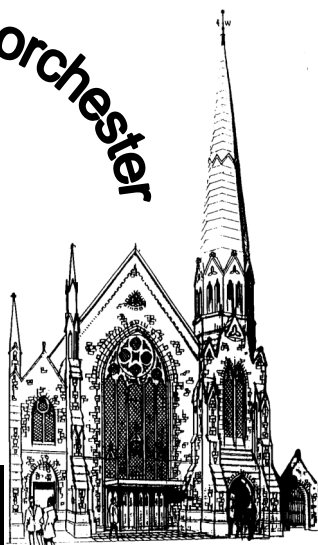


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



Part of Churches Together in Dorchester  
Methodist and United Reformed

**Minister**  
**Rev Stephanie Jenner**  
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Day off Tuesday

**Minister**  
**Rev Peter Clark**  
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Day off Friday

Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary

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**Church Secretary:** John Hilton

**Senior Steward:** Mary Martin

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**May 2017**

Registered Charity Number: 1137996

### Sunday Worship

#### 7 May (Vocations Sunday)

10.30am	Rev C Downing	Acts 2: 42-47
	Holy Communion	Psalm 23
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	1 Peter 2: 19-25
	Easter Offerings	John 10: 1-10

#### 14 May (Christian Aid Week)

9.00am	Rev S Jenner	Acts 7: 55-60
	Holy Communion	Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
10.30am	Rev S Jenner	1 Peter 2: 2-10
		John 14: 1-14
4.00pm	United Christian Aid Service at St Mary's	

#### 21 May (Aldersgate Sunday)

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 12: 1-6 *
	<b>First Steps Worship</b>	Psalm 130
		Romans 5: 1-11 *
6.30pm	Rev J Quick	Mark 12: 28-37*
	Holy Communion	

#### 28 May (Ascensiontide)

10.30am	Mrs C Hatton	Acts 1: 6-14
		Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35
5.00pm	Mrs J Farmer /	1 Peter 4: 12-14;
	Mrs H Reed	5: 6-11
	Encounter	John 17: 1-11

\* For alternative lectionary readings please refer to the Circuit Plan

#### First Steps Worship

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

### TWO "THANK YOU'S"

**Thank you very much** to all who helped to set up, steward and pack away The Journey To The Empty Tomb. We had over 80 visitors and lots of positive comments. We had some visitors from France, Germany and other European countries; if anyone with language skills fancies translating the information for visitors please let Mary Martin know!

**A big Thank You** to all those church folk who have acted as door keepers over the last few months when there have been issues with young people at the Charles Street entrance to the church. Your patience and resolve are much appreciated.

#### The next Church Meeting

**Wednesday 24 May at 7.30pm**

#### Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we remember the poor, the hungry, those without shelter, refugees. We have so much - this Christian Aid Week help us to give generously, and to continue to work for justice and a fairer sharing of the earth's resources.

Amen

<b>WHAT'S ON IN ..... May</b>			<b>Prayer Chain</b> - 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.
4	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out - A Girl's Best Friend Speaker - Martin Thorpe	<b>Prayer and Meditation</b> Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm This group meets in the church.
8	7.30pm	Men's Meeting	
8	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Jacqui Stevens, 48 Prince of Wales Road Led by Tony Boyden	<b>Friday Morning Bible Study</b> Meets every Friday from 10.00 - 11.00am in the Quiet Room New friends always welcome
10	12.30pm	Picnic People <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
14	4.00pm	Christian Aid Ecumenical Service at St Mary's Church	<b>Solos Group</b> Thursday 18 May 2017 2.30 - 4.00pm in the Coffee Lounge 'Wareham Through the Ages' Cost (approx) : £1.00 for Refreshments  Contact: Angela if you would like to come.
15	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Mary Lucraft, 2 Lancaster Road Led by Tony Boyden	
17	9.45am - 2.00pm	Christian Aid Market (including lunches) <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
18	2.30pm	Solos Group <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	The <b>Tuesday Home Group</b> meets at the home of Elizabeth and Paul Haynes, 6 Powys Close, on alternate weeks at 7.30pm Further information from Chris Warren
18	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out - The Village Undertaker Speaker - Terry Putnam	
19	9.00am - 5.00 pm	South Street Christian Aid Collection	
20		Christian Aid Sponsored Walk to the River Jordan (full details from Steve Ryder)	<b>The Picnic People</b> will meet again after the break for Lent Lunches.  We will start on Wednesday 10th May at 12.30p.m, in the coffee lounge so you are welcome to join us with your packed lunch. We hope to arrange a 'Fish and Chip' lunch again, possibly in July and we will talk about this at our next meeting.
23	9.30am	By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome	
24	2.30pm	Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge Cost - £1.00 to include refreshments All welcome	
<b>and in June .....</b>			
8		Solos Group - Trip to West Bay	
17		Thursday Night Out - AGM & Garden Party	

