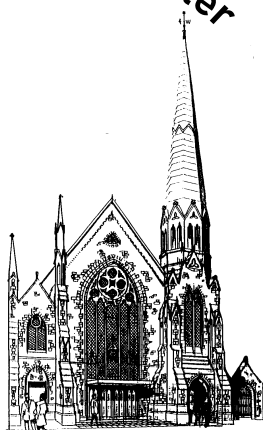


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



OCTOBER 2026

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Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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We are a Christian Community seeking to be a Beacon of God's Light and Love for All

Sunday Services

4th October

10.30 am Major Shelagh Clift, S.A.

6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien

11th October

10.30 am Rev Peter Clark

Holy Communion

18th October World Church Sunday

10.30 am Rev Tim Meachin

4.00 pm Tea-Pot

25th October

10.30 am Mr Roger Phillips

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

7th October Mr Peter Jenner

14th October Rev Peter Clark

21st October Mr Tony Boyden

28th October Mr Chris Warren

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 18th October, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm. Please note that the date has been changed from that given in the Circuit Plan.

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of Mary Creighton. Mary volunteered in many ways within the church and was the power behind the craft stall at the church fairs. Her funeral will be on the Isle of Wight where her husband is buried.

World Church Service

Our morning service on 18th October, led by Revd Tim Meachin, will be focussing on the work of the United Reformed Church Council for World Missions. There will be a retiring collection for the work of CWM. Would holders of World Church collecting boxes please bring them along to that service.

Christmas Shoe boxes

This year we will again be supporting the House of Opportunity Christmas shoe box appeal. Leaflets are now available and the boxes will be dedicated on Sunday 22nd November and collected a few days later. If you do not wish to fill a shoebox there will be a box available for donations in the South Street foyer.

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact Enid Parson via e-mail or telephone: ejparson@hotmail.com or 01305 561622. Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in during October are:

- 7th Marie Curie
- 14th Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- 21st Julia's House
- 28th Freedom from Torture

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. I am now taking bookings for the new year.

John Parson 01305 561622

Dorset County Hospital Governors

The DCH governors aim to go out to meet members of the community every month. We thought that they had arranged to come to our Wednesday Coffee Morning on the 29th July. They thought that they had arranged to go to the Wednesday Coffee Morning at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church!! Weybay were surprised to see them, but made them welcome and afterwards spoke warmly about the meeting.

With that misunderstanding cleared up, the governors are now going to come to our Wednesday Coffee Morning on the 14th October. They will bring a display showing the building work which is taking place at the hospital. They will also want to talk to individuals about their experiences of the hospital and of the NHS in general.

Do come along to what should be a very interesting morning. There will also be a charity stall, organised by Sue Gannaway, for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Saturday Men's Breakfast Meetings

The Men's Group meetings are held in the coffee lounge at 8.30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Paul Wallis
Paulwallisemail@gmail.com



Annual Market

Stalls galore, coffee/tea/lunches
Saturday, 7 November
United Church, 10.00-12.00
(Soup and a roll lunches 12.00-1.00)
Gifts of cakes and bric-a-brac very gratefully received

Dorchester Poverty Action Open Meeting

"Paths to Wellbeing"

Wednesday 30 September, 7pm at Dorford Centre

What does a social prescriber do at your GP surgery?

What services do Access Wellbeing on High East Street provide?

Come and find out more from our speakers: a social prescriber and Access Wellbeing (Lantern Trust)

Everyone welcome

Light a Candle for Peace

We are opening the church for a time of quiet reflection, for the community and church members to come and light a candle, pray for peace, and pray for our increasingly fragmented world. Many of us are feeling helpless, unsure of what is going on in our world and how we should respond. Lighting a candle for peace gives us a chance to stop and pause as we pray for peace.

Stay a while, stay for the whole time, give a minute of your time
10am – 12noon, Saturday October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th



Quiz Evening

Saturday 24th 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/Gill Robinson 01305 266351/07503 177699

Email: petergillrobinson@btinternet.com

Proceeds to The Leprosy Mission
Please support

Curry Night, Wednesday 28th October

Please come along, enjoy a 2-course home cooked meal, good company and the opportunity to raise much needed funds for the church roof repairs. Doors open 5.30pm, food served from 6pm. Tickets are £15 and will be on sale after Sunday morning services and in the church shop.



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

Christmas cards, Advent calendars and candles will be on sale in the shop
from 6th October.

If you have any cuttings from your garden, we would be grateful for donations
for our plant trolley.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the November news sheet is midday on Sunday, 18th October. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson: myradawson2@aol.com

Church Website

Don't forget to check out the church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>), 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.