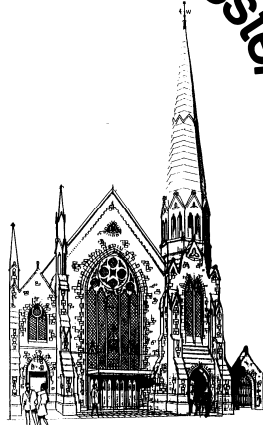


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**NOVEMBER 2017 (Web)**

Registered Charity Number: 113799i

### Methodist and United Reformed

Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

**Minister**

**Rev Stephanie Jenner**

01305 262421

Day off Tuesday

Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary

**Minister**

**Rev Peter Clark**

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Day off Friday

**Pastoral Visitor:** Angela Fisher

**Church Secretary:** John Hilton

**Senior Steward:** Mary Martin

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### Sunday Worship

#### 5<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Micah 3: 5-12
	Holy Communion	Psalm 43
		1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13
4.30pm	United Service at Bridport	Matthew 23: 1-12

#### 12<sup>th</sup> November

9.00am	Rev S Jenner	Wisdom of Solomon 6: 12-16
	Holy Communion	Wisdom of Solomon 6: 17-20
10.00am	Mr A Boyden/ Mr C Warren	1 Thessalonians 4:13- 18
6.30pm	Rev J Quick	Matthew 25: 1-13

#### 19<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Zephaniah 1: 7,12-18
	First Steps Worship	Psalm 90: 1-8,12
		1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11
		Matthew 25: 14-30
6.30pm	Rev P Clark	
	Holy Communion	

#### 26<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am	Ms G Bumphrey	Ezekiel 34: 11-16,20-24
		Psalm 95: 1-7a
5.00pm	Rev S Jenner	Ephesians 1: 15-23
	Encounter	Matthew 25: 31-46

### First Steps Worship

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 10.30am – 11.30am

Worship/activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room.

### Church Meeting

The next Church Meeting will be on November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm. A decision about installation of the proposed lift will be taken at that meeting.

At the last Church meeting there was the opportunity to look at various options for personal faith development. The attendance at the meeting meant that not all the congregation had the chance to see what is available. As a result, it is hoped that the same information will be available in the hall for those interested after the morning service on November 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Door Stewards

We are again in need of Door Stewards, particularly for the evening services. This would be not quite every month. If you would like to join our team of Door Stewards, please speak to Carol Illingworth (848685). It is not an onerous task, but it is quite an important one so please do think about it. Thank you.

### Everyday Prayer

Holy God, at this time we remember all who have died in war. As we remember them we pray for peace, and for peacemakers who work with dedication and persistence, going the extra mile. Help us to find new ways of confronting aggression and challenging harsh regimes, seeking justice as well as peace. Amen.

<b>What's on in November</b>		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out Margaret and Peter Long: 'Children of Fiji update'
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10-12	Rotary Christmas Fair including DPAG stall **
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Men's meeting
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Picnic People **
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	10-12	World Church Christmas coffee morning **
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out Joy Wallis: 'A Walk Round Salisbury Cathedral'
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	'Flushed Away' **
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Sheep Trail sheep check **
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group at Mary's home, 27 Lancaster Road, continuing to discuss the book by Dave Tomlinson, 'How to be a Bad Christian'
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Solos **
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church Meeting **
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	By Still Waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. Quiet Room. All welcome.
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge. £1 to include refreshments. All welcome.

<p><b>Prayer Chain.</b> 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.</p>
<p><b>Prayer and meditation.</b> Every Tuesday from 12-12.30 p.m. in the church.</p>
<p>The <b>Tuesday Home Group</b> 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.</p>
<p>The <b>Wednesday Home Group</b> meets on alternate weeks at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Pat and Paul Smith.</p>
<p>The <b>Friday morning Bible study group</b> meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room. New friends are always welcome.</p>
<p><b>Picnic People.</b> New people are most welcome to join us in the Coffee Lounge. Just bring a picnic lunch for yourself. Lunch will be followed by Knit and Natter.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SOLOS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd November: 'a social afternoon with a difference' Please join us from 2.30 pm until 3.45 pm for a very interesting and fun session. Please let Angela know by Sunday 19th November if you would like to join us in the Church Hall. Refreshments will be available at a cost of £1.50.</p>

**Story Tots** is in need of more volunteer helpers. We now average 10 -12 babies and toddlers on a Thursday morning and need some extra help. If this could be your 'thing' please speak to Janet Evans, Peter Jenner, Margaret Knighton or Mary Martin or pop in to see what goes on.

