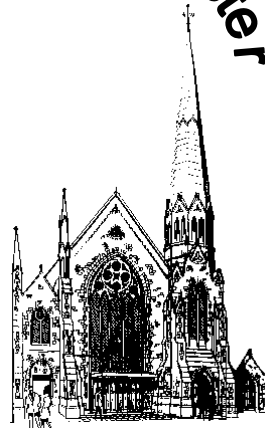


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



NOVEMBER 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.

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

Sunday Services

2nd November

10.30 am Dr Colin Farrant

9th November Remembrance Sunday

10.30 am Rev Peter Clark

4.00 pm Tea-Pot

16th November Safeguarding Sunday

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien

Holy Communion

4.00 pm Ms Jane Fisher
Circuit Safeguarding Service

23rd November

10.30 am Rev Tim Meachin

30th November

10.30 am Rev John Walker

4.30 pm A service of Advent carols, poems and readings led by the United Church choir and Mr Chris Smith. Come and sing some of your favourite Advent carols, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 9th November, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of David Lane. David attended regularly before Covid, until his health deteriorated. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

Christmas shoe boxes

We are again supporting the House of Opportunity in making up [Christmas shoe boxes](#). More details are available in the Oct/Nov Vision magazine. Leaflets are available in both foyers and information is also available on the [charity's website](#). If you do not want to make up a shoebox but have items that you would like to donate, these can be left in the marked box in the South Street foyer. Shoe boxes will be dedicated at the service on Sunday 23rd November, after which they will be collected. Thank you.

November Communion

The November communion service will not be on Remembrance Sunday as in the circuit plan but on Sunday 16th November.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

5th November Rev Peter Clark

12th November Rev Steph Jenner

19th November Mr Peter Jenner

26th November Mr Chris Warren

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

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 15th November, 10.00 -12.00 in the Church Hall

Stalls include:

- Cakes
- Crafts
- Books
- Jigsaws
- Bric-a-Brac
- Guess the weight of the hamper
- Mystery Gift Bags
- Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Cake, Mince Pies & Bacon Rolls
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Please support – all proceeds for [The Leprosy Mission](#)
Donations of cakes and items for stalls will be gratefully received
If you are able to offer help on the day please contact [Gill Robinson](#)

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in during November are:

November	5 th Christian Aid	19 th Leprosy Mission
	12 th Murugi Community Trust	26 th Leprosy Mission

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. We have no vacant weeks before Christmas, but we shall soon be taking bookings for the new year.

John Parson

Church Meeting dates

Thursday 13th November 2025 at 7pm
Monday 16th February 2026 at 7pm

Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7pm

All are welcome to attend

Christian Aid dates

[Christian Aid market](#): **Saturday, November 1st**, 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. A range of stalls and tea and coffee followed by ploughman's lunches (from 12.00 to 1.00 pm). Cakes for the cake stall would be very welcome.

Christian Aid street collection: **Friday, November 14th**, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. If you would like to volunteer to collect for an hour or so, please let [Tony Boyden](#) know.

Green Coffee Morning

Saturday 6th December, 10-12

Did you know that United Church Dorchester is an Eco Church?
Did you know that we are planning to put solar panels on the roof?
Did you know that we are part of the Dorchester Churches Together Ecology Group?

Come along and find out more while enjoying coffee and cake and raising funds for the new solar panels.

Journey to the Stable 2025

We are approaching the time of year when we start to make plans to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Journey to the Stable, which we have done over countless years, is very much part of those plans. School children and the public can go on an interactive journey and be part of the Christmas story.

School dates for this year are Thursday 4th December to Wednesday 10th December, 9.30-2.30 (Market Day 11.30-2.30) but depending on demand from schools we may have to extend and use Thursday 11th December as well for school visits. If not, it will be open to the public on Saturdays 6th & 13th December 11-2, and Friday 12th December 11-1.30 as Quiet Christmas is at 3pm.

We will be setting the Journey up in Church and the Quiet Room on Wednesday 3rd December at 2pm and taking it down on Saturday 13th December after 2pm. We need help with the setting up and public openings. There will be a sheet (with time slots) on the notice board in the Hall for people to sign if they can help to steward the public openings.

School Visits: We need help with the drinks and biscuits that the children have as part of their visit. Last year some of the schools didn't have enough people to go round with a group of children and tell the story using the material that is with each station. We need a couple of people per school visit who would feel comfortable and be able to go round with a group of children and tell the story. We would have a training session to go through the Journey before the school visits. If you can help and would like to be involved, please speak to Peter Jenner as soon as possible.

Calling All Carpenters (those who can make items from wood)

Going back many years, we used to have stable gates, made from wood, which would hang and slide along the South Street doors. They were a bit rough and ready but were eye-catching and made a statement about coming in and doing the interactive Journey to the Stable. Is there anybody who could make such doors as we would need them by 3rd December? I know at this late stage it's a big ask, but it would add to the whole Journey experience. Please see Peter Jenner if this is something that you could do/help other people to do (maybe for next year if not this).

Journey to the Stable is about reaching out and inviting people of all ages to come and see for themselves the true meaning of Christmas.

Please see or email Peter Jenner - Children & Families & Outreach Lay Worker



Encore Singers

Musical Director: James Crawshaw
Accompanist: Alistair Dean
with Soloist: Gracie Lewis (Piano)



Saturday 29th November, 7.30pm in the Church

Free entry / Refreshments

Retiring collection for '[The Leprosy Mission](#)'

We are very grateful to [Encore Singers](#) for agreeing to support our church charity with their [Autumn Concert](#). Please come along and support.

Offers of cakes for the evening would be appreciated – contact [Gill Robinson](#)

Saturday Men's Breakfast Meetings The next Men's Group meetings will be at 8.30 a.m. on 15th November and 13th December. Paul Wallis	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.
Could YOU help with PowerPoint? Four of us take it in turns to prepare the Sunday morning PowerPoint and run it during the service. It would give us all much more flexibility if we could have one or two others who would join the team. There must be ex-teachers, or others who used PowerPoint in a previous life. Could you come and help us please. If you haven't used PowerPoint, but are familiar with one or more programs of the Microsoft Office suite, then it wouldn't take much to learn it and the members of the current team would be happy to help you learn. Likewise, technical problems can occur very occasionally in the service but you wouldn't be on your own as there are several of us around who could help sort any problems. If you think that you would like to join us please contact John Hilton.	
	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 Christmas cards are now available – in boxes, packets, and single cards. New for this year in our Christmas range we have the Ben and Hannah Dunnett 2026 calendars in two sizes, slim line and large, and china mugs, all at good prices and ideal Christmas presents which aren't available anywhere else in Dorchester.
Notices for news sheet The deadline for the December news sheet is midday on Sunday, 23rd November. 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.	