### **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

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■ **The Aviation Mission Fellowship** would be pleased to receive any spare postcards you have, written in ■  
■ or un-used. There is a box in the South Street foyer for any contributions which will be much appreciated. ■  
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### **DOOR STEWARDS**

We are still 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 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.

## ACCESS TO OUR BUILDING

Following recent advice from the Police Crime Prevention Officer the Council of Stewards has decided to lock the church building from 12:30pm on week days from May 1st 2017. This means that the door to 49 Charles Street will be automatically unlocked from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Monday to Friday, 8am to 1.30pm on Saturdays and 9.30am to 10.30am on Sundays.

Special arrangements will apply on occasions.

All groups who book rooms in the premises have been contacted to ensure they can continue to meet.

It will be important when you meet that you do not leave the door open or unlocked outside these times and that you only allow in people coming to your meeting. As people arrive you will need to have someone at the door to let them in. Once everyone has arrived for your meeting the door can be left locked and unattended.

When leaving the building please ensure the door is closed behind you; it will automatically be locked.

It is always possible to get out of the building through any exit without using a key.

If you have any questions please speak to Margaret Knighton, Heather Bland or Janice Young

## BIG DAY OUT

We are all invited to a BIG DAY OUT on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Burgate School in Fordingbridge, organised by the Wessex and South Western Synods of the URC.

It will be a day of activities and fun for all the family and all ages following the URC theme:

“Feasts and Festivals”

The day will include craft, drama, seminars, exhibitions, live music, games and more.

For more details see the posters on one of the side noticeboards in the hall.

Revd Peter Clark is acting as our Church contact for booking and needs to know,

**by 7 May** if you are interested.

We may be able to have seats on a coach coming through from Weymouth and other transport is available if booked in advance.

The **MWM (SW) Missionary Conference** takes place from 20-22 October at Ammerdown Conference Centre, nr Radstock, Somerset.

This year's theme is “**From Asia to Ammerdown**”

and led by Mr Steve Pearce the Methodist World Church partnership co-ordinator for Asia who will highlight some of the current projects and issues.

There will also be a presentation by Rev and Mrs David Bolton on their work as mission partners in Senegal, a Muslim country.

The fee for the weekend has been held at last year's price (£180) and a deposit of £60 per person is required by 28<sup>th</sup> June with full payment by 20th August.

Further details from local representative David Reep who has booking forms, which are to be sent to the treasurer, Mrs Genny Cowling, 27, Topaz Drive, Andover SP10 3ED.

Methodists for World Mission (South West) is a charity that educates and promotes a partnership approach to world church relations. It works with people of diverse nationalities and faiths through conferences, its magazine and website.

**Church Camp** will again be held at St Mabyn Holiday Park, Cornwall from 22 until 29 July.  
Further details and booking forms from Maureen Parker

### **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.

The deadline for the for **June 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 21 May**  
Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin or leave hard-copy items in the Internal Mail 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.