### **World Church Christmas Coffee Morning**

Saturday 11th November, 10-12 at Dorchester United Church

Come and join us for tea, coffee, cakes, mince pies and even bacon butties! Stalls to include bric-a-brac, books, cakes, guess the weight of the Christmas hamper, guess the name of the cuddly toy, and Mary Creighton and friends' beautiful homemade Christmas crafts!

Donations of homemade cakes, books and bric-a-brac would be very welcome, as well as offers of help on the day. All proceeds to go to Virtual Doctors, this year's World Church Project.

#### **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**

Please bring your completed shoebox to the 10.30 service on Sunday 5 November. If you are unable to bring it on that Sunday, please leave in the vestry. Shoeboxes will be taken to the Dorset Volunteer Centre on Monday 13 November, so all shoeboxes need to be in the vestry by this date.

#### **Support Dorchester Poverty Action Group**

DPAG are having a fundraising bric-a-brac stall at the Rotary Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th November from 10-12 noon in the United Church Hall. Please come and spend your money, to help us support those who are struggling to make ends meet over Christmas. The number of people who need support is continuing to grow.

#### **Church Directory**

The new church directory is now available free from Sheila Mann. Donations gratefully received towards printing costs. If you would like an electronic version, please let Wendy Hilton know. There are two corrections to make: (not shown in web version)

#### **World Toilet Day**

On November 19<sup>th</sup> it is World Toilet Day so come and share worship with us as we explore our church life and Toilet Twinning. If you can't wait for Sunday, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 5 pm we shall be showing the film 'Flushed Away' (a cartoon rated PG) in the church with popcorn and juice (tea and coffee also available) for anyone to come and watch with us. There is no charge, but donations for Toilet Twinning will be happily received, and receptacles will also be available after the Sunday service for monetary donations.

#### **ADVANCE NOTICE FOR SOLOS – DECEMBER**

The Christmas meeting for Solos will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We are planning to have Christmas lunch at 12.30 pm at Hendover Café (11Weymouth Avenue, Dorchester). The cost will be £15 for a two course Christmas meal. A deposit of £5.00 is required when booking, with the remaining £10 being paid on the 12<sup>th</sup> December when we have the meal.

Please let Angela Fisher or Betty Childs know before December 3<sup>rd</sup> if you would like to book a place.

#### **Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride**

Thank you to Eric Young and Dorothy Smith who Rode and Strode on behalf of UCD this year. Many thanks too to all those who generously sponsored them. They raised a total of £241 between them, a wonderful amount. Half of this will go to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and half to UCD.

Thank you also to all the people who volunteered to be in the church to meet and greet the riders and striders (Enid, John, Shawn, Jenny, Margaret, Ruth and Julia). A total of 53 people called in to sign the registration sheet, to collect a signature on their sponsor sheet and to be offered refreshments, toilets and, in some cases, directions to the next church. We managed to cover the whole day from 10am until 6pm.  
Heather Bland



## The true meaning of Christmas

### Dates for your diary

**Journey to the Stable** is an interactive experience helping to explain the true meaning of Christmas. This is ideal for adults and children alike. The journey takes 20 - 30 minutes. There are seven stations focusing on a person or a part of the Christmas story with readings and reflections. At each there is a small activity or object for you to take away, so you leave with a bag of reflections and goodies.

Open at the United Church Dorchester Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec and Wed 6<sup>th</sup> - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 11-3pm. In the busyness of all the Christmas shopping, writing the cards and icing the cake, take a few minutes to be still and reflect on what Christmas is all about.

Volunteers are needed to steward Journey to the Stable when it is open to the public on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Please look out for and sign up on the volunteers sheet in the hall from mid-November.

### Sheep Trail



Last year we had a 'Sheep Trail', for children to find sheep 'hiding' in shops and we want to repeat it this year. We need to replace a few lost sheep and check the rest of the flock. Please come and join us in the Coffee Lounge on Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm. Tea, coffee and sheep nuts provided!!

### 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 **December** news sheet will be 10am on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson: Hard copy items can be given to her in person or left in the Internal Mail basket in the Charles Street foyer. Unfortunately, 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.