

United Church Dorchester

NEWS



Methodist and United Reformed

Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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Day off Tuesday

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Day off Friday

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Registered Charity Number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

1st October

10.30am	Mr C Warren	Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-32 Psalm 25: 1-9
6.30pm	Mr P Jenner	Philippians 2: 1-13 Matthew 21: 23-32

8th October

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 5: 1-7
	Holy Communion	Psalm 80: 7-15
10.30am	Rev P Clark	Philippians 3: 4b-14 Matthew 21: 33-46
	Holy Communion	
6.30pm	Mrs C Hatton	

15th October

10.30am	Rev D Cuckson	Isaiah 25: 1-9 Psalm 23
	First Steps Worship	Philippians 4: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14
6.30pm	Rev D Reep	

22nd October

10.30am	Mr M Reed	Isaiah 45: 1-7
	One World Sunday	Psalm 96: 1-9 1 Thessalions 1: 1-10
5.00pm	Mr P Jenner/ Mr M Jacobson	Matthew 22: 15-22
	Encounter	

29th October

10.30am	Rev S Jenner/ Rev D Reep	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18 Psalm 1
6.30pm	Mr K Mills	1 Thessalions 2: 1-8 Matthew 22: 34-46

Church Family News

We give thanks for the life of Dorcas Hewish, Nigel's mother and a regular visitor to the United Church. We also give thanks for the life of Richard Hankin, who had recently started coming with his wife Jan after their move to Dorchester.

We send congratulations to all those who got their exam results and wish them all the best for their futures. Abby McCarthy is starting at Durham doing paediatric nursing, while Rachel Whiter has started at Kingston Maurward doing a floristry course, whilst working at Poundbury Florists. The Whiter family have also moved to Buckland Newton and we wish them well in their new home.

At the Bridport and Dorchester Methodist Circuit and URC Pastorate meeting held in September an invitation was extended asking Rev Steph Jenner to remain for a further five years which she has accepted.

First Steps Worship

Sunday 15th October, 10.30am – 11.30am
Worship/activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room.

Everyday Prayer

Loving God, we are your people, part of the world-wide Church. Break down the barriers that divide us from one another, and by the power of your Spirit strengthen and challenge us to serve your people in our community and in the wider world. Amen

What's On in October

Mon 2 nd	2pm	Pastoral Visitors' meeting **
Mon 2 nd	7.30pm	Men's meeting
Thurs 5 th	3pm	Thursday Bible Fellowship
Thurs 5 th	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out Peter Mann: 'Local Boy Makes Good'
Sat 7 th	10am	Fruits of the Harvest **
Mon 9 th	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Mary Lucraft, 27 Lancaster Road: continuing to study 'How to be a bad Christian' by Dave Tomlinson
Wed 11 th	12.30pm	Picnic People in the Coffee Lounge. New people are most welcome to join us. Just bring a packed lunch. Lunch will be followed by Knit and Natter.
Thurs 12 th	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out Norman Kember: 'Kidnapped'
Thurs 19 th	3pm	Thursday Bible Fellowship
Mon 23 rd	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Roni and Tony Boyden, 94 Mellstock Avenue
Tues 24 th	9.30am	By Still Waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. Quiet Room. All welcome.
Wed 25 th	2.30pm	Games afternoon in the Coffee Lounge. £1 to include refreshments. All welcome.
Wed 25 th - Tues 31 st		Lübbecke visit **
Tues 31 st	2.30pm	Solos **

** Please see separate notice for details.

Prayer Chain. If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact Penny Fennell. Details can be given anonymously and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Prayer and meditation. Every Tuesday from 12-12.30 p.m. in the church.

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

The **Wednesday Home Group** meets on alternate weeks at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Pat and Paul Smith.

The **Friday morning Bible study group** meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room. New friends are always welcome.

SOLOS

Tuesday 31st October: Rev Peter Clark
with slides and a presentation on
his visit to the Holy Land
Please join us from 2.30 pm until 3.45 pm for a
very informative and interesting session. Please
let Angela know by Sunday 29th October if you
would like to join us in the Church Hall.
Refreshments will be available at a cost of
£1.50.

Pastoral Visitors' Meeting

The next meeting for pastoral visitors will be on **Monday 2nd October at 2 pm** in the Coffee Lounge. We will be sharing ideas about visiting people with mental health needs and improving the pastoral visitors' leaflet for potential new visitors.

We send our best wishes to Maurice for his special birthday.

Fruits of the Harvest, Saturday 7th October, United Church Hall, 10.00-12.00

Dorchester Christian Aid hosts a unique event, a coffee morning to which have been invited sister organisations to run stalls and give information about their activities. These include Freedom from Torture, Hilfield Friary, Palestinian and Israeli Peace Group and Traidcraft.

We need donations of cakes and biscuits for the Christian Aid stall and also second hand books and bric-a-brac if you could spare them. We would also be grateful for volunteers to help, particularly with serving tea and coffee and on the cake and biscuit stall.

If you are able to help in any way please contact Tony Boyden.

Dorchester Poverty Action Group

Reg Ch No 1041397

Annual Open Meeting

Who is there to



Speakers

Robert Potter - Dorchester Relief in Need

Ellie Maguire - Dorset Community Foundation

both charities that help individuals financially

Launch of website "Who is there to help"

Monday 9th October 7pm Dorford Centre coffee lounge

Please come and learn more about good work that is done locally

Everyone welcome

THE CHURCH SHOP

The manager of the Church Shop, Marion Cox, has decided to stand down after many years in the role so we are looking for someone to take her place.

The shop is run entirely by volunteers and is fortunate to have a loyal band of helpers, not least Colin Stevens who is the treasurer, Susy Rogers who is the Traidcraft buyer and Pat Smith who is the book buyer, which leaves greetings cards, CDs and gifts for the manager to deal with.

Marion aims to step down at the end of November but will be willing to help the new manager after Christmas and a full job description will be available to help them on their way.

Please contact Marion or any of the above shop helpers if you are interested in carrying out this rewarding role within the church family which brings people from far and near into the building and helps to maintain our loving Christian community.

Operation Christmas Shoeboxes

This year we are again doing the Christmas shoe boxes in conjunction with the Volunteering Centre Dorset. Leaflets will be available very soon. Please bring your completed shoebox to the 10.30 service on **Sunday 5th November**.

Abandoned Keyboard

A keyboard has been found, hidden away in a cupboard on the first floor. Do you know anything about it? Margaret Knighton will be glad of any clues as to its ownership, origin etc.

Your help is needed to keep us all warm!

If the heating is to be used efficiently this winter we urgently need someone who would be willing to adjust the boiler controls to accommodate occasional and irregular use of rooms. It usually requires weekly attention, at a time to suit the person doing it. If you can offer your services or can think of someone who might be suitable, please speak to Paul Smith or Margaret Knighton who can explain more.

Visit from our twin church in Lübbecke, Germany, 25th to 29th October and visit to Germany, 29th October to 2nd 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.

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 31st October, returning to the UK on Thursday 2nd November.

We are 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.

If you are interested in hosting our friends or in joining the trip to Germany, or for more information, contact Matthew Reed or Steph Jenner.

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 news sheet, it also gives information about the church and its various groups, news, What's On? and how to contact specific members/groups. The website belongs to the church as a whole so you are encouraged to contribute. Where possible, 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 6pm.

The deadline for the **November** news sheet will be 10am on **Sunday 22nd October**. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson or leave hard copy items in the Internal Mail basket in the Charles Street foyer. Anything received after the deadline will not be included.

Data Protection Act

In common with most other churches and organisations, the 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.