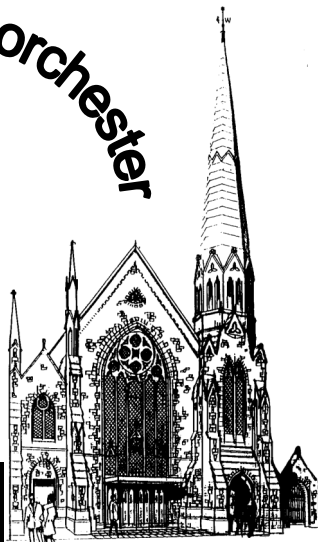


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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Methodist and United Reformed

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Sunday Worship

2 July

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| 10.30am | Rev P Clark | Jeremiah 28: 5-9 |
| | Holy Communion | Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18 |
| | | Romans 6: 12-23 |
| 6.30pm | Rev B Anderson | Matthew 10: 40-42 |

9 July Action for Children Sunday

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| 9.00am | Rev S Jenner | Zechariah 9: 9-12 |
| | Holy Communion | Psalm 145: 8-14 |
| | | Romans 7: 15-25a |
| 10.30am | Rev S Jenner | Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 |
| 6.30pm | Mr A Boyden | |

16 July

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| 10.30am | Mr M Reed | Isaiah 55: 10-13 |
| | First Steps Worship | Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-13 |
| | | Romans 8: 1-11 |
| 5.00pm | United Service at Tolpuddle | Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 |

23 July

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| 10.30am | Rev S Jenner | Isaiah 44: 6-8 * |
| | | Psalm 86: 11-17 |
| 5.00pm | Mr P Jenner | Romans 8: 12-25 |
| | Encounter | Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 |

30 July

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| 10.30am | Rev D Reep | 1 Kings 3: 5-12 |
| | | Psalm 119: 129-136 |
| 6.30pm | United Service at Easton | Romans 8: 26-39 |
| | | Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52 |

First Steps Worship

Sundays 16 July and 20 August 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

6 August

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| 10.30am | Rev J Walker | Isaiah 55: 1-5 |
| | Holy Communion | Psalm 145: 8-9, 14-21 |
| | | Romans 9: 1-5 |
| 6.30pm | Rev S Jenner | Matthew 14: 13-21 |

13 August

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| 9.00am | Rev B Stephenson | 1 Kings 19: 9-18 |
| | Holy Communion | Psalm 85: 8-13 |
| | | Romans 10: 5-15 |
| 10.30am | Rev P Clark | Matthew 14: 22-33 |
| 6.30pm | Mr P Kershaw | |

20 August

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| 10.30am | Ms G Bumphrey | Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 |
| | First Steps Worship | Psalm 67 |
| | | Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 |
| 6.30pm | Rev P Clark | Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 |
| | Holy Communion | |

27 August

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| 10.30am | Mrs C Hatton | Isaiah 51: 1-6 |
| | | Psalm 138 |
| 5.00pm | Arts & Crafts | Romans 12: 1-8 |
| | United Service at Weymouth Bay | Matthew 16: 13-20 |

* For alternative lectionary readings please refer to the Circuit Plan

Everyday Prayer

Lord, we rejoice in the natural resources of the earth, and we pray that we may use them wisely and responsibly.

Help us to value what we have, not polluting the soil, the air or the sea, not wantonly destroying the life of plants or animals, but taking care of what you have given so that we may hand on to others an earth fit for the life of all. Amen

