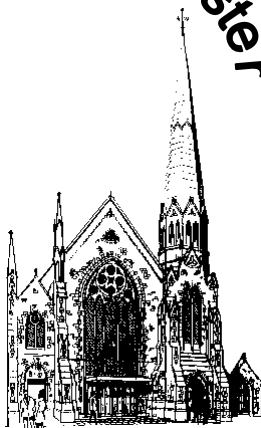


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**SEPTEMBER 2025**

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](#)  
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### Sunday Services

#### 7<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am Mr Tony Boyden  
Holy Communion

#### 14<sup>th</sup> September Education Sunday

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien  
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

#### 21<sup>st</sup> September Peace Sunday

10.30 am Mr Peter Jenner  
Harvest Festival

#### 28<sup>th</sup> September

10.30 am Rev Brenda Stephenson  
6.30 pm Rev Gwyneth Owen

### Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

3<sup>rd</sup> September Rev Steph Jenner  
10<sup>th</sup> September Mr Tony Boyden  
17<sup>th</sup> September Rev Brenda Stephenson  
24<sup>th</sup> September Mrs Elizabeth Haynes

### Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 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

Martin Williams thanks everyone for their prayers and get well wishes after his recent operation.

Thank you to everyone for their support, their encouragement and their prayers before my recent operation and during the recovery period. I really appreciated feeling part of a caring church family which undoubtedly played a very positive role in helping me make such a pleasing rate of recovery. Tony Boyden

We are sad to announce the death of Marie Fisher. Marie was a member of the choir for many years and was one of the volunteers in the church coffee shop when it first opened. She served coffee there for 17 years, working alongside Val Weir and many others. We send our condolences to the Antell family.

Congratulations to David and Audrey Reep, who celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and to Mavis and Graham White, who celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Our congratulations also go to Janice Young, who worshipped at UCD for many years. She moved to Chickerell and in August married Eddie Shepherd.

We send September birthday wishes to Peter Prior, who is celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and to Paul Smith who will be 80.

We pray for Paul and Joy Wallis and Maureen Parker who moved house in July within Dorchester.

**Welcome Service and Dedication of the new [Dorset South & West \(DSW\) Circuit](#)**

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August at United Church Dorchester

The programme is as follows:

2 to 4 pm - "A time of study and fellowship" led by the Chair of District, with a focus on Prayer.

ALL WELCOME but particular focus for Church Leaders / Stewards and Local Preachers / Worship Leaders

4 pm - Cream / Afternoon Tea - ALL WELCOME

**For catering purposes please let Jacqui Trent know if you are joining us: [weybaymc@yahoo.com](mailto:weybaymc@yahoo.com)**

5pm (for a 5.15pm start) - Service to welcome Revd Helen Harrell and Revd Kate Konrad as ministers to the Circuit and Dedication of the new Circuit - ALL WELCOME



**Come Walk  
With Us**



All are welcome to join Enid & John Parson, Gill & Peter Robinson on a leisurely walk of 3-4 miles on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 2pm from [Knighton Nature Reserve](#) car park ([by Silverlake](#)). For further details please contact one of us.



**Quiz Evening**

Saturday 18<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](#)

Proceeds to the [Leprosy Mission](#)

Please support

**Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls**

The charities booked in for September are:

3<sup>rd</sup> Broadmayne Village 10<sup>th</sup> Julia's House

17<sup>th</sup> Vacant 24<sup>th</sup> Royal Voluntary Service

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

**Prayer Chain**

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact [Enid Parson](#). Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

**Communion Stewards**

We need a couple more communion stewards who are able to serve in the balcony, which includes carrying the trays of wine upstairs. If you can help with communion 4 times a year, please see Wendy.



The Annual [Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride](#) will take place this year on **Saturday 13th September**. If you are interested in taking part in this event, please [email me](#) for a sponsor form and further information.

There will be a small number of sponsor forms and record sheets on the table in the foyer.

Half the money raised through sponsorship will be returned to this church. As in years past, the church will be open and staffed between 10am 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 giving directions to other churches etc.

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

Every blessing,  
Shawn

**Eric Young is planning to take part in the event on his e-bike and would welcome sponsors.**

**UCD [Action for Children](#) Fundraising Committee**  
**Raised so far this year:**

March:	Quiz	£330
April:	Lent Lunches	£550
July:	Garden Party	£542.80
	Bric-a-Brac Stall	£78
	AFC Sunday	£390.85
	League of Light Boxes	£695.68
	Flute Cakes Concert	£300

**Total Amount: £2,007.33**

Thank you so very much to all who have helped with these activities, and to all who so generously donated! We hope to see you at Carol Singing in December.

**Dorchester Poverty Action**

[Dorchester Poverty Action](#)'s annual open meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at the [Dorford Centre](#). The speaker will be [Jon Sloper of "Help and Kindness"](#).

### **Christian Aid: dates for the diary**

Please consult the noticeboards for further details nearer the time

Walk to the River Jordan	October 11 <sup>th</sup>
Christian Aid Market	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
Stall, United Church Hall	November 5 <sup>th</sup>
Street collection	November 14 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Singing	December 24 <sup>th</sup> (10-11am)

### **Wednesday Fellowship Group**

Having taken a break over the summer, the Wednesday fellowship group begins meeting again on 3rd September, 12.30pm (usually for an hour). We meet in the South Street foyer and usually look at a Bible passage together, with some really stimulating insights and conversations. Do come and join us.

### **“Our Story, Our Song” - New Prayer Handbook available in UCD Shop**

At our July Church Meeting, Rev John launched the prayer focus for the Church for the coming year. The [Methodist Church produces a prayer diary each year](#), which takes you through 31 days of prayer and is a great way to dip your toe into a regular prayer time with God. It offers a wide range of prayers curated from around the world and, if you want to twin prayer time with reading the Bible, it offers a Bible reading for each day of the year, beginning in September through to August 2026. It costs £4.50 and is [available now from the UCD shop](#), which continues to offer a great range of books, cards and gifts. Do make a visit, you might be surprised at just how much is available.



We look forward to welcoming you to the  
**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

### **Notices for news sheet**

The deadline for the October news sheet is midday on Sunday, 21<sup>st</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 – please [send in](#) any information about [Events](#) taking place at the church, or [Latest News](#) items that may be of interest.

### **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.