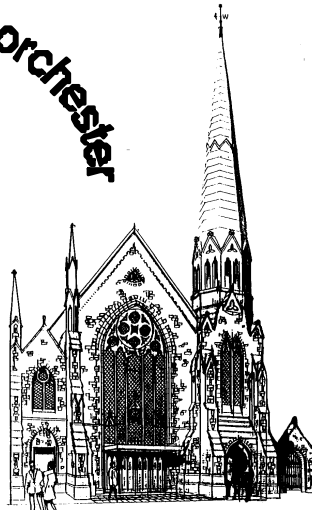


NEWS

The United Church Dorchester



Part of Churches Together in Dorchester
Methodist and United Reformed

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Rev Stephanie Jenner
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Day off Tuesday

Minister
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Day off Friday

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September 2015

Registered Charity number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

6 September

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Isaiah 35: 4-7a
	Holy Communion	Psalms 146
		James 2: 1-10 (11-13)
6.30pm	Mr J Major	14-17
		Mark 7: 24-37

13 September

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
	Holy Communion	Psalms 116: 1-9
10.30am	Rev J Walker	James 3: 1-12
		Mark 8: 27-38

6.30pm Mr C Warren
Celtic Worship

20 September

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Jeremiah 11: 18-20
	Celebration of Worship	Psalms 54
	First Steps Worship	James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a
		Mark 9: 30-37

6.30pm Rev P Clark
Holy Communion

27 September - Harvest Festival

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16,
	Worship Together	24-29

6.30pm Mr M Reed
Psalms 19: 7-14
James 5: 13-20
Mark 9: 38-50

First Steps Worship

Sunday 20 September 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children,
parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

Church Meeting

The next church meeting will be on
Wednesday 16th Sept at 7.30pm in the hall.
We will continue to look at radical welcome and
how some of the many ideas suggested at the
last meeting can be put into practice.

To all Church Members of the United Church Dorchester

Throughout the rest of August and most of
September letters to all church members will be
available to collect from the foyer at the South
Street Entrance on Sundays regarding the key
exchanges that will take place in October for all
key holders.

Please make sure you collect your letter for
information on the changes that are about to
take place and particularly if you are a key holder
so you will know the dates when we will be
available to exchange your existing key for
a new one. Thank you Heather Bland

Church Directory/Address Book 2015

The new edition of the directory is available
Sheila Mann price £1 or as a pdf file from
John Hilton at (email Removed from web version)

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, in this harvest season we give thanks
for the fruits of the earth. We are grateful that
we have enough to eat when so many go hungry.
Help us to give generously out of our abundance
to those in need and to pray and work for justice
so that the world's resources may be shared
more equally. Amen

WHAT'S ON IN September

- 7 7.30pm Men's Meeting in the Charminster Room
- 8 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room*. All welcome.
- 12 10.00am Ride and Stride in aid of
-6.00pm Dorset Historic Churches Trust
(Please see further notice for details)
- 16 12.30pm The Picnic People (formerly Ladies who Lunch)
Everyone is welcome so come and join us with your picnic in the Coffee Lounge
- 16 7.30pm Church Meeting in the Hall
- 17 6.00pm Churches Together, Praying Together
The Quiet Space, Poundbury
(Please see further notice for details)
- 21 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Cyril and Mary, 27 Lancaster Road
- 22 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room*. All welcome.
- 24 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship
Hosted by David and Lorna Bumphrey,
8 Fortress Green, Dorchester
- 24 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
"REMAP"
- Mike Cowley
- 26 7.30-10.30pm Harvest Festival Barn Dance in the Hall
(Please see further notice for details)
- 27 10.30am Harvest Festival
(Please see further notice for details)
- 27 - 29 September Wessex Bible Festival
(Please see further notice for details)
- 30 2.30-4.30pm 'GraveTalk' - St Peter's Church Hall
(Please see further notice for details)

Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact
Penny Fennell 01305 267986
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

Church Flowers

	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
6	Mrs V Gould	Mrs S Gannaway
13	Mrs M Brayley	Mrs P Pope
20	Mrs M Toop	Mrs D Tizzard
27	Mrs M Adams	Mrs J Young

Pastoral Visitors' Meeting

This is an advance notice to save the date of the next pastoral visitors' meeting on Monday 19th October from 2pm – 3.30pm in the coffee lounge.
We will be talking about lone working.

Churches Together, Praying Together

Monthly half hour quiet meetings, open to all, held at the Quiet Space in Poundbury, followed by coffee.

The **After School Stop** starts again on Monday September 7th.
Without Jo it will depend entirely on volunteers. Four of us are carrying on from last year but we need a few more to make sure we can stay open for the three days planned.
We have the first week covered but after that it may be up to you!
If you think you might be able to help please speak to Pat Brown, Peter Jenner or Margaret Knighton for more information about what is involved.
You could arrange with us to come in for a session before deciding if it is for you.

Men's Meeting

On 7 September we plan to continue our discussion on Islam and IS following John Travell's excellent input at our last meeting.
We will be producing notes so if you missed the last meeting and need a copy please ask for a copy before the meeting.

