

NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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February 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

5 February

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Isaiah 58: 1-9a (9b-12)
	Holy Communion	Psalm 112: 1-9 (10)
6.30pm	Rev P Clark	1 Cor 2: 1-12 (13-16)
	Taize	Matthew 5: 13-20

12 February (Racial Justice)

9.00am	Rev D Cuckson	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20
	Holy Communion	Psalm 119: 1-8
10.30am	Mr P Kershaw	1 Cor 3: 1-9
		Matthew 5: 21-37
6.30pm	Rev D Reep	

19 February

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18
	First Steps Worship	Psalm 119: 33-40
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	1 Cor 3: 10-11, 16-23
	Holy Communion	Matthew 5: 38-48

26 February (Spring into Life Schools Mission)

10.30am	Mrs C Hatton	Exodus 24: 12-18
		Psalm 2 or 99
5.00pm	Rev S Jenner/ Mr P Jenner	2 Peter 1: 16-21
	Encounter	Matthew 17: 1-9

First Steps Worship

Sunday 19 February 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children,
parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

A Message from Marion Cox

Following hip replacement surgery in December, I am now up and about once more and wish to thank the many church members who generously offered me lifts, meals, encouragement and support during the past weeks. It is so good to be part of such a loving church family and it made a great difference to my speedy recovery.

Thank you to you all.

Sunday 26 February – Winter Warmer

3.00 pm at the United Church

A short concert with refreshments given by David Illingworth, Heather Reed, Brenda Stephenson and John Walker including music for eight hands on two pianos.



Retiring collection for
Dorchester Child Contact Centre

Church Meetings - Please note the dates

Wednesday 1 February
Thursday 30 March (AGM)
Wednesday 24 May

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we give you thanks for health and strength, for family and friends.

But when these seem to be missing give us courage and resilience.

Save us from selfishness and despair and fill our hearts with love and compassion. Amen



® Fairtrade Fortnight will soon be here.
Watch out for Special Events in the
March News Sheet.

WHAT'S ON IN February

- 1 7.30pm Church Meeting
- 6 7.30pm Men's Meeting
- 6 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group, hosted by Dorothy, 17 Victoria Buildings, continuing to study 'Barnabas'.
- 8 12.30pm Picnic People - in the Coffee Lounge
All welcome - Please bring a packed lunch
Followed by Knit and Knatter
This will be the last one before Lent
- 9 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road
studying the lectionary
- 9 7.30pm Thursday Night Out Speaker - Ray Harris
Trekking for Charity (China)
- 14 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence
with introduction. *Quiet Room.* All welcome
- 14 7.30 Tuesday Home Group hosted by
Elizabeth and Paul Haynes, 6 Powys Close
- 20 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group, hosted by Alec,
19 Beech Court, South Walks Road, when
we hope to compete our studies on Barnabas.
- 21 2.30pm Solos Group in the Coffee Shop
(Please see separate notice for details)
- 23 3.00pm Thursday Bible Fellowship
Venue - 16 Prince of Wales Road
studying the lectionary
- 23 7.30pm Thursday Night Out Speaker - Richard Baker
The Wreck of the Halsewell
- 26 3.00pm Winter Warmer
(Please see separate notice for details)
- 28 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence
with introduction. *Quiet Room.* All welcome
- 28 7.30pm Tuesday Home Group hosted by
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and in March

- 3 Women's World Day of Prayer
(Please see separate notice for details)
- 11 10.00am Death Café
(Please see separate notice for details)
- 25 Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid
(Please see separate notice for details)

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

Solos Group Tuesday 21 February 2017

Come and learn some new skills:
Sign language and lip reading with Betty
Refresh your meditation skills
Cost: 50p for refreshments
Contact: Angela on *Contacts removed from web*
if you would like to come.

The **Tuesday Home Group** meets at the home of Elizabeth and Paul Haynes, 6 Powys Close, on alternate weeks at 7.30pm
Further information from Chris Warren

The Picnic People group will not meet in March or April when the Christian Aid Lent lunches will take place. We encourage everyone to share in the Lent lunches each Wednesday during Lent.
Picnic people will recommence on **Wednesday 10th May at 12.30pm** in the Coffee Lounge.

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.

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: *Contacts removed from web version*

The deadline for the for **March 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 19 February**.
Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: *Contacts 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.

Tools with a Mission (TWAM)

TWAM, a Christian charity sending tools across the world, needs your help. Could you help by volunteering to drive a new van in Dorset one day every 10 weeks (only 5 days per year), to either collect tools locally or to take a full van of tools to the M25? Here it will be swapped for an empty van and the full van will then proceed to Ipswich, where the tools are refurbished.

The tools are then packed into skill packs eg carpentry; plumbing; car mechanics and sewing and sent out to vocational training centres in Africa, where they are given to young people finishing their course. This enables them to earn their own living and not rely on aid.

The van can be driven on an ordinary driving licence and there are no age restrictions.

If you could help or would like more information, please contact John and Wendy Hilton

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (International and Interdenominational)

Am I Being Unfair to You?

On Friday 3rd March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?'

The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on Friday 3rd March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as 'Yolanda' – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears.

The service focusses on the Biblestory of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20 v 1-16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena 'Apol' Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. It is very thought provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

Why not find out more about the theme, the Philippines and the service?
The Day of Prayer is not just for women. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

Services in Dorchester	10.30am	Morning Service at St Mary's Dorchester
	7.00pm	Evening Service at 'The Quiet Space', Poundbury

Death Cafe

Saturday March 11th 10.00am – 12noon

Solicitors, funeral directors, woodland burials, Cruse bereavement counselling, flowers, information from Age UK and Weldmar

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

Come & 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



Christian Aid is hosting a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday, 25 March** in the Hall.

This is a unique event in which a number of other organisations have been invited to take part.

We would very much appreciate offers of help either in the kitchen or with the cake stall.

Donations of cakes or biscuits for the cake stall would also be gratefully received.

If you are able to help, please contact Tony Boyden (*Contacts removed from web version*) **after 23 February**.