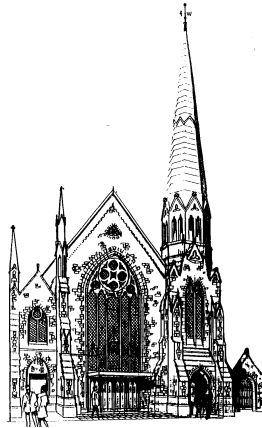


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**JULY/AUGUST 2021**

Registered Charity No: 1137996

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

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**Lectionary readings**

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalms 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

**11<sup>th</sup> July**

Amos 7:7-15

Psalms 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

**18<sup>th</sup> July**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalms 23

Ephesians 2:11-22

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**25<sup>th</sup> July**

2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalms 145:10-18

Ephesians 3:14-21

John 6:1-21

**Sunday Worship**

**4<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarrien  
Holy Communion

**11<sup>th</sup> July Action for Children Sunday**

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarrien

**18<sup>th</sup> July Rural Mission Sunday**

10.00/11.15 Mr C Smith

**25<sup>th</sup> July**

10.00/11.15 Rev P Clark

**Action for Children Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Please could people with Action for Children 'League of Light' boxes bring them to the Sunday service on July 11th, or contact [Diana Leeming](#) if that isn't possible so we can pick them up. There will also be Donation Buckets available on the day for people wanting to support the work of Action for Children.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

UCD Action for Children Support Team

**Market Day Services**

Wednesdays at 10.45am

7<sup>th</sup> July Mr P Jenner

14<sup>th</sup> July Rev P Clark

21<sup>st</sup> July Mr C Warren

28<sup>th</sup> July Mr A Boyden

**Church Family News**

We sadly have to announce the death of David Gee. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

**Special Circuit Service, Sunday 18th July at 5pm in United Church Dorchester**

As part of the Tolpuddle Festival weekend, we are delighted to offer a special Circuit Service, where we will be joined by the President (Revd Sonia Hicks) and Vice President (Mrs Barbara Easton) of the Methodist Conference (2021-22). The music, prayers and message will reflect both on the Tolpuddle story and the President's theme for the year ahead. Due to the current restrictions still being in place, we have a limited number of seats available to join the service. So we invite you, if you wish to join the service in person, to contact [Maria Jacobson](#). Seats will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis. We will also be live streaming the service on the [United Church YouTube page](#) (you can also find this by searching 'United Church Dorchester' on YouTube). We look forward to welcoming you to this special service.

Every Blessing,  
Revd John Yarrien

## CHURCH SECRETARY – URGENT

John Hilton will step down as Church Secretary at the AGM on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> July. The church must have a secretary. We urgently need someone to take this on, please. If you would like to know more about what is involved, please have a word with John.

John Parson  
Senior Steward

### Church news

As yet we have had no information about congregational singing. Several people have commented that they would like to be able to sing safely distanced. So, before we consider moving chairs closer together to enable a single Sunday morning service, it has been decided that the chairs will remain spaced as they are until we know more about when we can sing, and the safe distance required between singers.

Many of you will be aware that during the bad weather the church roof was damaged along the side alley. Scaffolding has now been erected down the side passage to enable access to the roof. The scaffolding also includes roofing over the alleyway, which will allow people to walk down it, but it is very narrow in places making it unsuitable for walking frames. Roofers are very busy at the moment, but we hope the repair work will start in the next few days.

### Coffee at church

Coffee is now being served between the Sunday services. Serving starts from 10.30 a.m. The chairs have been set out to comply with current regulations, so please do not move chairs and remember that you cannot stand to drink your coffee. Please sanitise your hands on entering the hall. You must wear a mask while walking around the hall and waiting for your coffee. If you are attending the second service after coffee, please enter church via South Street for track and trace purposes. Thanks to Colin and Diana Tizzard who put out the coffee tables and chairs every week. Please help to stack tables and chairs after coffee if you are able.

### The AGM will be held on Thursday 1st July at 7pm in the church

There will be no need to book a seat because, if we fill the available seats, we will have a much better attended AGM than we have had for many years. However, names will need to be taken for track and trace purposes. Therefore please enter as "Covid normal" through the South Street entrance. Everyone is very welcome, but only church members can vote.