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| <p style="text-align: center;">WHAT'S ON IN July</p> <p>1 2.00pm Garden Party at 51 Coburg Road in aid of Action for Children <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i></p> <p>2 3.00pm A Summer Serenade <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i></p> <p>3 6.30pm Men's Meeting <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i></p> <p>8 10.00am Dorchester Poverty Action Group Coffee Morning <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i></p> <p>12 12.30 Picnic People in the Coffee Shop Fish & Chip Lunch</p> <p>14 10.00am Friday Morning Bible Fellowship <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i></p> <p>15 5.30pm 'Flutecakes' Concert <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i></p> <p>19 7.30pm Church Meeting</p> <p>25 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and in August</p> <p>22 9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome</p> | <p>Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell</p> <p>Details can be given anonymously and confidentially within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.</p> |
| <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">We are all invited to A Garden Party <i>(in aid of Action for Children)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">at 51 Coburg Road <i>(by kind invitation of Sue and Colin)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">on Saturday 1 July from 2.00 - 5.00pm Cost £2.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cream Teas, Bring & Buy, Cake & Plants Stalls For further information contact Mary Rousell</p> </div> | <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer and Meditation</p> <p>Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm This group meets in the church.</p> |
| | <p>Friday Morning Bible Study Meets every Friday from 10.00 - 11.00am in the Quiet Room</p> <p>The meeting on 14 July will be the last before the summer break. Meetings will recommence on 15 September New friends always welcome</p> |
| | <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> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">THERE WILL BE NO SOLOS MEETING IN JULY AND AUGUST</p> | <p>The Wednesday Home Group meets on alternate weeks at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Pat and Paul Smith</p> |
| | <p>MESSAGE FROM BEN & MAUREEN PARKER</p> <p>We are very grateful for the many ways people have expressed sympathy to us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Special thanks to Steph for her caring and sensitivity.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you all.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">TWO MESSAGES FROM JANICE YOUNG</p> <p>Janice, Hannah and family thank everyone for their love, care, support and prayers whilst Bill was in Hospital and following his death. The collection raised £270 which was divided equally between Dorchester Social Stroke Club and Dorchester Child Contact Centre.</p> <p>Hannah, Charlie and Janice invite you to join them on Weymouth Beach for Lola's Christening on Monday 21 July at 11.30. Bring a chair, a picnic and stay for as long as you like.</p> <p>Look for the Christening Balloons attached to deck chairs between the Life Guard Station and the children's snail ride.</p> | |
| <p>LAST CALL FOR Church Camp which will again be held at St Mabyn Holiday Park, Cornwall from 22 - 29 July. Further details from Maureen Parker and Linda Gundry</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Dorchester Poverty Action Group Coffee Morning</p> <p>For over 25 years this charity has been helping local people (DT1 & DT2) at points of crisis by providing emergency grants of up to £150. This relatively small amount of money can prevent debt, homelessness and acute stress.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recently the number of requests has risen.</p> <p>Please support the group's annual Coffee Morning to support more local people, in some very difficult situations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">on Saturday 8 July from 10a.m until 12 noon at United Church Dorchester</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments with home-made cakes, stalls & raffle</p> | |

A Summer Serenade

at United Church, Dorchester on Sunday July 2nd at 3pm

Music for clarinet, violin and piano given by

Mark Tocknell, Claire Tocknell and Brenda Stephenson

To include works by Schubert, Vanhal, Corelli, Schumann and

The concert will be followed by refreshments Donations in aid of Virtual Doctors



Church Meetings - Wednesday 19 July and Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy an hour of music and cake presented by **FLUTECAKES and FRIENDS**
on **Saturday 15th July at 5.30pm** in the **United Church**.

Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for Dorchester Child Contact Centre.

***** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ! *****

- 1. CHURCH WINDOW** - **Judith Anstice** has needed to give up dressing the church window which faces South Street; we are very grateful to her for her work over the past few years.

The church now needs some people with artistic flare to take on the role of window dressing.

If you would be willing to be a part of a team to do this please let Mary Martin know.

- 2. WEBSITE** - Due to workload and other commitments **Trevor Antell**, our Webmaster, is having to step down from his post of keeping the church website up to date.

If you feel that you could undertake this task, please speak to a Church Steward. I am sure that Trevor would be happy to offer any guidance to the person, or persons, who come forward to do this.

This is another way of distributing information about who we are, what we are and what we do, to anyone who looks at our web page.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS!!! KNITTED FOOD NEEDED AT GREENBELT THIS YEAR!

The URC is calling for churches and individuals to come together (or alone if you'd prefer) and help to create an enormous bundle of knitted or crochet food items. As part of this year's theme of 'More than Welcome,' and, in keeping with last year's successful and popular treasure hunt, a knitted food themed treasure hunt is being organised for 2017.

The hunt will take festival-goers to hampers dotted around the site, where they will need to answer questions on food/feast stories from the Bible and collect various knitted food items. They will then be asked to add the fruit to an empty banqueting area so that over the course of the weekend the area goes from being empty to abundant.

