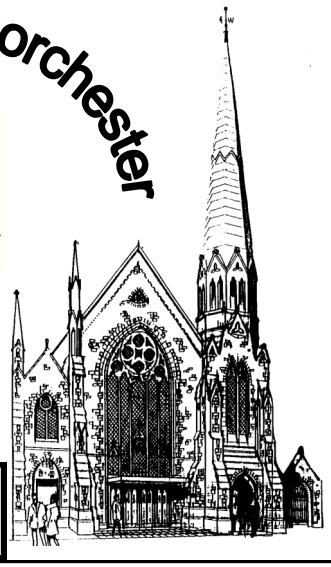
NEWS

United Church Dorchester



December 2016
Registered Charity Number: 1137996

Part of Churches Together in Dorchester
Methodist and United Reformed

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Sunday Worship

4 December *(2nd of Advent)*

10.30am	Rev B Stephenson Holy Communion	Isaiah 11: 1-10 Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 Romans 15: 4-13 Matthew 3: 1-12
6.30pm	Rev D Ackling	

11 December *(3rd of Advent)*

9.00am	Rev S Jenner Holy Communion	Isaiah 35: 1-10 Psalm 146: 5-10 or Magnificat James 5: 7-10 Matthew 11: 2-11
10.00am	Rev J Walker	
6.30pm	Rev J Quick Holy Communion	

18 December *(4th of Advent)*

10.30am	Mr C Warren **First Steps Worship**	Isaiah 7: 10-16 Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner Carol Service	Romans 1: 1-7 Matthew 1: 18-25

24 December *(Christmas Eve)*

4.00pm Christingle Service

11.30pm Rev S Jenner
Midnight Holy Communion

25 December *(Christmas Day)*

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Isaiah 9: 2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2: 11-14 Luke 2: 1-14 (15-20)

First Steps Worship
Sunday 18 December 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

The True Meaning of Christmas

Journey to the Stable is an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas.

This is ideal for adults and children alike. The journey takes 20 – 30 minutes. There are seven stations focusing on a person or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections.

At each station there is a small activity or object for you to take away, so you leave with a bag of reflections and goodies.

Open at the United Church Dorchester
Saturday 3 December and
Thursday 8 to Saturday 10 December
11.00am - 3.00pm
(except Friday 9 December 11.00am - 2.00pm)

In the busyness of all the Christmas shopping, writing cards and icing the cake, take a few minutes to be still and reflect on what Christmas is all about.

Everyday Prayer

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came. And no-one knew.

Only the few who dared to believe that God might do something different.

Will you come into our darkness to do something different, to save your people from despair?

Will you come into our lives if we open them to you?

When the world was dark and the city was quiet, you came.

Do the same this Christmas, Lord,
do the same this Christmas.
Amen

WHAT'S ON IN …….. December

1	3.00pm	Thursday Bible Fellowship Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road studying the lectionary
1	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out - Update on Fairtrade Speaker - Margaret Knighton
3	10.30am	Green Group Meeting Subject - Biodiversity
5	7.30pm	Men's Meeting
8	6.00pm	Dorchester Christmas Cracker Night
9	3.00pm	Quiet Christmas Service *(Please see further notice for details)*
11		Church Family Christmas Meal *(Please see further notice for details)*
12	2.30pm	Solos Group in the Church Hall *(Please see further notice for details)*
12	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group, hosted by Jacqi and Colin, 48 Prince of Wales Road *(Please bring contributions for a party supper.)*
13	9.30am	By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room*. All welcome
14	12.30pm	Picnic People - in the Coffee Lounge. Followed by Knit and Knatter All welcome Please bring packed lunch
16	9.45am	Churches Together - Quiet Meeting The Quiet Space, Poundbury *(Please see further notice for details)*
19	6.20pm	Carol Singing - Castle Park *(Please see further notice for details)*
20	6.20pm	Carol Singing - Fordington Fields *(Please see further notice for details)*
22	6.20pm	Carol Singing - Manor Park *(Please see further notice for details)*

and in January …….

4	7.30pm	Wednesday Home Group Venue - 1 Furlong Mews
11	12.30pm	Picnic People - in the Coffee Lounge All welcome to share in Fish 'n Chip Lunch. Please see the notice board in the hall and foyer for menu and sign up sheet for you to order your choice.

Church Flowers

	Provision	*Distribution*
4	Mrs G Melvin	No Distribution
11	Flower Fund	No Distribution
18	The Choir	No Distribution
25	The Choir	No Distribution

NB All Flower Providers and Distributors

As from January 2017 this rota will no longer be publicised in the Newsheet. Please refer to your individual rota. Many thanks

Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell (Contact details 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 9.45am at the Quiet Space on the 3rd Friday of every month.

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

Church Family Christmas Meal

Sunday 11 December

£10 for adults and £5 for children under 12

Tickets will be on sale in the Church Shop

and on Sunday 4th December

after the morning service.

Quiet Christmas Service - Friday 9 December at 3.00pm

Do you struggle to cope with a full church service, but want tsitting or concentrating for a long time difficult and all their carers and friends.

Everyone is welcome to Quiet Christmas in United o sing carols, listen to the familiar readings that tell the Christmas story and share the joy and peace of Christmas with family and friends?

"Quiet Christmas" is the service for you. This is a short 30 minute service with familiar carols and readings.

It is aimed at people who have recently been bereaved; those who can be confused in the present but have good memories of Christmases past and for those who find Church Dorchester, South Street.

The service will be followed by tea and Christmas fare.

Solos - Monday 12 December, 2.30pm in the Church Hall

"Carols, Games and a Christmas Tea"

Cost £1.50 Contact Angela (Contact details removed from web version)

Welcoming Families

From Monday 19 December to Friday 23 December at UCD we will be offering a rest area with baby changing and feeding facilities, similar to what was offered and much appreciated at the County Show.

Most days it will be open from 10.00am to 2.00pm, the exception being Wednesday when it will start at 11am, after the Market Day service.

The South Street Foyer and back of the church will look different with sofas, changing tables and toys for children to play with while parents are attending to their baby.

If you can help in providing a welcome please speak to Heather Reed, Lynne Antell or Peter Jenner as soon as possible, or sign up on the hall notice board. (Sessions 9.45am - 12noon & 12noon - 2.15pm.)

Carol Singing 2016 in aid of Action for Children

Please come and join us to experience the true spirit of Christmas.
Instrumentalists, singers & collectors.

We meet at 6.20pm moving off by 6.30pm.

Monday December 19 - Castle Park
Meet at Powys Close no. 6 - coffee & mince pies

Tuesday December 20 - Fordington Fields
Meet below Trumpet Major roundabout - coffee and mince pies at Judith's

Thursday December 22 - Manor Park
Meet at Southcourt Roundabout – Coffee & mince pies at 3 Kingsbere Crescent

Further information from Mary Rousell (Contact details removed from web version)

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. E-mail: (Contact details removed from web version)

The deadline for the for **January 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 18 December**.
Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: (Contact details 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.