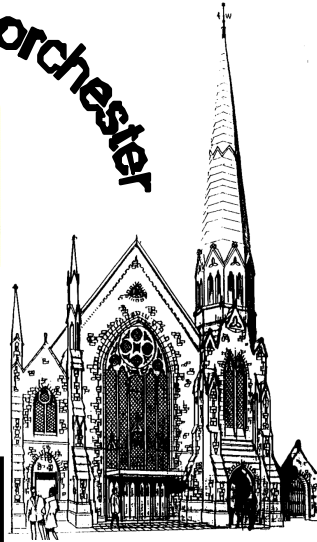


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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Methodist and United Reformed

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April 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

2 April (5th in Lent)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
	Holy Communion	Psalm 130
	Membership Service	Romans 8: 6-11
6.30pm	Rev J Quick	John 11: 1-45

9 April Palm Sunday

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 50: 4-9a
	Holy Communion	Psalm 31: 9-16 *
10.30am	Mr D Farmer	Philippians 2: 5-11
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	Matthew 26: 14-27: 66*
	Holy Communion	

16 April Easter Day

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Jeremiah 31: 1-6
	All Age Worship	Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24
	First Steps Worship	Colossians 3: 1-4 *
	Holy Communion	John 20: 1-18 *
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner / Rev P Clark	
	Easter Praise	

23 April (2nd of Easter)

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Acts 2: 14a, 32
		Psalm 16
5.00pm	Rev S Jenner	1 Peter 1: 3-9
	Encounter	John 20: 19-31

30 April (3rd of Easter)

10.30am	Mr P Jenner	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41
		Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19
6.30pm	Rev P Clark	1 Peter 1: 17-23
		Luke 24: 13-35

* For alternative lectionary readings please refer to the Circuit Plan

Next Church Meeting
Wednesday 24 May

Diary for Holy Week

Monday 10 April	6.00pm	Church Family Meal (Cost £5.00)
There will be a sign up sheet in the Hall Donations of desserts will be welcome		
Thursday 13 April	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday communion and Tenebrae Service
Good Friday 14 April	9.30am	Good Friday Walk of Witness from Holy Trinity RC Church to UCD for short service followed by hot cross buns in the Hall
Easter Sunday 16 April	6.00am	Sonrise Service at Maumbury Rings
	8.30am	Easter Breakfast in the Coffee Lounge (please see further notice for details)

First Steps Worship

Sunday 16 April (Easter Sunday)
10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children,
parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

Everyday Prayer

The Lord is risen!
He is risen indeed.
We praise God for resurrection
and renewal in our lives and
in the springtime world around us. Amen.

WHAT'S ON IN April		Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell (Tel removed from web version) Details can be given anonymously and confidentially within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.
1	Green Group Meeting Annual 'Walk in the Woods' <i>(For details please see poster in the Hall)</i>	<p align="center">Prayer and Meditation</p> <p>Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm This group meets in the church.</p>
3	7.30pm Men's Meeting	
6	7.30pm Thursday Night Out - Treasure of the Golden Grape Speaker - Selwyn Williams	<p align="center">Friday Morning Bible Study</p> <p>Meets every Friday from 10.00 - 11.00am in the Quiet Room New friends always welcome</p>
8	10.00am World Church Coffee Morning <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
10	6.00pm Church Family Meal <i>(See 'Diary for Holy Week' on front page)</i>	<p align="center">Solos Group Thursday 27 April 2017 Afternoon Tea at Pine Lodge 2.30 - 4.00pm Cost (approx) : £4.00 + £1.00 for transport (leaving Dorchester at 2.30pm) Contact: Angela on (Tel removed from web version) in good time if you would like to come (in order that transport can be arranged.)</p>
11	9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome	
13	7.30pm Maundy Thursday communion and Tenebrae service	<p>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</p>
14	9.30pm Good Friday Walk of Witness <i>(See 'Diary for Holy Week' on front page)</i>	
20	7.30pm Thursday Night Out Open Doors Speaker - Sarah Whitehead	<p align="center">Lent Lunches</p> <p>will continue on April 5 and 12 from 12 noon until 1.30pm Cost £5.00 (to support Christian Aid) for Ploughman's, Sweet and Tea/Coffee Please come and give your support</p>
21	7.30pm Mercy Ships Fundraising Event Dorchester Baptist Church <i>(Please see notice boards for further details)</i>	
24	7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group continuing to study 'Making Good Sense of the Bible together' Venue to be arranged. Please check noticeboard	<p align="center">Church Camp</p> <p>will again be held at St Mabyn Holiday Park, Cornwall from 22 until 29 July. Further details and booking forms from Maureen Parker 01305 263832</p>
25	9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome	
26	2.30pm Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge Cost - £1.00 to include refreshments All welcome	
27	2.30pm Solos Group - Afternoon Tea <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
and in May		
17	Christian Aid Market <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	