There is a lot to knit. The more people that are involved the better! There is a link to the full PDF article, which also contains links to crochet and knitting patterns:

<http://urc.org.uk/discipleship/church-related-community-work/crcw-news-and-events/2306-greenbelt-2017-how-can-you-get-involved.html>

Gill and the Wednesday's Knit and Natter Group is planning to be involved, but it would be great if more people could contribute.

Finished items can be given to Maria before mid-August, and will be sent on to Greenbelt.

THE LUNCH CLUB

The Lunch Club for families entitled to free school meals will once again be held each Thursday in August.

We are very grateful to Dorford Baptist Church for allowing us the use of their premises. The format is that families who register beforehand can come and pick up fresh fruit, vegetables, dairy produce and meat to take away and cook throughout the week. We provide tea, cake, drinks and toys for the children to play with and a listening ear if anyone needs additional support.

As always such schemes come at a cost. Our overheads are very low but if anyone felt able to support this work by offering to help financially or with making a cake we would be very grateful!

More importantly, if you could remember these families in your prayers that would be even better.

If anyone would like to contact me directly, I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Kath Joslin

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL OF STEWARDS

We are concerned that on a number of occasions recently the door lock on the door in Charles Street, opposite the library, has been overridden leaving it unlocked when the building be secure and locked.

Please be aware that this lock must not be overridden leaving the door unlocked and unattended.

There are a number of reasons for this but one of the main reasons is that if someone was to gain access to the building and something was to happen while it is meant to be locked eg theft, criminal damage, public liability claim, our insurance would probably be void and would not pay out.

The advice to lock the doors was given by the Dorset Police Crime Prevention Officer and was not simply in response to the issues we had been having with teenagers and the associated safeguarding problems.

Locking the doors is primarily for crime prevention and also to ensure we are all safeguarded.

If you see the door is unlocked when it is not scheduled to be then please close it firmly and when you leave please make sure the door is firmly closed behind you'.

The door should only be unlocked at the following times:

Monday – Friday : 8.30am – 12.30pm (except when the Blood Donor sessions are taking place)

Saturday : 8am – 1.30pm Sunday : 9.30am – 10.30am

Thank you

Men's Meeting - Our meeting on Monday July 3rd. will be at The Junction Inn for a meal at 6.30.
If you would like to come please let us know so we can reserve tables. Chris Warren

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.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE - SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dorset Historic Churches Trust provides funds to help churches and parishes keep their buildings weather-proof, warm and available for worship and wider public use.

In recent years it has helped with grants for the addition of kitchens and toilets to increase usability of buildings which have traditionally only been used on Sundays.

In 2016 the Trust awarded grants totalling £100,000 to 25 churches. Over the past three years a number of our members at UCD have taken part in the event and received sponsorship, half of which comes straight back to UCD.

Most of the Trust's income comes from the Ride and Stride and last year almost £81,000 was raised in sponsorship by participants of all ages and abilities with 50% of all money pledged returned by the Trust to churches nominated by the riders or striders, so everyone benefits.

If you are interested in taking part and being sponsored please speak to Heather Bland who has all the necessary information and documents.

If you are asked to sponsor someone please do so. As stewards are needed between 10.00am and 6.00pm Heather would like to hear from you if you have an hour or so to spare on Saturday 9 September and would be available to be in the church to offer a welcome, provide directions and refreshments and to sign sponsor sheets.

Heather is not available on the day so please contact her as soon as possible

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!

**Visit from our twin church in Lübbecke, Germany, 25 - 29 October
and visit to Germany, 29 October - 2 November**

Our friends from Lübbecke will be joining us to help celebrate the Anniversary of the United Church, and we will then be travelling to Germany for the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther and the founding of the Protestant church.

Provisionally, the party from Germany will arrive on Wednesday 25th October.
A range of events is being planned, including a visit to Swanage and a Barn Dance.
They will join us for our celebratory service on Sunday morning, .

A party from our church will then join them in travelling back to Lübbecke for their celebration on Tuesday 31 October, returning to the UK on Thursday 2 November.

We are all very keen to involve as many people as possible, especially those who have joined the church more recently, and have not experienced the rich fellowship of our partnership with the people of Lübbecke.

We will also be looking for hosts for our friends, so please keep the dates free.
If you may be interested in joining the trip to Germany, or for more information,
contact Matthew Reed or Steph Jenner.

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: mcox5@talktalk.net. Tel 01305 262416.

The deadline for the for **September 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 20 August**.
Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: ermartin61123@gmail.com 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.