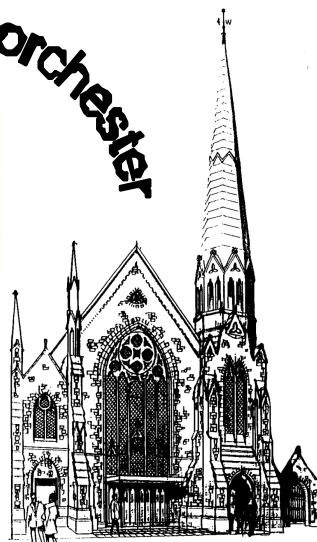


# NEWS

## 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**  
Tel No removed from web version

**Church Secretary:**

Janet Kennewell

**Senior Steward:**

Wendy Hilton

**Church:**

01305 262462

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**March 2016**

Registered Charity Number: 1137996

### Sunday Worship

#### 6 March (Mothering Sunday)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Exodus 2: 1-10
	Holy Communion	Psalms 34: 11-20
		2 Cor 1: 3-7
6.30pm	Mr P Jenner	Luke 2: 33-35
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#### 13 March (5th in Lent)

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 43: 16-21
	Holy Communion	Psalms 126
		Phil 3: 4b-14
10.30am	Rev P Clark	John 12: 1-8

6.30pm Rev S Jenner

#### 20 March (Palm Sunday)

10.30am	Mr M Reed	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
	<b>First Steps Worship</b>	Psalms 31: 9-16
		Phil 2: 5-11
6.30pm	Rev J Quick	Luke 22: 14-23, 56
	Holy Communion	

#### 27 March (Easter)

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Acts 10: 34-43
	Holy Communion	Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24
		1 Cor 15: 19-26
5.00pm	Easter Tingle	John 20: 1-18
	Rev S Jenner	
	Creative Workshop	
	followed by Bring & Share Tea	

\*(For alternative or additional lectionary readings please refer to the Circuit Plan)

**Alan Wickens**, one of our previous URC ministers, is being inducted as minister of Egham and Windsor URC on 26 March 2016.

### Diary for Holy Week

Monday	6.30pm	Taize Service
21 March		
Tuesday	6.30pm	Film show 'The Way'
22 March		
Wednesday	6.30pm	Church Family Meal
23 March		
(there will be a sign up list and donations of desserts will be welcome)		
Thursday	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
24 March		
Good Friday	9.30am	Good Friday Service followed by Walk of Witness to Holy Trinity
Friday 25 March		
Easter Sunday	6.30am	Sonrise Service at Maumbury Rings
	8.30am	Easter Breakfast
		(please see further notice for details)

#### First Steps Worship

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

#### Everyday Prayer

Thank you, healing God, that Christ is the way, truth and life for us; clearing our vision, lifting our hearts, healing our souls.

Help us to walk with him through the days of Lent and to rejoice in his life-transforming love at Easter. Amen.

## WHAT'S ON IN ..... March

- 3 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship  
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road studying  
Psalms 13 & 23 for Lent
- 3 7.30pm Thursday Night Out  
'Mayoral Musings' - 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- Death Café United Church Hall  
12.30pm *(Please see further notice for details)*
- 7 7.30pm Men's meeting
- 7 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group following the York  
course, week 4, for Lent, hosted by  
Cyril and Mary, 27 Lancaster Road
- 8 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence  
with introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome*
- 12 7.30pm Quiz in aid of Christian Aid  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 14 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group following the York  
course, week 5, for Lent, hosted by Dorothy,  
17 Victoria Buildings, Fordington Fields.
- 17 2.30pm Solo's Meeting in the Coffee Lounge with re-  
freshments to follow.  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 17 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship  
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road studying  
Psalm 127 for Lent
- 17 7.30pm Thursday Night Out  
'Gardener's Question Time' - Nigel Hewish  
(Bring your questions)
- 18 9.00am Churches Together - Quiet Meeting  
The Quiet Space, Poundbury  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 19 5.00pm Dorset Brass Ensemble  
Charity Concert  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 22 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence  
with introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome*
- 31 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship  
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road studying  
the lectionary for the coming Sunday

### Dorchester Christian Aid - Quiz Night with Peter Green

Saturday 12 March 7.30-10.30 pm

St Georges Church Hall, Fordington

Tickets: £3.00 each (from the United Church Shop)

*Bring and Share Buffet- please bring a plate of savoury or  
sweet 'finger food'.*

*Come as a team of four or meet up with people on the  
evening to form teams.*

## ..... and in April

- 9 World Church Coffee Morning
- 12 10.00am- God's not Dead? Roadshow  
3.00pm Wimborne Minster  
*(Please see further notice for details)*
- 14 7.30pm Church AGM  
*(Please see further notice for details)*

## Church Flowers

### Provision

### Distribution

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|----|-----------------|----------------|
| 6  | Mrs M Griffiths | Mrs M Merry    |
| 13 | Mrs A Reep      | Mrs M Williams |
| 20 | Mrs M Fisher    | Mrs S Gannaway |
| 27 | The Choir       | Mrs P Pope     |

**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.

## 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.

**Wanted** - Help in the garden,  
to cut lawns about once a month.

Small donation given to any cause specified  
Sandra Skinner,  
12 Poundbury Crescent, Dorchester

## South Street window - Volunteers needed

The church window on South Street is for many  
the only acknowledgement that we are a  
church. This is a very important outreach to the  
local community of our faith.

