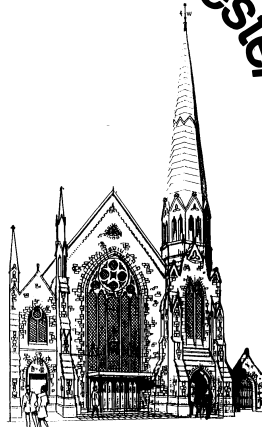


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**MARCH 2020**

Registered Charity No: 1137996

**Methodist and United Reformed**  
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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### Sunday Worship

**1<sup>st</sup> March**

10.30am Rev D Cuckson  
Holy Communion

6.30pm United Service at  
WeyBay

**8<sup>th</sup> March**

9.00am Rev B Stephenson  
Holy Communion

10.30am Mrs C Hatton

6.30pm Rev P Brazier

**15<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am Mr C Warren

6.30pm Rev P Brazier  
Holy Communion

**22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Mothering Sunday  
World Church Sunday**

10.30am Rev P Clark  
Dr L van Damme

6.30pm Local Arrangement

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

10.30am Rev J Walker

6.30pm Rev P Clark

### Lectionary readings

Genesis 2:15-17;  
3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

### Market Day services

(Wednesdays at 10.30am)

4<sup>th</sup> March Mr A Boyden

11<sup>th</sup> March Mr C Warren

18<sup>th</sup> March Rev B Stephenson

25<sup>th</sup> March Mrs D Brazier

### Church Family News

We pray for the families and friends of Diana Hannaford and Anne Singleton, who have both died recently.

Barbara Fisher, widow of Rev Keith Fisher, has moved to Solihull to be nearer her family. We received a lovely message from her family thanking everyone, especially Rev Peter Clark and others who visited her and Keith regularly in Litton Cheney. If you would like her new address, please see Wendy Hilton.

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February we were pleased to welcome the family of Huw and Barbara Thomas when their grandson George was baptised.

### Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we are grateful for the days of Lent, when we pause in our journey to reflect on our faith and to pray for a deeper commitment to the way of Jesus. Help us to follow him by loving and serving those around us. Amen

<b>What's On in March</b>		
Wednesdays	12 - 1.30	Christian Aid Lent lunches
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Welcome meeting
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	Church AGM
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3pm	Concert in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2pm	Everyday First Aid for the Over 65s
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10am	World Church Easter coffee morning
Please see separate notices for details		

<p>The <b>Monday Fellowship Group</b> meets twice a month at 2.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Mary Lucraft.</p>	<p>The <b>Tuesday Home Group</b> 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.</p>
<p>The <b>Monday Home Group</b> meets fortnightly in members' homes. Further information from Shirley and Denys Hood.</p>	<p>The <b>Friday morning Bible study group</b> meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room. New friends are always welcome.</p>
<p><b>Prayer and meditation.</b> Every Tuesday from 12-12.30 p.m. in the church.</p>	<p><b>Prayer Chain.</b> 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.</p>

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Flat 3, 5 Widcombe Street (contact: Mike and Angie Stear)  
 Castle Park – 2:30 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 26 Hillfort Close (contact: Audrey Scammell).  
 Brewery Square – 10:00am on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 5 Copper Crescent (contact: Dick and Jane Howard).  
 If you live in one of these localities, then do go along and receive a warm welcome.

**World Church Easter coffee morning**  
 Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 10 – 12

Stalls to include homemade cakes, books, bric-a-brac, plants, paintings and Mary Creighton and her team's wonderful Easter Crafts; there will also be Guess the Weight of the Spring Hamper. Refreshments will be available, including hot cross buns. Help on the day and donations to any of the stalls will be greatly appreciated. **Homemade cakes will be especially welcome!** All proceeds to go to Mission Aviation Fellowship.

### Church AGM

The AGM is on Thursday 19 March at 7pm. At this meeting we need to elect

- One new steward as Gillian Daniel has come to the end of her term.
- A new church secretary (see article in Vision magazine)

We also need a

- New member for finance committee (see article in Vision magazine)
- New member for property committee to take minutes and carry out some regular property administration

Steward nomination forms will be available on the church hall notice board, alongside a list of members. Please make sure you have discussed this with the person you wish to nominate. All nominees need to be a member of United Church Dorchester. For further details see John Hilton.

In the next couple of weeks, the agenda and the annual report will be available in the foyer and by email from the church office.

Please pray about the running of the church and if you could take on one of these roles or if you know someone you could ask. As members of this church it is up to us to share the load.

### Welcome meeting

Each year we hold a welcome meeting for those who have started to come over the last year or so. At the meeting we explain about the workings of the United Church, the activities etc, and it gives people an opportunity to meet other new people. The next welcome meeting is on **Saturday 14 March at 2.30pm** in the coffee lounge. Individual invitations have been given out, but if for any reason you missed a previous welcome meeting or you have not received an invitation, please let Wendy or Angela know as we would love to see you. Everyone is very welcome to this meeting.

### Concert in aid of Dorchester Poverty Action

by Dorchester Area Schools Partnership  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3-5pm  
at United Church Dorchester  
Admission free - retiring collection  
Refreshments  
Everyone welcome  
All proceeds directly benefit local people in need

### Mission Boxes

Sadly our income from Mission Boxes has fallen considerably. The money collected annually from the boxes is split equally between World Mission Fund and Council for World Mission. If you would be prepared to take one of the collection boxes, please speak to Maria Jacobson.

### Christian Aid Lent Lunches

Wednesdays 12.00-1.30 pm. 26 February; 4, 11, 18, 25 March; 1, 8 April. Ploughman's platter, choice of sweet, tea or coffee. Only £5! Eat up and help out!



**Lost** – one blue canvas shopping bag with bicycle picture. Left at the Hiltons' house. Is it yours? If not claimed, it will go on Wednesday market stall.

**British Red Cross**  
**Everyday First Aid session for the over 65s**  
**Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2-4 pm in the Cerne Abbas room**

The programme is free of charge and is designed to educate people to a basic level of First Aid using everyday items, and equip them with the knowledge and skills required to deal with a First Aid emergency that may arise within their home or social setting. The course is interactive and learner led, using props and flashcards to encourage group discussion around various First Aid scenarios.

There are 15 places available: if you would like to attend please book your place with Maria Jacobson.

**Magazine advertising**

Person needed to take on dealing with magazine advertisers i.e. distribution of magazines and sending out invoices. The magazine is issued 6 times a year. If you're interested, please speak to Roni Boyden.

**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 message on the church phone (457477) or e-mail [office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk](mailto:office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk) with details.

**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 April news sheet will be 10.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. 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.