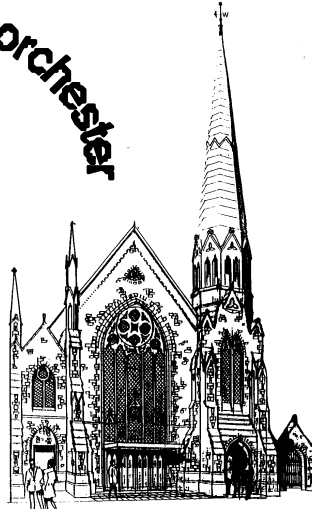


# NEWS

## The United Church Dorchester



Part of Churches Together in Dorchester  
Methodist and United Reformed

**Minister**  
**Rev Stephanie Jenner**  
01305 262421  
Day off Tuesday

**Minister**  
**Rev Peter Clark**  
01308 425978  
Day off Friday

Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary

**Pastoral Visitor: Angela Fisher**  
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**Church Secretary:**  
Margaret Knighton

**Senior Steward:**  
Wendy Hilton

**Church:**  
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**December 2015**

Registered Charity number: 1137996

### Worship

#### 6 December (2nd of Advent)

10.30am	Rev D Reep	Malachi 3 1-4 (Baruch 5: 1-9)
6.30pm	Mr T Boyden / Mr M Jacobson	Benedictus Philippians 1: 3-11 Luke 3: 1-6

#### 10 December (Thursday)

3.00pm Quiet Christmas  
Christmas refreshments afterwards in the hall.  
(Please see separate notice for details.)

#### 13 December (3rd of Advent)

9.00am	Rev S Jenner	Zephaniah 3: 14-20
	Holy Communion	Isaiah 12: 2-6 Philippians 4: 4-7
10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Luke 3: 7-18

6.30pm Rev D Ackling

#### 20 December (4th of Advent)

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Micah 5: 2-5a
	<b>First Steps Worship</b>	Magnificat or Psalm 80: 1-7
6.30pm	Mr M Reed	Hebrews 10: 5-10
	Carol Service	Luke 1: 39-45 (46-55)

#### 24 December (Christmas Eve)

4.00pm "Christingle"  
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion  
Rev S Jenner

#### First Steps Worship

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

#### 25 December (Christmas Day)

10.30am Christmas Celebration  
Rev S Jenner

#### 27 December (1st of Christmas)

10.30am	C Warren	1 Samuel 2: 18-20, 26 Psalm 148
6.30pm	Mr No Service	Colossians 3: 12-17 Luke 2: 41-52

#### A Message from Janet Kennewell

"Many thanks for all good wishes, kind thoughts,  
cards and flowers received following my operation.  
With God's help, I am improving day by day."

#### Journey to the Stable .....

..... is opening for pre booked school visits from  
7th to 15th December and to the public from  
16th to 19th December.

Lots of volunteer stewards are needed to make  
this happen; please look out for the sign up sheets  
in the hall.

Help is also needed on Saturday 5th to set up  
and on Saturday 19th to dismantle the displays.

#### Everyday Prayer

Lord God, once again we await the birth of your  
Son. May we celebrate Christmas joyfully, as if for  
the first time, opening our hearts to you and to  
each other.

Help us to count our many blessings and to  
remember those for whom Christmas is a time of  
sadness, loneliness or anxiety. Amen

**WHAT'S ON IN ..... December**

- 2 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group - Social Evening  
Venue - 10 Lime Close, +Dorchester
- 3 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship  
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester  
Studying the lectionary
- 3 6.00 - 8.30pm Cracker Night  
*(please see separate notice for details)*
- 4 10.00am Friday Morning Bible Study Group  
in the Quiet Room
- 5 10.30am Green Group Meeting  
Subject: Climate Change (COP21) Conference
- 5 5.00pm Concert in the Church given by  
'Flutecakes', 'Bagatelle' and 'Wild Thyme'  
*(please see separate notice for details)*
- 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*
- 11 10.00am Friday Morning Bible Study Group  
in the Quiet Room
- 14 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group hosted by  
Jacqui and Colin, 48 Prince of Wales Road  
Please bring donations towards supper to be  
shared following the discussion,
- 15 6.00pm Churches Together, Praying Together  
The Quiet Space, Poundbury  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 16 12.30pm The Picnic People - Everyone is welcome so come  
and join us with your picnic in the Coffee Lounge.  
Followed by Knit and Natter
- 22 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with  
introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome*

**Communion Services**

Please note there have had to be some changes to the Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion services over Christmas due to a temporary shortage of ministers.

There will be **NO** Communion on Sunday 6 December. It has been moved a week earlier to Sunday 29 November.

**DIARY DATE**

The next Church Meeting is on **Wednesday 20 January**

**Quiet Christmas**

Quiet Christmas – Thurs Dec 10th at 3.00pm in the church followed by tea and mincepies in the hall.

This is a 30 minute service ideal for those with dementia or a disability, their carers and those recently bereaved, who want to celebrate Christmas quietly.

If you need transport or you are able to offer transport or push a wheelchair, please can you let Angela or Wendy know.

**Prayer Chain** - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell tel no. Removed from web version

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

**Prayer and Meditation**

Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm

This group meets in the church.

**Church Flowers**

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
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| 6  | Mrs G Melvin | No Distribution |
| 13 | Mrs H Fox    | No Distribution |
| 20 | Choir        | No Distribution |
| 25 | Choir        | No Distribution |
| 27 | Choir        | No Distribution |

**Churches Together, Praying Together**

December's meeting at the Quiet Space will take the form of a conventional Christmas flavour service for half an hour.

