

NEWS

The United Church Dorchester



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Methodist and United Reformed

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Registered Charity number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

5 April (Easter Day)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner Holy Communion	Isaiah 25: 6-9 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 1 Cor 15: 1-11 or Acts 10: 34-43
6.30pm	Rev D Ackling	John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

12 April (2nd of Easter)

9.00am	Rev P Clark Holy Communion	Acts 4: 32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1: 1 - 2: 2
10.30am	Rev P Clark	John 20: 19-31
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner Wholeness and Healing	

19 April (3rd of Easter)

10.30am	Mr C Warren First Steps Worship	Acts 3: 12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3: 1-7
6.30pm	Mr P Kershaw Holy Communion	Luke 24: 36b-48

26 April (4th of Easter)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner Reception of New Members	Acts 4: 5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3: 16-24
5.00pm	Alive @ 5 Rev P Clark	John 10: 11-18

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for the joy of Easter,
for resurrection and renewal in our lives
and in the springtime world around us.

Amen

Church Family News

Elizabeth and Paul Haynes would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and flowers during Paul's recent illness. Your wonderful loving support has been greatly appreciated. Many, many thanks to you all.

Thank you to all from UCD for your thoughts and prayers while I was serving on the Africa Mercy. It was an amazing experience and I valued the support which I received. Knowing that I was being held before God by my friends here enriched the whole experience.

Mary Martin

Holy Week Activities

During Holy Week we will be having a series of events that you are welcome to come and join in with:

- **2 April 7.30pm - Tenebrae Service** - United Church
- **3 April 9.30am - Good Friday** - Walk of Witness

The witness starts with an act of worship in St Peter's Church. Then members of the worshipping communities walk down South Street in silence. The witness concludes with a time of prayer at 10.15 in South Walks and fellowship at the United Church

- **5 April 6.00am - Easter Day**
Sunrise Service—Maumbury Rings

First Steps Worship

Sunday 19th April 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children,
parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

WHAT'S ON IN April

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| 1 | 10.00am
until
noon | Last day of Festival of Crosses |
| 2 | 7.30pm | Tennebrae Service
United Church Dorchester |
| 3 | 9.30am | Good Friday - Walk of Witness |
| 4 | 10.30am | Green Group
A Walk in the Woods <i>(See separate notice)</i> |
| 5 | 6.00am | Easter Day Sunrise Service
Maumbury Rings |
| 8 | 7.30pm | Men's Group <i>(Please check notice board for room)</i>
<i>(Please note change of day due to Holy Week)</i> |
| 9 | 7.30pm | Thursday Bible Fellowship studying lectionary readings. Venue - The Coffee Lounge |
| 11 | 6.30-
9.30pm | Barn Dance with 'Jump at the Sun'
United Church Dorchester, in the Hall |
| 13 | 7.30pm | Monday Fellowship Group Lent York Course hosted by Cyril and Mary, 27 Lancaster Road
Study - "The Word Made Flesh" All welcome |
| 14 | 9.30am | Beside still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome. |
| 15 | 12 noon
-1.30pm | Ladies who Lunch followed by Knit and Natter
Please bring your lunch.
Gentlemen are also welcome. |
| 15 | 7.30pm | Wednesday Home Group
Venue - 31 Coburg Road, Dorchester |
| 16 | 7.30pm | Thursday Night Out
"Stone Me" - Andrew Grassby |
| 16 | 9.00am | Churches Together, Praying Together
The Quiet Space, Poundbury
<i>Please see further notice for details</i> |
| 23 | 7.30pm | Thursday Bible Fellowship studying lectionary readings. Venue - The Coffee Lounge |
| 28 | 9.30am | Beside still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome. |
| 30 | 7.30pm | Thursday Night Out
"The Musical Magic of London" - Robert Smith |

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

Distribution

5	Mrs M Mould	Mrs S Gannaway
12	Mrs M Long	Mrs P Pope
19	Mrs N Miller	Mrs D Tizzard
26	Mrs S Gale	Mrs G Daniel

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 (telephone 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.

Green Group

The next meeting is on Saturday 4 April at 10.30am, meeting at Thorncombe Woods Car Park.

The theme for this next meeting will be "A Walk in the Woods"

The aim of the group is to share environmental issues from a Christian viewpoint. How we can best understand, enjoy and care for God's creation.

If you have an interest in the natural environment or just want to know a little more come to our Saturday morning meetings.

The theme for the last meeting was "What can we do?" What we can do and some of the materials used are displayed on the eco-congregation notice board.

New Stewards

At the AGM two new stewards were elected – Alex Reed and Elizabeth Martin.
We also thanked Janice Young and Margaret Knighton, who have served as stewards and are now retiring.
Wendy Hilton will remain as senior steward for a second year.

Jig off Your Easter Chocolate with a **BARN DANCE**

Music provided by “Jump at the Sun”

Saturday 11th April 6.30pm to 9.30pm.

at United Church Dorchester.

Adults £7; Children (In Education) £4

to include Light Supper

Tickets available from Church Shop and after services.

DIARY DATE - Safeguarding Training

A further safeguarding training session will be held on **Saturday 4 July** for those people who were unable to attend one of the sessions we ran last year and for anyone who has been appointed to a role for which it is required in the meetings last month (this includes Stewards).

The session will be in the **United Church** starting at **10am**. If you need to do this training please put the date in your diary now. If you are not sure if you need to do it then please ask Janice Young or Heather Bland.

Tuesday Coffee Shop

The coffee shop on a Tuesday needs some extra list in the longer term, please see Ruth Archer volunteers on a temporary basis to cover for ill health.
If you could help in the short term and possibly be on the reserves her.

Thank you

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.

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