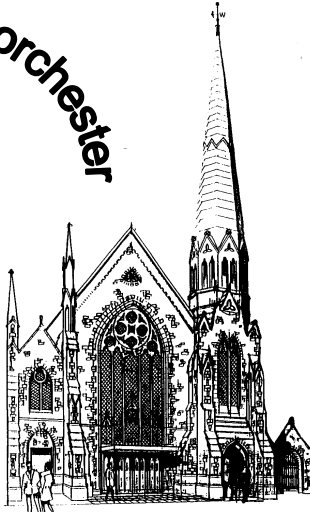


# NEWS

## The United Church Dorchester



Part of Churches Together in Dorchester  
Methodist and United Reformed

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

**Minister**  
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**January 2016**

Registered Charity number: 1137996

### Sunday Worship

#### 3 January (2nd of Christmas)

10.30am	Mr T Boyden	Jeremiah 31: 7-14, (or Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-12)
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner Holy Communion	Psalms 147: 12-20 (or Wisdom of Solomon 10; 15-21) Ephesians 1: 3-14 John 1: (1-9), 10-18

#### 10 January (Sunday after Epiphany)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner Covenant Service	Isaiah 43: 1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8: 14-17
6.30pm	Mr C Warren	Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

#### 17 January

9.00am	Rev S Jenner Holy Communion	Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10 1 Cor 12: 1-11
10.30am	Mr D Farmer (Pulpit Exchange)	John 2: 1-11

#### First Steps Worship

6.30pm	Rev J Quick (Pulpit Exchange)	
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#### 24 January (Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10
5.00pm	Arty Party with the Antics Youth Group Rev S Jenner/Rev P Clark	Psalms 19 1 Cor 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21
6.30pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity United Service	

#### 31 January

10.30am	Mr P Jenner Celebration of Hospitality	Jeremiah 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6 1 Cor 13: 1-13
6.30pm	Rev J Walker	Luke 4: 21-30

#### Congratulations!

..... to Heather Bland and her husband Kelvin, who have recently been presented with a special award at the House of Lords for their outstanding service to Dorset Nightstop.  
(Please see separate message from Heather)

#### Welcome

This month we welcome Janet Kennewell as our new Church secretary and June Faulkner will support her as the new church administrator.

#### Church Meeting

The next church meeting is on Wednesday 20th January at 7.30pm in the hall. Part of the meeting will be a discussion on passionate worship. Please pick up agenda and minutes from the foyer.

#### First Steps Worship

Sunday 17 January 10.30am - 11.30am  
Worship/Activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

#### Everyday Prayer

God of all ages be with us at the beginning of this New Year. Give us faith, courage and strength to follow where you lead and to serve you where you call us. Amen

**WHAT'S ON IN ..... January**

- 4 7.30pm Men's meeting
- 6 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group  
Venue - 10 Lime Close, Dorchester  
Please bring your diaries to agree dates and venues
- 7 7.30pm Thursday Night Out - New Year Party  
Bring & Share Supper
- 11 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Cyril and Mary, 27 Lancaster Road
- 12 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room*. All welcome
- 13 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 in the Church Foyer
- 13 6.30pm URC Wessex Synod  
South West Area Gathering  
*(please see further notice for details)*
- 15 9.00am Churches Together - Quiet Meeting  
The Quiet Space, Poundbury  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 15 10.00am Friday Morning Bible Study Group in the Quiet Room
- 20 10.45am Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Shoppers' Service at United Church
- 20 7.30pm Church Meeting in the Hall
- 21 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship  
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester  
Studying the lectionary
- 21 7.30pm Thursday Night Out 'Poles Apart'  
Speakers - Jane and Stephen Lee
- 22 10.00am Friday Morning Bible Study Group in the Quiet Room
- 25 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Dorothy, 17 Victoria Buildings, Fordington
- 26 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room*. All welcome
- 27 2.30pm Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge
- 27 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group  
Venue - 13 Moraston Street, Poundbury
- 29 10.00am Friday Morning Bible Study Group in the Quiet Room

**..... and in February**

- 4 7.30pm Thursday Night Out -  
'The Demon Drink' Speaker  
from Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6 10.00am Women's World Day of Prayer  
Coffee Morning - United Church

**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 risk.

**Prayer and Meditation**

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

**Church Flowers**

	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
3	Mrs M Keats	Mrs J Young
10	Mrs J Marlow	Mrs G Daniel
17	Mr D Bowring	Mrs H Hix
24	Mrs A Holloway	Mrs D Smith
31	Ms R Archer	Mrs S Mann

**Churches Together - Quiet Meetings**

Regular meetings are to be held at 9.00am at the Quiet Space on the 3rd Friday of every month.

The main theme of the meetings will be 'Fruits of The Spirit' with a sub-theme in each meeting, eg, Love, Joy.

**URC Wessex Synod :  
South West Area Gathering**

at Parkstone URC  
Wednesday 13th January  
6.30 for 7.00pm

**Topic** - practical issues for congregations  
All are welcome but this will be a particularly useful meeting for Stewards and others involved in property maintenance and financial management.

## **A Message from Heather**

Thank you so much to everyone who has given donations to me during the year for Dorset Nightstop. Some of these have been in cash and others in kind (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, clothing). All have been most welcome and put to good use. You know who you are and I am so grateful.

This year has been quieter than last year with only 15 nights since January for 4 different people (as opposed to 27 nights for 8 people in 2014) but for those four people it made a difference. One of them now has a place of his own and a job.

We have also been honoured by Action for Children by being presented with a Stephenson Award which meant a trip to the House of Lords and also a bit of media exposure since. It was a privilege and very humbling to be in the same room at the award ceremony as so many truly inspiring people both young people who have achieved such great things against all the odds and other volunteers who put our efforts into the shade.

Thank you all again for your prayers, support and donations.

Heather Bland

## **Church Representative to the Circuit Meeting**

Would you like to be more involved in the Bridport and Dorchester circuit?

This involves attending meetings approx every couple of months.

We need a new UCD representative as Val Gould is retiring.

For more details, please talk to Val Gould or Wendy Hilton.

## **Church Website**

Don't forget to check out the Church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>) which 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 Newssheet, 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 **February** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 24 January**.

Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: email 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.