This will be followed by coffee.

**Cracker Night**

Thurs 3 December 6.00pm until 8.30pm

Mince pies and Music with Thomas Hardy school musicians, United Brass and communal carol singing.

Craft activity at the back of church for young people

**NB EDITOR'S NOTE**

Would Secretaries/Organisers of all groups/societies that meet regularly and wish to have their programme included in

**WHAT'S ON .....**

please let me have their 2016 programmes as soon as possible?

Many thanks Elizabeth

## CHURCH SECRETARY

Janet Kennewell has agreed to become the church secretary from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016.  
We hope to appoint a church administrator soon to help her in this role.

## AN INVITATION .....

**On Saturday 5 December at 5.00pm at the United Church .....**

'Why not finish of your Christmas shopping with an hour of CHRISTMAS MUSIC for flutes and voices?  
A short concert will be given by FLUTECAKES, BAGATELLE and WILD THYME, followed by refreshments.  
There is no entry charge but donations will be gratefully received for Dorchester Child Contact Centre.'

## SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE NEW YEAR

For those of you who enjoy card and board games, the New Year marks the start of a  
**Monthly Games Afternoon** to be held at 2.30pm in the Coffee Lounge on the fourth Wednesday.

If you have any games you no longer need or would like further information  
please contact Jacquie Bruce tel no. Removed from web version

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 27 January.

**The Picnic People** will meet again in the Coffee Lounge on **Wednesday 13 December** at 12.30pm  
followed by Knit and Natter.

The Picnic People will not meet during February or March as the dates coincide with the Lent Lunches in  
which it is hoped that all 'Picknickers' will share.

**The Friday Morning Bible Study Group**, which meets weekly on Fridays at 10.00am in the Quiet Room  
will hold its last meeting before Christmas on Friday 11 December and will resume  
on **Friday 15 January**. New friends always very welcome.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### DOOR STEWARDS

We are in need of more help with the welcoming of people into our church at our morning and evenings  
services. At the moment we are particularly short of Stewards for the evenings and would be pleased to  
hear from anyone who feels they would like to join our team of Stewards.

If this appeals to you please contact Elizabeth Martin (tel no removed from web version) or Carol Illingworth  
(tel no. Removed from web version).

This is not an onerous job and the more volunteers we have the longer between duties.

### FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

We need more volunteers to distribute the church flowers. My loyal band of distributors has diminished  
considerably over the last two years. Most of the volunteers already distribute flowers three or  
four times per year. If anyone is interested in helping please contact me at  
Gillian Daniels Email removed from web version .

## NEW CHURCH KEYS

All the locks have now been changed on external doors and key cabinets.

If you still have an old key please can you please return it by no later than Sunday 14 December?  
Please put it in an envelope and leave it in the metal post box by the Charles Street entrance. You may be  
interested to know that the new key will also work in the main front entrance to the Church on South Street.

If you do not have a new key and need one please speak to  
Paul Smith or Heather Bland on tel nos. Removed from web version.

### DISABLED PARKING AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH

Please be aware that the disabled parking bay on South Street is for parking overnight and until 10.30 am (every day).

People with a disabled badge can park there for evening events and the 9.00am service but you could receive a parking ticket if you park there for the 10.30am service.

### DORCHESTER CHILD CONTACT CENTRE - VACANCY FOR A CO-ORDINATOR

The Contact Centre has recently said goodbye to Kelly who has left to take up a new role.

We now have a vacancy for a Co-ordinator to lead our work with separated families.

The Coordinator is responsible for referrals; liaison with families, Courts etc; leading Contact sessions (twice monthly on Saturdays) and organising volunteer training.

8 hours per week. Salary £13.16 per hour.

Relevant qualification or experience essential.

For further details contact Alison Cocks tel no. and email removed from from web version by 6<sup>th</sup> December

### CHURCHES TOGETHER PROGRAMME 2016

**January 18th-24th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** National theme for the week is:

'Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord ( . 1 Peter 2:9)' .

There will be **daily quiet meetings Monday-Friday** January 18th to 22nd inclusive at 12 midday at the Quiet Space, Poundbury - a half hour of quiet listening, open to all, followed by coffee and biscuits.

On the Wednesday, the meeting will be followed immediately by an Iona Communion at 12.30pm.

**Wednesday January 20th, Shoppers' Service** at 10.45am in the United Church Dorchester

**Sunday January 24th, United Service** at 6.00pm at the United Church Dorchester

Continuing the **Churches Together, Praying Together** plan, there will be half hour quiet meetings, open to all, followed by coffee at the Quiet Space at 9.00am on the 3rd Friday of every month.

**Thursday 11 February, 7.30pm The Church and the Environment** at the Dorford Centre

Speaker - The Bishop of Salisbury

The Church of England 's lead bishop on the environment

**25th March, Good Friday morning - Walk of Witness.** Up South St from the United Church to Holy Trinity Roman Catholic church.

**Wednesday May 10th** at midday - **A Time for Peace** – in the Borough Gardens.

**Wednesday October 5th - AGM** at 7.00pm.

Please send notices for inclusion on each Sunday's order of service (space permitting) to Marion Cox by the previous Wednesday at 6.00pm. E-mail: email & tel No removed from web version. The deadline for the **January** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 13 December**. Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: email trmoved 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 ac-

#### Data Protection Act

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