The Picnic People group will not meet in 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.

Christian Aid Market - Wednesday 17 May
Our Church is responsible for bric-a-brac and jewellery.
Contacts for these are Frances Jackson and Sheila Mann. Donations to help with the cost of lunch would be gratefully received by Sue Gannaway (Tel's removed from web version)

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.

United Church Dorchester

World Church Easter Coffee Morning - Saturday, 8 April 10.00am - 12 noon

Come and join us for tea or coffee in the hall, with a slice of homemade cake or a hot cross bun.
Stalls to include excellent quality Homemade Crafts; Cakes and Biscuits; Books; Bric-a-Brac; Plants;
'Guess the weight of the Easter Basket' and 'Guess the Name of the Doll'.

Additional helpers on the day and donations to any of the stalls will be very welcome,
especially homemade cakes and biscuits!

Entry is free, and all proceeds from the day will support the work of Virtual Doctors in Zambia.

Virtual Doctors is a unique service, designed with rural Africa in mind, connecting remote healthcare workers in Zambia with a panel of medical experts in the UK who give diagnosis and treatment advice.

As a result, patients are diagnosed more quickly and more often treated in their own communities.

The Journey to the Empty Tomb

This will run in Holy Week, from 11.00am to 3.00pm daily,
except for Good Friday when it will be open from 11.00am to 7.00pm.

Help will be needed to steward this event.

Please look at the notice board in the Hall and sign up to help steward if you are able to do so.

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

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 (Email removed from web version)

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

Two residents of a Nursing/ Residential Home situated reasonably near to United Church, Dorchester,
would like to attend our morning Sunday Morning Service.

Each would need someone to push them from the Nursing/ Residential Home to and from the Sunday
Service in their non - motorised wheel chairs. They are unable to travel by car.

If you are able to help with the request, either on a weekly or fortnightly or monthly basis, or would like
to know more, please speak to Angela or call her on (Tel removed from web version).

DOOR STEWARDS

We are once again in need of more help with the welcoming of people into our church,
particularly at our Sunday morning services.

We would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels they would like to join our team of Stewards.

Please contact Elizabeth Martin or Carol Illingworth (Tel removed from web version) if this appeals to you.

This is quite an important job, but not an onerous one and the more we have the longer between duties.

It is also a very good way of getting to know other members of the congregation.

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: (Email & Tel removed from web version).

The deadline for the for **May 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 23 April**

Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: (Email removed from web version) or leave hard-copy items in the Internal Mail basket
in the Charles Street foyer. Items received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Journey to the Empty Tomb

I am keen to set up "The Journey to the Empty Tomb" for Holy Week.

This is an interactive journey where 'stations' are set up in the church, ending in the Quiet Room (like the Journey to the Stable).

If you can help to set it up on Palm Sunday (April 9th) and / or anytime during Holy Week, please let me know. Thanks, Mary Martin (Tel 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!