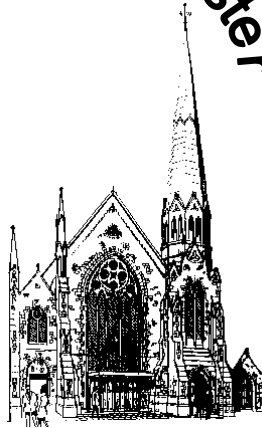


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



OCTOBER 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](#)
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Sunday Services

6th October

10.30 am Rev David Cuckson
Holy Communion

13th October

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

20th October **World Church Sunday**

10.30 am Mr Peter Jenner

27th October **All Saints**

10.30 am Rev John Walker
6.30 pm Rev Ruth Lownsborough

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

2nd October Rev John Yarrien
9th October Rev Peter Clark
16th October Mr Peter Jenner
23rd October Mr Tony Boyden
30th October Rev Steph Jenner

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 13th October, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

Belated 90th birthday wishes to Laurence Merry and Robin Knight, who both celebrated their 90th birthdays in September.

Warmest congratulations to our church administrator, Ellie Minns, James, and big sister Annie, on the birth of their new baby boy. Titus James was born on Friday 6th September weighing 9lbs 2ozs. We send them all our love and very best wishes.

On **World Church Sunday, 20th October**, the service will be led by Mr Peter Jenner, and Jill Jenkinson will be giving an update on the work of '[Wheels for the World](#)' including her recent trip to Rwanda. There will be a retiring collection for 'Wheels for the World.'

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

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.

Vision Meeting: Small Groups

[Small groups are a very positive part of our church](#) and there is a varied range of different groups available. However, the main focus of our meeting on 19th September was on home groups/Bible study groups. We discussed the points raised in the article in the August/September edition of the Vision magazine and how they could be developed. Currently, there are four Home/Fellowship groups listed in the Church Contacts, one meeting in the afternoon and three in the evening. They are all greatly valued but are at their capacity, making it difficult for any new members to join. We would like to be able to make more home groups available but, in order to do this, we need people willing to lead them. It was felt very strongly that anyone being asked to consider leading a group should be provided with the support necessary to do so. This would involve access to training and support from others with experience of leading small groups.

Next steps:

- To find out who would be interested in joining a home group if new ones are available.
- To enable those with leadership experience to share their knowledge of running home groups to encourage others to volunteer as leaders.
- To offer training to those volunteers.
- To work out practicalities such as timings of the group(s) and resources (e.g. Bible study notes, books, DVDs, etc).

We would like to be able to bring some proposals to the next church meeting in November on how this can be taken forward. Do you have ideas or suggestions? Would you be interested in joining a home group? Would you be prepared to lead a new group if support and training are provided? Please let us know.

David Cuckson and Jenny Mair

New to the United Church?

We are very fortunate that new people start to worship with us all the time. To help newcomers familiarise themselves with all that is happening, we try (but don't always succeed) to give everyone a welcome pack.

Each year in the autumn we have a welcome meeting for all those who have joined us over the previous year. This gives us time to explain more about the church, for you to ask questions and, probably the most important, for you to meet those who have also joined within the last year. Many friendships are first forged at these welcome meetings. The next welcome meeting will be on **Sunday 27th October from 3 to 4.30pm** in the church coffee shop and all newcomers will receive a personal invitation to the afternoon. In true UCD style there will be lots of tea/coffee and CAKE.

If you are new and have not received a welcome pack or mislaid it, or you do not receive a welcome meeting invitation by early October, please see Wendy Hilton.

Quiz Evening

on Saturday 5th 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

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

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in until the end of October are:

September 25th A joint stall for Christian Aid and Wheels for the World
October 2nd Royal Voluntary Service October 9th Weldmar
October 16th Parkinson's Society October 23rd Marie Curie
October 30th Christian Aid

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

Dorset Historic Churches "Ride and Stride", 14 September

Many thanks to all who sponsored Eric Young for this event. He cycled about 40 miles and visited 28 churches. He expects to raise about £300, half of which will go to [Dorset Historic Churches Trust](#) and half to Dorchester United Church.

Christian Aid Annual Market, Saturday 19th October

United 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

Please let [Tony Boyden](#) know if you can make one

Christmas shoe boxes

For the last five years we have participated in a [Christmas shoe box scheme](#) run by the UK charity [House of Opportunity](#) based at [St Paul's Church, Salisbury](#). The charity combats the exploitation of vulnerable young people and communities in south east Europe, helping to prevent poverty and modern slavery and enabling marginalised people to realise a better future for themselves and their children.

This year Christmas shoe boxes will be distributed to abandoned children living in state care, poor rural schools and kindergartens, women's refuges, prisoners' children, isolated elderly people, refugees and Roma children living in difficult conditions. Leaflets will be available soon. The Christmas boxes will be dedicated on **Sunday 17th November** and collected the next day.

Church Office

During Ellie's 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.



Dorchester Poverty Action

[Annual Open meeting](#)

"Magna - protecting our vulnerable customers"

Speaker: Ian Wood, Specialist Services Manager
for Sheltered and Support Services at Magna

on Tuesday 1st October at 7pm in the [Dorford Centre](#)

Everyone welcome

Helping people who care for others: Carers' Emergency First Aid Workshop

Specifically designed for carers supporting a loved one at home, this workshop will cover topics such as choking procedures, falls, wounds and basic life support. Those attending will receive a free first aid kit to take away with them. Carers can book by calling or emailing the [Leonardo Trust](mailto:info@leonardotrust.org): 01202 698325 | info@leonardotrust.org
Venue: [Age UK](http://www.ageuk.org.uk), Units 1 & 2, 5 Crown Square, Dorchester, DT1 3EN on Friday 15th November
There are two courses on the day: 10am–12.15pm or 1pm–3.15pm



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 stock from Tilnar Art and Shared Earth – colourful, affordable and Fairtrade gifts made by artisans from around the world.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the November news sheet is midday on Sunday 20th October. Please send notices for inclusion to [Myra Dawson](mailto:Myra.Dawson@unitedchurch.org.uk)

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.