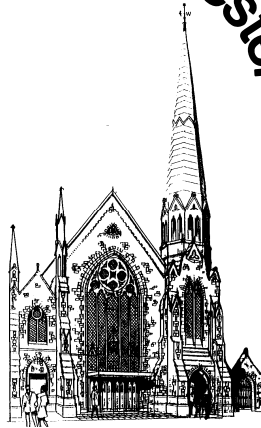


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



DECEMBER 2017 (Web)

Registered Charity Number: 113799i

Methodist and United Reformed

Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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Day off Tuesday

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Minister

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Day off Friday

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Sunday Worship

3rd December

10.30am	Mr P Jenner	Isaiah 64: 1-9 Psalm 80: 1-7,17-19
6.30pm	Rev P Clark Taize service Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 1: 3-9 Mark 13: 24-37

10th December

9.00am	Rev G Owen Holy Communion	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Psalm 85: 1-2,8-13
10.30am	Rev G Owen Holy Communion	2 Peter 3: 8-15a Mark 1: 1-8
6.30pm	Rev D Reep	

17th December

10.30am	Rev D Cuckson First Steps Worship	Isaiah 61: 1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
6.30pm	Mr M Reed Carol Service	John 1: 6-8,19-28

24th December

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	2 Samuel 7: 1-11,16 Cant: Magnificat (Luke 1: 46b-55)
4.00pm	Rev S Jenner Christingle	Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1: 26-38

11.30pm Rev S Jenner

25th December

10.30am	Rev P Clark	Isaiah 52: 7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1: 1-12 John 1: 1-14
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31st December

10.30am	Mrs J Churchill	Isaiah 61: 10-62: 3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4: 4-7 Luke 2: 22-40
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The True Meaning of Christmas 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 on Saturday 2nd December and from Wednesday 6th to Saturday 9th December from 11am-3pm. Volunteers are needed as stewards. Please sign up on the sheet in the hall.

Everyday Prayer

Advent God, as we retell the familiar story of Christmas, help us to open our hearts to you in joyful praise. As we celebrate may we always remember the needs of others and share what we have generously and gladly. Amen

What's on in December

Thurs 30 th November	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out Nigel Hewish: 'Pruning'	Thurs 14 th	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out A musical evening with David Illingworth
Thurs 7 th		Christmas Cracker	Fri 15 th	3pm	Quiet service **
Sun 10 th	12.30pm	Church Family Christmas Meal **	Mon 18 th	6.30pm	AFC carol singing **
Tues 12 th	12.30pm	Solos Christmas lunch **	Wed 20 th	6.30pm	AFC carol singing **
Wed 13 th	12.30pm	Picnic People **	Fri 22 nd	6.30pm	AFC carol singing **

** Please see separate notice for details

First Steps Worship

Sunday 17th December, 10.30am – 11.30am
Worship/activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room.

Picnic People

All are welcome to bring a packed lunch and join us for friendship and conversation while we eat. Knit and natter will follow after lunch.

Quiet Christmas

Friday 15th December at 3pm

(not 2pm as advertised on the church's Christmas card)

This is a 30 minute service designed for those who are recently bereaved, those with dementia and their carers, and all those who want to celebrate Christmas quietly. Christmas refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. Everyone welcome.

SOLOS

The Christmas meeting for Solos will be on **Tuesday 12th December**. We are planning to have Christmas lunch at 12.30 pm at Hendover Café (11 Weymouth 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 12th December when we have the meal.

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

Church Family Christmas meal

Sunday 10th December at 12.30pm
£10 for adults and £5 for children under 12

Tickets will be on sale in the Church Shop from Monday 27th November, and on Sundays 26th November and 3rd December in the hall after the morning service.

<p>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.</p>	<p>Prayer and meditation. Every Tuesday from 12-12.30 p.m. in the church.</p>
<p>The Monday Fellowship Group meets twice a month at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Mary Lucraft.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>The Wednesday Home Group meets on alternate weeks at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Pat and Paul Smith.</p>	<p>The Friday morning Bible study group meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room. New friends are always welcome.</p>

Carol Singing in aid of Action for Children

Please come and join us to experience the true spirit of Christmas
Instrumentalists, singers and collectors



We meet at 18.20, to move off by 18.30

Monday December 18th – Victoria Park
Meet at 51 Coburg Road – coffee and mince pies

Wednesday December 20th – Old Poundbury
Meet at 142 Poundbury Road – coffee and mince pies

Friday December 22nd – Hardye Gardens
Meet at South Court roundabout – coffee and mince pies at 3 Kingsbere Crescent

Any queries please contact Mary Rousell



Calling all parents, grandparents and great-grandparents We need your 'lambs' to find our sheep

We are holding our 'Sheep Trail' again this year. Some of the sheep from the Journey to the Stable have wandered off and have got lost in shops around town. If you know any young children who would like to help us find them, pick up a sheet from the Church Shop or the Tourist Information Centre. When the children spot a sheep in a shop or shop window, the shop will add a sticker to the sheet; the children should then bring the card back to the Journey to the Stable and we will give them a small gift.

Art work on display in the coffee lounge

Do make a point of having a look at the display in the coffee lounge. It is beautiful art work by one of our members, Jacqi Stevens. It will be on display until just after Christmas.

Church Christmas Card

At this time of the year you may be thinking of sending all your friends in the United Church an individual Christmas card. That would be nice but there are, of course, environmental consequences associated with this act of kindness. Why not, instead, just say "Happy Christmas" to them and then, by signing the larger version of the UCD annual Christmas card, and making a donation to charity, include them in the communal good wishes. That way everyone wins: your friends get a personal "Happy Christmas", less paper waste is produced and people in need benefit. The card will be located in the foyer before and after each service from now until Christmas Day.

This year the card has been beautifully designed and executed by Jenny Trotman. As usual, all the donations will be shared between Dorchester Poverty Action Group and Action for Children.

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!

Notices for order of service and news sheet

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 **January** news sheet will be 10.30am on **Sunday 17th December**. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson: myra.dawson@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk. 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.