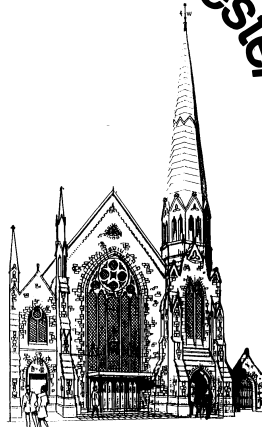


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JANUARY 2020

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Sunday Worship

5th January Epiphany
Covenant Sunday
10.30am Rev P Clark
Holy Communion

6.30pm Mrs D Brazier

12th January
9.00am Rev B Stephenson
Holy Communion

10.30am Ms F Stewart

6.30pm Rev P Brazier
Holy Communion

19th January
10.30am Mrs D Brazier

6.30pm Mrs L Robinson

26th January Week of Prayer for
Christian Unity
10.30am Rev P Clark

6.30pm Ms G Bumphrey

Lectionary readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

Market Day services

(Wednesdays at 10.30am)

8th January Rev D Reep
15th January Mr C Warren
22nd January Rev B Stephenson
29th January Mr R Scott



Church Family News

We pray for the families and friends of Lawrie Skinner, Dorothy Eynon and Jean Westlake, who all died in December. We pray too for Heather Jackson following the death of her father.

We pray for Laurence Merry, who is in hospital.

On 26th January there will be CWM (Council for World Mission) collection envelopes on your seats.

Everyday Prayer

Gracious God, at the start of this New Year help us to live more fully in the light of your presence through the choices we make, the words we speak and our actions and relationships. Amen.

What's On in January

Tuesday 31 st Dec	8.00pm	New Year's Eve party and short watch night service *
Mon 6 th	7.30pm	Men's meeting
Sun 12 th	2.00pm	Sewing for girls *
Mon 20 th	7.00pm	Church meeting *

* Please see separate notices for details

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 **Monday 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.

Prayer in the Community

These prayer groups around Dorchester – intended for local residents – are open to Christians from all churches. The next meetings are as follows:

Poundbury – 7:15pm on Monday 6th January at Flat 3, 5 Widcombe Street (contact: Mike and Angie Stear).

Castle Park – 2:30 pm on Wednesday 8th January at 26 Hillfort Close (contact: Audrey Scammell).

Brewery Square – 10:00am on Friday 31st January in the Signature House lounge (contact: Dick and Jane Howard).

If you live in one of these localities, then do go along and receive a warm welcome.

New Year's Eve party from 8.00pm and short watch night service

Games and country dancing. Bring and share supper. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own soft drinks for the evening. Sign-up list on the notice board in the hall. Donations for Dorchester Child Contact Centre.

Art in the coffee shop

The present display of Mary Lucraft's paintings in the Coffee Shop will be changed on 6th January, and there are only a few more days of viewing. The next display will be work by members of the Dorchester Art Club.

Forest Praise

There will be another Forest Praise session at the Sure Start Children's Centre, Middle Farm Way, Poundbury on Thursday 2nd January from 10.30am to 11.45am. We need people to come and help us with the activities, make refreshments, chat to the parents and be round and about. Please see Janice Young, Lynne Antell, Heather Reed, Diana Leeming or Peter Jenner.

Booking rooms for church and circuit use

Di Lawrence, our clerical assistant, is taking over bookings for UCD, circuit and related room bookings. Please either leave a phone message on 457477 or e-mail details to office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk.

Church Meeting on Monday, 20th January, 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. The meeting will again 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

Circuit Event 'A Chinese Banquet'

Featuring 'Dragon of the South', a Lion & Dragon Dance Troupe from Poole and a Chinese meal
Saturday 25th January at 6 pm at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church, tickets: £10

All money raised will go to supporting a young family from our church community who are in China, learning the language and supporting an orphanage there.

I have 20 tickets for Dorchester and area, so if you would like one please let me know as soon as possible. With many thanks. Maria Jacobson, Circuit Administrator, Tel. 07570 036288.

Journey to the Stable

Thank you to all who helped in any way to make the Journey to the Stable 2019 such a success. We had over 200 school children visit, despite one group having to cancel due to the weather.

This was its tenth year and we now think it is time for a systematic review. If you have any comments or suggestions or would like to be involved next year, please speak to one of the team, Peter Jenner, Lynne Antell, Janice Young, Debs Brazier, Val Gould, Wendy Hilton, Diana Leeming, Margaret Knighton or Mary Martin.

District Worship Band

We hope to form a Worship Band for the 'Farewell and Welcome Service' (farewell to Andrew Wood, and welcome to Andrew de Ville as our new Chair) on 29th February at Chandler's Ford Methodist Church, and for our Synod on 25th April at The Spire, Poole. If you would like to take part and contribute to the special music for either of these important events, then please email the Synod Secretary, Sandy Coates (sandysynodsecretary@gmail.com), as soon as possible. The Worship Band will be led by Rev'd Ruth Midcalf and Rev'd Gareth Hill. Thank you.

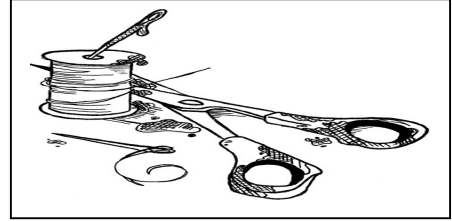
Winter warmer

Bere Heath Methodist church January coffee morning

Join us for hot chocolate and chat and dispel the winter blues. Nearly new items, cakes, marmalade, and preserves. Saturday 18th January, 10 - 12.30, in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare Trust.

Sewing for Girls

We will be sewing sanitary protection for girls in Kenya on Sunday January 12th, from 2-4 pm. This enables them to keep up with their education and receive a meal at school. You don't need to be able to sew to help!!



Closure of Winton URC, Bournemouth

There will be a service at Winton URC, Bournemouth, to celebrate the church's 151 year life and witness on 11th January at 3.00 pm, followed by refreshments. For catering purposes, if you wish to attend please email secretary@wintonurc.org.uk.

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 February news sheet will be 10.30am on Sunday 19th January. 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

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