Chris Warren

Methodists for World Mission - Weekend Conference

at Ammerdown, Radstock, near Bath

Oct 30th to Nov 1st

Theme: HAITI led by Rev Marcus Torchon a Haitian Methodist minister

Shared transport from Dorchester Full details and booking forms from David Reep Tel (Tel No Removed from web version)

Dorset Historic Churches Trust

The annual Ride and Stride Event in aid of DHCT will take place this year on Saturday 12 September. This event raises money for the churches of Dorset and we usually try to keep the United Church open and staffed by volunteers to provide refreshments and directions and to sign sponsor forms etc. We need to have the church open from 10am to 6pm if possible. I am available all day this year so am very happy to be there from 10am to 6pm but it would be lovely to have two people on duty so if you can spare an hour or so between 10am and 6pm please ring me (Heather Bland) asap on (Tel No Removed from web version) to let me know when you might be available to help.

We are also looking for people to complete the Ride and Stride - for each £1 raised in sponsorship by a participant the DHCT gives their church 50p back. If you are interested in taking part this year please also ring Heather for details on how to participate.

For information, one of our members, Eric Young, will be participating in the Ride and Stride and would appreciate your sponsorship

Dorchester Christian Aid Harvest Barn Dance

Saturday, 26 September 7.30-10.30 pm United Church Hall

with live band 'Jump at the Sun'

Tickets: £6 for adults and £3 for under-16s.

Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet 'finger food'.

Soft drinks will be available

Harvest Festival Sunday 27th Sept

The theme of harvest festival this year will be "**Helping others to help themselves**".

On Saturday night there will be barn dance (*See notice above*) in aid of Christian Aid and on Sunday we will be supporting Tools with a Mission (TWAM), who provide tools to young people in Africa when they have finished training for a specific trade.

We will be collecting unwanted tools from carpentry tools, e.g. hammers, screwdrivers, etc; car mechanics', plumbing and electricians' tools to seamstresses' with sewing and knitting machines, material, needles, pins, zips, buttons, thread etc through to spades, forks and hoes (no lawn or hedge trimming tools please).

Items can be brought on Saturday morning from 10 am – 12 noon to decorate the church or on Sunday morning. Don't worry if you don't have any unwanted tools, as there will also be a collection to help pay for the transportation of the tools to Africa. Pick up a TWAM leaflet in the foyer to find out more.

Wessex Bible Festival 27 – 29 Sept

Unravelling the mystery: Encounters with the Book of Revelation

The festival has been organised by the parish churches of Radipole and Melcombe Regis, Weymouth for all the fellowships of the area.

Ian Paul will be speaking at Emmanuel Church

on Sun 27th Sept at 6.30pm, Mon 28 and Tues 29th Sept at 8.00pm

The Dorchester Child Contact Centre

The Dorchester Child Contact Centre is a neutral place where children of separated families can enjoy contact with their non-resident parent and sometimes other family members, in a comfortable and safe environment.

Could you be a Volunteer?

We are always pleased to hear from prospective volunteers. The main tasks are assisting families using the Centre, ensuring safety and security and keeping attendance records. Volunteers work either in the 'playroom' (where the Contact session takes place) or by the external door to maintain security and provide a welcome and reassurance to families. Volunteers commit themselves to approximately six Contact sessions and two training events a year.

We are also currently looking for Committee members and someone to help us with fundraising. As a voluntary organisation we rely on donations in order to be able to offer this service.

Could this be you? (on a voluntary basis).

If you are interested in volunteering please call Kelly Strange (Tel No Removed from web version)

Grave Talk

Despite many of us having had contact with death and dying, for the most part we often keep our thoughts and feelings to ourselves. The Anglican church is behind the Grave Talk initiative and is hoping that it will encourage people to have a conversation about end of life and the issues around it. Four sessions have already been held with another planned for Wednesday 30th September at St Peter's Church Hall from 2.30pm - 4.30pm to which we are all invited.

Each session starts with coffee and cake after which discussions are held in small groups. There are questions on cards for each group such as: What does it mean to die with dignity? What has been most important in your life? What is helpful to you when you grieve? The questions are simply a way to start conversations which can go in many directions.

For further information please contact:

John Foskett: Kath Joslin: or Don Watts:

(Tel No & emails Removed from web version)

Church Website

In case you have not yet discovered it, the Church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>) is already well established and regularly updated, thanks to the expertise of Trevor Antell and Colin Gannaway.

As well as a downloadable version of Vision and the Newsheet, it also gives information about the church and its various groups, news, 'What's on?' and how to contact specific members/groups.

As the website belongs to the church, as a whole, you are encouraged to contribute.

Where possible, do go, discover and explore!

Please send notices for inclusion on each Sunday's order of service (space permitting) to Marion Cox by the previous Wednesday at 6.00pm. (Email & Tel No Removed from web version). The deadline for the **October** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 20 September**. Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: (Email & Tel No Removed from web version) or leave hard-copy items in the letterbox or basket in the Charles Street foyer. Items received after the deadline will not be accepted.

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.