

NEWS

The United Church Dorchester



Part of Churches Together in Dorchester
Methodist and United Reformed

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February 2016

Registered Charity number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

7 February

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Exodus 34: 29-35
	Holy Communion	Psalm 99
6.30pm	Mr P Kershaw	2 Cor 3: 12 - 4: 2
		Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43)

14 February CWM Sunday (1st of Lent)

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Deut 26: 1-11
	Holy Communion	Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
10.30am	Rev Dr John Travell	Romans 10: 8b-13
	Partners in Mission Service	Luke 4: 1-13
	Speaker - Shou-Hui Chang	

6.30pm Rev D Cuckson

21 February (2nd of Lent)

10.30am	Rev D Ackling	Genesis 15: 1-12,
	First Steps Worship	17-18
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	Psalm 27
	Holy Communion	Philippians 3: 17 -
		4: 1
		Luke 13: 31-35

28 February (3rd of Lent)

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 55: 1-9
		Psalm 63: 1-8
5.00pm	Bible Banter	1 Cor 10: 1-13
	Mr C Warren/ Mr M Jacobson	Luke 13: 1-9

This years Lent Course is:

"The Psalms - Prayers for Today's Church"

It is a five week York course which is hoped to run on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday evenings, as well as on one afternoon of the week, possibly on Wednesday to follow Lent lunches.

Please look at the notices in the hall and sign up for your preferred day / time.

Any queries, please speak to Mary Martin

Women's World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning Saturday 6 February

10.00am until 12 noon United Church Hall

If you have any toys, games, puzzles or anything suitable for the children's stall, please contact Dorothy Smith

Monies raised at Christmas time

On Cracker Night donations for coffee/mince pies amounted to £124.41 and was forwarded to Poverty Action Group.

The monies raised from the Christmas Card, Carols by Candlelight service and Christmas Day service totalled £820.44. This amount was divided equally between Action For Children and Christian Aid (i.e. £410 22 each).

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, may we be faithful to you when the road is hard and the hill steep. May we keep our eyes upon Jesus, who has walked this path before us and guides us on our way. Help us to stay true to him always. Amen

First Steps Worship

Sunday 21 February 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

WHAT'S ON IN February

- 1 7.30pm Men's meeting
- 4 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road studying the lectionary for the coming Sunday
- 4 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
"The Demon Drink"
- 6 10.00am Women's World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning
'til noon
United Church Hall
(Please see further notice for details)
- 6 10.15am Art Auction in the Coffee Lounge
(Please see further notice for details)
- 6 10.30am Green Group Meeting
Topic: "Food or Flood"
- 8 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group following the York course for Lent, hosted by Tony and Roni Boyden, 94 Mellstock Avenue
- 9 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room.* All welcome
- 10 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group
Venue - The Manse, 7 Capitol Close
- 11 7.30pm Talk - 'The Church and the Environment'
At The Dorford Centre
(Please see further notice for details)
- 13 10.00am Christian Aid Valentine's Coffee Morning
'til noon
United Church Hall
(Please see further notice for details)
- 15 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group following the York course for Lent, hosted by Alec Ward, 19 Beech Court.
- 16 12.30pm Solo's Lunch at The Walnut Grove. Please contact Angela Fisher to book a place.
- 18 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road studying the lectionary for the coming Sunday
- 18 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
'Matthew Rusike Children's Home'
Rev Ed & Audrey Standhaft
- 19 9.00am Churches Together - Quiet Meeting
The Quiet Space, Poundbury
(Please see further notice for details)
- 23 10.00am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room.* All welcome
- 25 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group
Venue - 2 Chestnut Road, Charlton Down
- 29 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group following the York course for Lent, hosted by Colin and Jacqui Stevens, 48 Prince of Wales Road

..... and in March

- 3 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
'Mayoral Musings'
Speaker - Peter Mann
- 4 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer
Holy Trinity Church
- 4 7.30pm Women's World Day of Prayer
The Quiet Space, Poundbury
- 5 10.30am-12.30pm Death Café United Church Hall
(Please see further notice for details)

Church Flowers

	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
7	The Flower Team	Mrs A Pople
14	Ms M Martin	Mrs E Haynes
21	Mrs A Holloway	Mrs A Holloway
28	Mrs H Bland	Mrs M Humes

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

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 Study

Meets every Friday from 10.00 - 11.00am
in the Quiet Room
New friends always welcome

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.

Lent Lunches

will be held in the Hall every Wednesday during Lent from 12 noon to 1.30pm and will be supporting Christian Aid

The Picnic People

will not be meeting during Lent but those who regularly participate are encouraged to join in with the Lent lunches.

Art Auction

An auction of paintings, mostly by John Saunders will be held
on **Saturday 6th February from 10.15am.**

John's paintings have been on display in the Coffee Lounge during the Autumn, but you will be able to view them again in the Coffee lounge from 9.15am.

All proceeds from the sale will be given to the Church. You are welcome to join us there.

Christian Aid Coffee Morning

Come and buy some tasty treats for Valentine's Day and raise funds for Christian Aid.

The Valentine's Coffee Morning will take place on in the United Church Hall
on **Saturday 13 February, from 10am-12 noon.**

There will be coffee and stalls selling cakes, biscuits, preserves, books and Traidcraft goods.

If you can help by baking a cake or some biscuits for this event please bring them to the church kitchen area on Friday afternoon (after 3.30pm) or Saturday morning with proposed prices.

For more information please see Tony Boyden.

Thursday February 11th at 7.30pm in the Dorford Centre

The Bishop of Salisbury is coming to Dorchester to speak on

'The Church and the Environment'

He is the Church of England's spokesman on the environment - so an influential man as well as a good speaker. We hope everyone who is concerned about the global environment and climate issues will come to hear him and ask questions.

Death Café

Sat 5th March 10.00am -12.30m

Solicitors, funeral directors, woodland burial, florist,

Information from Age UK,

Cruse bereavement counselling.

Also our ministers and Director of Music

Refreshments available with lots of chocolate cake

Donations of chocolate cakes and volunteers on the day to help serve coffees are needed.

If you are able to help, please contact Wendy



The Outreach Group is looking at the possibility of launching a musical production called Ride! Ride!

This would need to go much wider than our church due to complexity and overall commitment so approaches are being made.

However we are keen that anyone from our church, who may be interested in any aspect of the production: eg acting, backstage, front of house, ticket sales, publicity etc, has an opportunity to be involved. There is a flyer on the church notice board in the hall.

Please have a look and be in touch if you feel this is for you. Chris Warren

..... **and elsewhere**

Future Roots at Whitfield, Dorchester has vacancies for retired men to take part in it's Countrymen's Club.

The Club provides a range of activities outdoors in the Dorset countryside. It's especially for those wishing to remain active and involved in country life, whatever the challenges they might be facing as a result of ageing or poor health.

For more information or a site visit contact Tony Armstrong on tony@futureroots.net or 01305 251731.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March 2016

On the first Friday of March each year this great wave of prayer encircles the globe, from sunrise in Samoa to sunset in American Samoa.

During the service the hopes and fears of the country that has prepared the material are brought before the world - this year it is the turn of Cuba. An estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries will be joining in and contributing to the thousands of pounds that are distributed to projects and charities worldwide.

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 olin 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 **March** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 21 February**. 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.