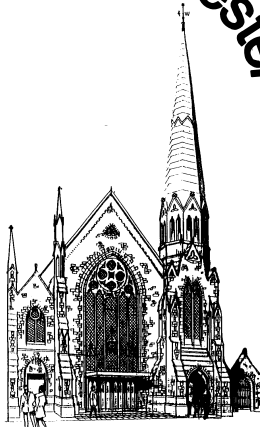


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



NOVEMBER 2019

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Sunday Worship

3rd November All Saints Day

10.30am Rev B Stephenson
Holy Communion

6.30pm Ms R Archer

10th November Remembrance Sunday

10.00am Mr P Jenner

6.30pm Tuesday home group

17th November

9.00am Mrs P Fennell
Holy Communion

10.30am Rev P Clark

6.30pm Rev D Cuckson
Holy Communion

24th November Women Against Violence

10.30am Mrs D Brazier

6.30pm Rev P Brazier

Lectionary readings

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians
2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians
3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46 *or Canticle:*
Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

Market Day services

(Wednesdays at 10.30am)

6th November Rev J Walker

13th November Mr A Boyden

20th November Rev P Clark

27th November Rev D Reep

Church Family News

We pray for the family and friends of Josie Edwards and Rev Norman Anderson, who died in October.

Congratulations to Audrey Abbott who will celebrate her 106th birthday on 31st October.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Christmas shoe boxes, this year for vulnerable children in south east Europe, will be dedicated by Rev Peter Clark on Sunday 17 November. All boxes need to be received by this date as the charity will be collecting them soon after. Shoe box leaflets are available in both foyers. This collection is organised by the local Salisbury charity Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion, who work with families and young people to prevent trafficking and fight poverty.

Everyday Prayer

Lord, we pray for places where homes are destroyed and lives laid waste because of war, and for people who have fled their homes because of the threat of violence. As we remember past wars, help us to commit ourselves in every situation to peacemaking and reconciliation. Amen

What's On in November

Mon 4 th	7.30pm	Men's meeting
Thurs 14 th	7.00pm	Church meeting
Sat 16 th	10-12	World Church Christmas coffee morning
Tues 19 th	2.30pm	Solos
Thurs 21 st	2.00pm	Pastoral visitors' meeting: open to all
Sun 24 th	2-4pm	Sewing for girls in Kenya
Sun 1 st	4pm	Tea and farewell to Steph Jenner
December	5.30pm	Advent carol service

Please see separate notices for details

Dates for your diary

Christmas Cracker – Thursday 5 December, 6.30 – 8.30. Communal carol singing and children's Christmas crafts.

Quiet Christmas Service – Friday 13 December at 3pm. Please pass this date on to anyone you know who might appreciate a short, quiet, traditional 30 minute service celebrating the Christmas story.

The **Monday Fellowship Group** meets twice a month at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Mary Lucraft.

The **Tuesday Home Group** meets at the home of Elizabeth and Paul Haynes, 6 Powys Close, on alternate weeks at 7.30 p.m. Further information from Chris Warren.

The **Wednesday Home Group** meets fortnightly in members' homes. Further information from Shirley and Denys Hood.

The **Friday morning Bible study group** meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room. New friends are always welcome.

Prayer and meditation. Every Tuesday from 12-12.30 p.m. in the church.

Prayer Chain. If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact Penny Fennell. Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Church Meeting on Thursday, 14th November, at 7pm

At our next Church Meeting I hope that members from our church committees and other important parts of our church life will give us an update on their activities. A particular focus will be on finance, with our treasurer, Colin Gannaway, presenting a budget for the next calendar year. The meeting will not be in church but in the hall, where we shall be aiming for an informal setting, sitting round tables and with refreshments available.

John Parson

Sewing for Girls

The next date for sewing sanitary products for girls in Kenya is Sunday November 24th from 2-4 pm. All welcome - there are many tasks, not all sewing!!

Solos

The Solos meeting for November will be held on Tuesday 19th November in the Church Coffee Lounge beginning at 2.30 pm. Activities will be a practical 'fun afternoon' followed by a quiz. Light refreshments will be available – cost £1. Please let Angela know if you are able to attend.

World Church Christmas coffee morning

Saturday 16th November, 10 – 12

Come and join us for tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies, or even a bacon butty!

Get your Christmas presents early: homemade, unique Christmas crafts, cakes and biscuits, books and bric-a-brac; you even get the chance to win a Christmas basket!

