficient number of people will come forward to operate a shift system as in past years, but whatever you can manage would be appreciated. The task involves offering refreshments, signing sponsor sheets, and directions to other churches. etc.

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in anticipation.

Every blessing

Shawn

Please also note:

Eric Young is planning to take part in the Ride and Stride event on 14<sup>th</sup> September on his e-bike and would welcome sponsors.

### Photograph Board

It's that time of the year again when I invite new (or existing!) members to consider having their photo on the board in the hall. We are a large church, and many people find it helpful to use the board to put a face to a name, and get to know people more quickly. I shall be updating the board in October.

If you would like to have your mugshot displayed, either send me a photo via email (my contact details are in the church directory) or speak to me on a Sunday, when I will usually have a phone with me to take a photo. Some of the current photos are quite old, so if you would like an updated version, contact me as above. Thank you. Susy Rogers

### Vision Magazine Correction

In the August/September edition of the Vision magazine, on page 21, it says "Rev Chesney was a key force behind changing our church from Methodist to United Reformed in the 70s." This should have read **Congregational** not Methodist. In 1972, the Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church in England united nationally to form the United Reformed Church. In 1978, United Church Dorchester was formed by the union of Dorchester Methodist and United Reformed Churches. Apologies for this mistake.

### Surprise Visit

At the Dorchester Poverty Action coffee morning in July we received a surprise visit from Revs Alan and Anthea Wickens, who were passing through Dorchester between Devon and Bournemouth. They popped in to say hello. Alan was minister at UCD with Rev Barrie Snook at the turn of the century and left to move to Manchester in 2001. Sadly there were few people at the coffee morning who were here when Alan was minister, but he met several longstanding members and we found out his more recent news.

### Dorchester Choral Society

Many of you will probably be familiar with the links that Dorchester has with Bayeux and with Lübbecke. Dorchester Choral Society will be receiving singers from both of our partner choirs in October, as preparation for a joint concert of Handel's Messiah, which we are mounting in [Wimborne Minster on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October](#). We are expecting a large contingent of visitors, almost 80 in total, plus a smaller number of non-singing family members. We have already largely succeeded in finding hosts who are able to accommodate our guests, but we are short of a small number of beds. What we are looking for is anyone who can accommodate 1 or 2 guests for 4 nights from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Departure to Bayeux or Lübbecke will be on Sunday morning, 20<sup>th</sup> October. Most of our rehearsals will be at the United Church during the day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup>. The final rehearsal, and the concert itself, will take place in Wimborne on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>. We shall be arranging transport to and from the Minster. If any members of the United Church were able to offer bed and breakfast on these dates, we should be most grateful. Please send any offers of help and/or requests for further information to [David Goddard](#).

### Church Office

Our church administrator, Ellie Minns, has now gone on maternity leave. Several church members are covering her work including John Hilton on lettings, Chris Wells who will be contacting preachers and sending out the order of service, and Pauline Humphrey who will be taking the minutes at the stewards' and church meetings. They are taking on these jobs on top of their other church responsibilities. During this time, some are also on their own pre-booked holidays. Please bear with them and don't expect an immediate response to your query. Due to Ellie's maternity leave and to another member's ill health, the property committee is now down to two people. Please also bear with them if not everything is dealt with as quickly as you would like. Thank you to all those who have taken on this extra work.

### [Christian Aid Sponsored Walk to the River Jordan, Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> September](#)

Start: St Peter's Church, Dorchester 9.30 am

Finish: River Jordan/Bowleaze Cove, Preston

Lunch: picnic at Osmington Church

Distance: 8 miles (or shorter stages)

Return from Weymouth by public transport

Sponsor forms available from the [United Church Shop](#); or email [Phil Stacey](#)



### United Church Shop

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

[The shop](#) is in Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library

Come and see our new stock from Tilnar Art and Shared Earth - fair trade and hand made by artisans from around the world - colourful and affordable.

### Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the October news sheet is midday on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. 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.