

NEWS

The United Church Dorchester



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March 2015

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Sunday Worship

1 March (<i>2nd of Lent</i>)	
10.30am Rev S Jenner	Genesis 17: 1-7,15-16
Holy Communion	Psalm 22: 23-31
	Romans 4: 13-25
6.30pm Mr T Boyden	Mark 8: 31-38
8 March (<i>3rd of Lent</i>)	
9.00am Rev B Stephenson	Exodus 20: 1-17
Holy Communion	Psalm 19
	1 Cor 1: 18-25
10.30am Rev B Stephenson	John 2: 13-22
6.30pm Rev P Clark	
15 March (<i>4th of Lent</i>) Mothering Sunday	
10.30am Rev P Clark	Numbers 21: 4-9
First Steps Worship	Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22
	Ephesians 2: 1-10
6.30pm Rev S Jenner	John 3: 14-21
Holy Communion	*
22 March (<i>5th of Lent</i>) World Church Sunday	
10.30am Rev S Jenner	Jeremiah 31: 31-34
Worship Together	Psalm 51: 1-12 or
	Psalm 119: 9-16
6.30pm Rev D Cuckson	Hebrews 5: 5-10
	John 12: 20-33
29 March Palm Sunday	
10.30am Mr M Reed	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
	Psalm 31: 9-16 &
5.00pm Alive @ 5	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
Rev S Jenner	Philippians 2: 5-11
	Mark 14: 1-15, 47 &
	Mark 11: 1-11 or
	John 12: 12-16

* Alternative lectionary readings for Mothering Sunday, 15 March, can be found in the current issue of the Directory and Plan of Services

First Steps Worship

Sunday 15 March 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children,
parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

Women's World Day of Prayer 2015

Friday 6 March

A beautiful service has been prepared by the women of the Bahamas.

Services will be at 10.30 am at the Dorchester Baptist Church and 7.30pm at the Quiet Space, Poundbury.

All very warm welcome to either or both services

Dorset Night Stop - A Message of Thanks

A big and very grateful 'Thank You' to all the ladies in the Coffee Lounge who have donated the money they received in tips over the past two years to the project.

In 2014 they raised £400 in tips; this generosity is hugely appreciated and helps to keep Nightstop in business.

A more detailed report of the work of Dorset Nightstop will appear in the next edition of Vision magazine.

Heather Bland

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we are grateful for these 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

WHAT'S ON IN March

- 2 7.30pm Men's Group *(Please check notice board for room)*
- 5 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
"An Evening with Linda" - Linda Gundry
- 6 10.00am Women's World Day of Prayer
Please see further notice for details
- 9 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group Lent York Course
hosted by Roni & Tony *(address removed from web version)*
Study - Colossians 1 - "The Image of God"
- 10 9.30am Beside still waters. Half an hour of shared silence
with introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome.*
- 11 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group
Venue - *(address removed from web version)*
- 12 7.30pm Thursday Bible Fellowship studying lectionary
readings. Venue - The Coffee Lounge
- 16 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group Lent York Course
hosted by Jacqui and Colin, *(address removed from web version)*
Study - Philippians 2 - "Humility"
- 18 6.00pm Churches Together, Praying Together
The Quiet Space, Poundbury
Please see further notice for details
- 19 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
"The Delights of Jane Austen" - Margaret Hulmes
- 22 10.30am World Church Sunday - We will have speakers
during the service who will introduce this year's
World Church Project 'Hope' which operates in the
Ukraine.
- 24 9.30am Beside still waters. Half an hour of shared silence
with introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome.*
- 25 7.30pm Church AGM
Please see further notice for details
- 25 10.00am First day of Festival of Crosses
until noon *Please see further notice for details*
- 26 7.30pm Thursday Bible Fellowship studying lectionary
readings. Venue - The Coffee Lounge
- 26 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group Rescheduled due to AGM
Venue - The Manse
- 28 10.00 - 12 noon World Church Easter Coffee Morning
in the Hall
Please see further notice for details
- 30 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group Lent York Course
hosted by Dorothy, *(address removed from web version)*
Study - 1 Peter 1 - "New Birth"

Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell *(telephone removed from web version)*

Details can be given anonymously and confidentially within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Prayer and Meditation

Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm
This group meets in the church

Friday Morning Bible Fellowship

10.00 - 11.00am weekly
Tolpuddle Room

Church Flowers

Provision

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1	Mrs H Bland	Mrs G Daniel
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LADIES (and Gentlemen) WHO LUNCH

Our group will not meet during March, but we encourage all who do come for lunch to meet instead over the Lent Lunches which are supporting Christian Aid.

Lent Lunches are every Wednesday 12noon to 1.30 p.m. up to Easter.

LADIES WHO LUNCH will meet again on Wednesday 16th April. We hope to meet you at any of these lunches.

Church Camp

will again be held at St Mabyn Holiday Park, Cornwall from Saturday 18 until Saturday 25 July.

Further details and booking forms from Maureen Parker *(tele'n removed from web version)*

Churches Together, Praying Together

There will be half hour quiet meetings, once a month until June, which will be open to all, held at the Quiet Space in Poundbury, followed by coffee.

A review of this plan by the Executive Committee will take place at its July meeting and, if it is wished, these quiet meetings will continue. Further dates will be announced monthly.

Please come to the Church **Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 25th March (7.30pm in the Church).**

We need to agree our annual report, ensure our legal obligations are met, elect three new Stewards, ensure we have a Treasurer and Secretary, elect representatives to other bodies, etc.

Can you think of someone you would like to see as a Steward, as Secretary, or are interested yourself? Please talk to any of the Stewards about what is involved and start recruiting.

The draft annual report, agenda and nomination forms will be available in the South Street foyer from early March. (Nomination forms need to be handed in by 18th March).

Festival of Crosses

We will be holding our Festival of Crosses again this year but it is expanding. Crosses will be displayed in Bridport United Church from Wednesday 18 to Sunday 22 March and then at United Church Dorchester from Wednesday 25 March until Wednesday 1 April inclusive except Sunday, between 10 am and 12 noon.

This is an arts and crafts festival displaying crosses made from all sorts of material and media, made and lent by local people.

You are welcome to visit the display, and if you would like to lend or make us a cross, please bring it to the church, on or before the start of the festival, with a note of explanation and your name.

If you belong to a group outside church and would like to contribute, that would be wonderful.

Refreshments including Hot Cross Buns will be available in the coffee lounge during the festival.

If you are able to steward the event on any of the days, please sign the sheet in the hall, by the hatch.

Thank you.

World Church Easter Coffee Morning - Saturday 28th March 10.00 to 12 noon

As well as stalls selling cakes, books, bric-a-brac, plants, wood turning and Easter crafts there will also be some games and 'Guess how many Easter Eggs in the Basket'.

Further information about the Hope Project, our new World Mission project will be available.

Come and enjoy a Hot Cross Bun and a tea or coffee

Any donations and help on the day will be greatly appreciated!

The Methodist Church is looking to recruit trainers for both the **Foundation and Leadership Safeguarding** training modules.

Training can be made available for those people who feel able to offer to train on either module and it is hoped to be able to do this training in various locations in the District over the course of the spring and summer.

Training new people to train on the Leadership module may take a little longer to organise because the course itself is a whole-day course and the Connexional Safeguarding team are currently updating the material.

If anyone is interested please contact Heather Bland on (see contact us page 'Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults' Contact).

Please send notices for inclusion on each Sunday's order of service (space permitting) to Marion Cox by the will be 10.00am on Sunday 22 March. Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: ermartin61123@gmail.com or leave hard-copy items in the letterbox or basket in the Charles Street foyer. Items received after the deadline will not be accepted. previous Wednesday at 6.00pm. E-mail: mcox5@talktalk.net. (tel removed from web version). The deadline for the March news-sheet

Data Protection Act

In common with most other churches and organisations, 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.