If you would like to help plan and implement the  
window on a monthly basis or to know more,  
please see Wendy Hilton

**Fairtrade Fortnight 29 February - 13 March**

It's that time of the year again!  
Please support the world-wide campaign for fairer trading practices by doing something extra during Fairtrade Fortnight.

If there is a product in the Church Shop you have never tried, why not give it a go? The pasta and cous cous are organic and delicious!

We have several different breakfast cereals and a range of yummy chocolate, including Real Easter Eggs, which have an Easter Story booklet in the box.

We also have a new range of hand-embroidered Traidcraft greetings cards.

By buying these products you are supporting vital work among some of the world's poorest communities.

Thank you! Susy

**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.

**Solo's Meeting - Thursday 17 March**

2.30pm in the Coffee Lounge

'Discovering Old Dorchester' with Richard Baker

Refreshments to follow

Contact Angela - Tel No removed from web version

**Death Café**

Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am -12.30pm in the Church Hall

Solicitors, funeral directors, flowers

Information from Age UK, Weldmar and about woodland burials

Cruse bereavement counselling.

Also in attendance Rev Steph Jenner and Rev Peter Clark and Heather Reed, Director of Music

**Come and ask your questions about wills, funeral planning, what to do when someone dies and support - spiritual, emotional and practical**

Refreshments available with lots of chocolate cake

Everyone welcome

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

If you are able to help, please contact Wendy Tel No removed from web version



The United Church Brass Ensemble and Friends present a Charity Concert

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 5 pm**

at United Church, South Street, Dorchester

in aid of Dorset Search and Rescue

Free Admission - Refreshments

Donations Welcome

Methodist Women in Britain  
Southampton District

**'God's not Dead? Roadshow**

Wimborne Methodist Church BH21 1DY

Tuesday 12 April 10.00am - 3.30pm

£3.00 including drinks Bring your own lunch

Bible Study

Videos

Table Talk

Worship

Adult Messy Church

**Easter Sunday Breakfast**

Come and enjoy a hearty Easter Sunday breakfast prepared and served by Junior Church.

As usual the breakfast will be served in the Coffee Lounge from 08:30 to 09:30

(don't forget the clocks go forward).

The cost is £5:00 for adults and £2:50 for children under 12.

Please sign the sheet on the noticeboard in the hall  
or email jonathan.mair @ btinternet.com

### Thank You – Hall Curtains

Many of you will probably not have noticed that over the last few months we have had no hall curtains and that now they have reappeared.

I would like to say thank you to the many people who helped – transporting these very heavy curtains to and from the cleaners, those who mended the sun damaged linings and those who took the curtains needing new linings to the shop.

Finally thank you to those, who were up and down the scaffolding like monkeys rehanging every curtain, which entailed moving the scaffolding for every single curtain.

Many people have been involved – thank you.

### United Church AGM

Thurs 14 April 7.30pm in the Church

Agendas and minutes of last year's AGM will be available 3 weeks before in the church foyer.

If you would like to nominate a member to become a steward or you are interested yourself, please pick up a nomination form in the foyer.

These need to be returned to Wendy Hilton, Malcolm Lewis or Janet Kennewell by 7 April.

The stewards are also looking for a volunteer to take the minutes at the steward's meeting (not church meetings).

They will not be a steward with all the roles and responsibilities, but need to be familiar with computers.

### West Dorset Needs Survey

*being undertaken by **Dorchester Poverty Action Group** (Reg charity no 1041397) ,  
**Charihelp** (Reg CIO number 1150560) and **Churches Together in Dorchester***

A **Research Assistant** is required to create a comprehensive directory of all the voluntary, non-statutory organisations in the WDDC area which offer help to local people in need.

A key part of the undertaking will be to contact each organisation on a previously compiled list to gain accurate information on their current operations.

A short contract will be offered initially, at a rate to be agreed with the successful candidate.

Initial funding is provided by WDDC's Car Boot Sales

**Key requirements are:** an excellent telephone manner, self-motivation to complete the work within the agreed timescale, and the ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people.

**Apply by e-mail to:** drmargaretbarker @ gmail.com Closing date – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016

### Health and Safety Incident

Recently one of our church members came into the church early in the morning and found a gentleman on the premises. He wouldn't leave, so she wisely left. A few minutes later a coffee shop volunteer arrived, again alone and found the gentleman, who this time agreed to leave. We think he must have got in through an unlocked door (we all forget to lock our doors occasionally) after the full building alarm was automatically turned off. The premises are alarmed overnight and it would be very difficult to be in the building at night and not set them off.

These incidents have been reported to the Police whose advice is, that if this happens again, to leave the building immediately and phone 101. However if the person is abusive in any way, to leave the building and ring 999. This very rarely happens, but it is important that everyone knows how to deal with such situations.

Also do not give anyone money, if they ask. If they are hungry and the coffee shop is shut, go next door and buy a sandwich. The church will reimburse you. If they need accommodation give them the number of the street homeless outreach team (SHOT) 01305 760799.

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 & Tel No removed from web version

The deadline for the **April** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 20 March**.

Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: E-mail & 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.