Donations of homemade cakes would be very welcome, as well as donations to the other stalls and offers of help on the day.

All proceeds to go to Mission Aviation Fellowship



“How to avoid scams and keep yourself safe”

The next pastoral visitors’ meeting is going to be open to everyone as the topic is relevant to us all. On Thursday November 21st at 2pm in the church Mark Wodarek-Black of Dorset Police will be talking about scams and what we need to do to keep ourselves safe. This will be followed by refreshments and cake. Everyone welcome.

Vestry security

Due to items having been taken from the vestry the stewards have decided to lock the room. If you need to get into the vestry, please talk to John Hilton or Paul Smith so arrangements can be made. Magazines will be available to pastoral visitors in a new location.

Revd Steph Jenner

Because of her illness, Revd Steph Jenner has now, very sadly, officially left the circuit. There will be a formal church and circuit farewell at United Church Dorchester on Sunday, 1st December, with a tea at 4pm followed by a circuit service at 5.30pm. Since it will be Advent Sunday, the service will be an Advent Carol Service led by Revd Gwyneth Owen and Revd Peter Clark.

For the afternoon tea at 4 pm we will need helpers to set up, serve and tidy away, and also donations of cakes and biscuits. If you can help with any of this please see Janice Young. As several people will be involved in setting up Journey to the Stable the same afternoon, please consider offering your help with the tea.

A Message from Revd Gwyneth Owen, Superintendent Minister of our Circuit

The Circuit has submitted an application for two ministerial posts to start in September 2020: a superintendent based in Dorchester and a minister for Weymouth Bay and the Portland churches, based at Easton. Due to the efforts of the Chair of the Methodist District, Revd Dr Andrew Wood, both posts have been designated as “critical appointments”, which greatly increases our chances of filling both posts. The profiles of ministers in the stationing system this year were released on 16th October and the Circuit Invitation Committee will shortlist and long list ministers whose profiles seem to match the needs of this circuit. If we are fortunate enough to get any matches, it is our hope that both ministers will visit the circuit on Saturday 16 November, although we will not know this for sure until we can make arrangements with the ministers concerned. UCD’s representative on the Circuit Invitation Committee is John Hilton and he joins two circuit stewards from UCD, Alison Cocks and Denys Hood, and Revd Peter Clark is also on the committee. We wait and we pray!

Damers School Recycling

Thank you to all those who are supporting this scheme. Unfortunately the school is no longer able to accept pet food packaging, so please do not bring any more of this. Your other recycling can be placed in the Church Shop in boxes which are clearly labelled with the items which are acceptable. Please do NOT place any other items in these boxes.

Children In Need fundraiser at Broadmayne Methodist Church

On Friday 15th November the young people of the Epic Youth Group will be holding what has become their annual quiz for Children In Need 2019. The quiz is from 5pm-6pm, tea/coffee and cake will be served. Donations will be gratefully received on the evening. Parking is available in St Martin's car park and Chalky Road. Children helping children. Please support.

The true meaning of Christmas



Journey to the stable is an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas. This is ideal for adults and children alike. The journey takes 20 - 30 minutes. There are seven stations focusing on a person or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections. At each there is a small activity or object for you to take away, so you leave with a bag of reflections and goodies.

Open at the United Church, South Street, Dorchester, Saturday 7th December and Thursday 12th - Saturday 14th December 11am-3pm (Friday 13th 11-2). The Stable only will be open from Monday 16th - Saturday 21st and Monday 23rd 10am-12.30pm. In the busyness of all the Christmas shopping, writing the cards and icing the cake take a few minutes to be still and reflect on what Christmas is all about.

We will need help to set up the Journey to the Stable from 2 pm on Sunday December 1st, and help to cover the rota for the sessions for the public opening. Look out for the rota in the hall at the end of November.

Church Website

Don't forget to check out the church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>), which is now being managed by Susy and Kevin Rogers. As well as a downloadable version of the news sheet, it also gives information about the church and its various groups, events, reports and how to contact specific members/groups. The website belongs to the church as a whole so you are encouraged to contribute. Where possible, go, discover and explore!

Notices for order of service and news sheet

Please send notices for inclusion on each Sunday's order of service (space permitting) to Marion Cox by the previous Wednesday at 6pm.

The deadline for the December news sheet will be 10.30am on Sunday 17th November. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson. Hard copy items can be given to her in person or left in the Internal Mail basket in the Charles Street foyer. Unfortunately, anything received after the deadline will not be included.

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.