### Pastoral visitors' safeguarding training

All pastoral visitors should have received an invitation to attend safeguarding training which happens every three years. This will be on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm** and is being specifically tailored for pastoral visitors. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions please see Rev John Yarrien or Janice Young, circuit safeguarding officer.

### Could you be a pastoral visitor?

We need one new pastoral visitor who can keep in touch with those who live out of town, so might suit someone who would be happy to keep in touch by phone. Please see Wendy if you would like to know more.

**Dorchester Poverty Action coffee morning**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 10am – 12noon in the church hall  
Refreshments and stalls - cakes, books, gifts, bric-a-brac  
Depending on current Covid guidelines coffee will be served in the hall, coffee shop and outside.  
Donations for stalls can be given to Wendy Hilton.

**Action for Children Garden Party**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2 – 4 pm**  
51 Coburg Road, Dorchester  
Delicious cream teas and cakes  
Bring and Buy Sale  
Plant Sale  
All money raised to go to Action for Children

**Quiet Garden Afternoons**

There will be two Quiet Garden afternoons at Marian Dunlop House, the home of the Fellowship of Meditation at 8 Prince of Wales Road, a couple of doors down from Age UK. They will take place on Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 2.30 and going on until 4.30pm. Some thoughts for reflection will be offered at 3pm and 4pm for a few minutes. Otherwise our aim is to enjoy some stillness in this lovely garden. You are free to come and go as you wish and we plan to offer you some refreshments. There is some parking at the front of the house.

The Fellowship of Meditation is a member of the Quiet Garden Movement whose aim is to share outdoor space for wellbeing and the inner journey.

**CHRISTIAN AID NEWS**

**United Church Collection:** very many thanks for £884.50 collected in Christian Aid week. A magnificent sum! And several members have said they have paid direct to Christian Aid too!

**Christian Aid Week Quiz:** Mary Martin produced another challenging quiz which proved popular. Winners still to be announced at time of press. Answers will be available on the Church Website.

**Dates for the diary:**

**Walk to the River Jordan (Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am):** a walk beginning at St Peter's Church and terminating at Bowleaze Cove. Approximately 8 miles but could be done in part stages. We aim to make this one of our biggest fund-raisers in future. Watch out for posters giving further details. Sponsorship forms and details available from United Church Shop or from the [UCD Christian Aid 2021](#) information page.

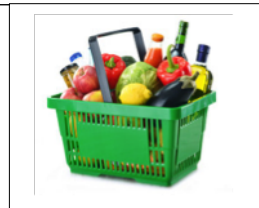
**Christian Aid Market (United Church Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>):** we aim to run this on the traditional ecumenical lines of previous Christian Aid Week markets. Sadly these have had to be cancelled in the past two years because of COVID restrictions. We will need a great deal of support from members.

**Christian Aid Ecumenical Service (United Church, Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup> 4.00 pm):** Revd John Yarrien and Rob Pearce from Christian Aid. The postponed service originally scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Christian Aid Recipe Book:** containing over 100 recipes from over 50 contributors. Very many thanks to all who contributed. We hope it will be ready to launch at the Christian Aid Market. It looks very professional. We are targeting a price of £10 with opportunities to download from a website. More details to follow.

### Support Service

Worried about going out? Finding it hard to cope with queueing? Family too far away to help? Needing to self-isolate?



Please don't struggle on alone and put yourself at risk. Don't forget there is a cheerful and willing band of younger folk from church who are very happy to help out. We are happy to continue shopping, collecting prescriptions or other tasks as long as needed so if you, or folk you know, need support then please don't hesitate to make contact.

Support is being coordinated by Gill and Peter Robinson

### Saying Goodbye (part of the Mariposa Trust)

are returning to Wimborne in July with a baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a nationwide chain of events) on **11th July at 3.30pm in Wimborne Minster**

Founded in 2012 The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity offers not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye services) for people to join together and remember the children they have lost.

So who is the service for? Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy, or who has been affected by a family member's or a friend's loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We also welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their family as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

### Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the September news sheet is Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson

### 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 about who's who on the Council of Stewards; who's on what rota and when; addresses in the church directory; our governing documents; annual reports, church meeting minutes and AGM minutes for the last five years; policies and procedures. 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.