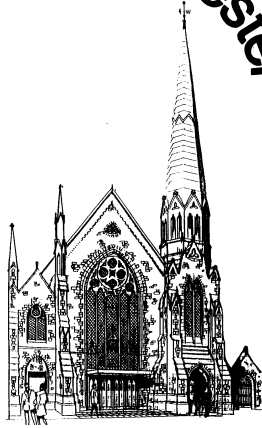


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



SEPTEMBER 2018

Registered Charity No: 1137996

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

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Sunday Worship

2nd September

10.30am Rev S Jenner
Holy Communion

6.30pm Mr C Warren
Celtic Worship

9th September

9.00am Rev B Stephenson
Holy Communion

10.30am Mr T Wells

6.30pm Mrs C Hatton

16th September

10.30am Mr M Reed
Church with Choices

6.30pm Rev P Clark
Holy Communion

23rd September Harvest

10.30am Rev P Clark

6.30pm Rev P Brazier

30th September

10.30am Rev G Owen

6.30pm Mr P Jenner

Market Day services

Wednesday at 10.30

5th September

Rev S Jenner

12th September

Mr P Jenner

19th September

Mr C Warren

26th September

Rev D Reep

There will be no 9am Communion
Services in November, December, January
or February; they will resume in March.

Church Family News

Congratulations to all our young people
on their exam successes. We pray for
them as they embark on the next stage of
their lives.

Congratulations to David Thomas and
Kelly Earl on their recent marriage.

Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 10th October 6.30–8pm

If you have started coming to the United
Church in the last year you will be
receiving an invitation to our annual
welcome meeting. However, if you missed
the last welcome meeting and would like
to find out more about the church, please
do join us. If you want to learn more
about church membership, you will also
be very welcome.

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we remember farmers in this
and other countries who have been
affected by drought, high temperatures
and wildfires. We pray for those whose
harvest has been small and whose animals
lack grass to eat. Help us to work to
combat the effects of climate change, and
to share what we have with those in
need. Amen

First Steps Worship

Sunday 16th September, 10.30am – 11.30am
Worship/activity time for younger children, parents
and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room.

What's on in September

Mon 3 rd	7.30pm	Men's meeting
Sat 8 th	10am-6pm	Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride **
Wed 12 th	12.30pm	Picnic People **
Sun 23 rd	12noon	Bring and Share Faith Lunch **
Tues 25 th	9.30am	By Still Waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. Quiet Room. All welcome.
Wed 26 th	7.30pm	Church meeting
Thurs 27 th	2.15pm	Solos **
Thurs 27 th	2.30pm	Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge. £1 to include refreshments.

** Please see separate notice for details

The Monday Fellowship Group meets twice a month at 7.30 p.m. in members’ homes. Further information from Mary Lucraft.	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 Friday morning Bible study group meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room. New friends are always welcome.
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.	
<div><div><div>SOLOS</div><div>Thursday 27th September: Visit to Bowleaze Cove Please let Angela know by calling or by speaking to her by Sunday 23rd September if you would like to be included for the trip as transport will have to be arranged. Leaving Dorchester at 2.15 pm. There will be the opportunity to buy a cup of tea/coffee or ice cream or a light meal. Transport will be £4 per person.</div></div><div><div>Picnic People will meet over lunch in the Coffee Lounge at 12.30p.m. on Wednesday 12th September. You are all most welcome to bring your packed lunch and share fellowship with us. Tea and coffee will be provided. Lunch will be followed by Knit and Natter.</div></div></div>	
<div><div>Harvest Festival</div><div>Sunday 23rd September Bring and Share Faith Lunch following the morning service. Please stay for lunch together. Please bring cold items, savoury or sweet. Jacket potatoes will be provided.</div></div>	<div><div>Paintings in the Coffee Lounge</div><div>The display of paintings in the Coffee Lounge will be changed at the beginning of September. There are only a few days left to look at the paintings by Cyril Lucraft before a new exhibition of art work by Jenny Trotman is put on display.</div></div>

Church Anniversary

We will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the joining together of our two churches on the weekend of 6th/7th October. There will be an afternoon tea on Saturday 6th at 3.00 pm with anniversary cake (fruit cake or gluten free sponge cake). Kath and Lloyd Thomas have put together a collection of memorabilia of the joining together, which will be on display over the weekend. If you have any memorabilia or photographs of the occasion please bring them along and add them to the display (please mark your item clearly so that we know who to return it to if you forget to pick it up.)

On the Sunday, Rev Naomi Cooke will lead our service. Many of you will remember that she candidated for the ministry from our church when Paul Arnold and Brenda Stephenson were the ministers. All are welcome. If some of your family members, neighbours or friends attended the joint church at that time but no longer worship with us, please pick up an invitation from the foyer and give it to them.

Dorchester Poverty Action is holding a fund-raising cream tea at the Old Vicarage, The Green, Puddletown on Sunday September 16th from 2.30 to 5pm. Cream tea will cost £3 and there will be stalls and raffles. If wet, it will be held in Puddletown village hall. All welcome!

Dorchester Poverty Action

(Registered Charity No. 1041397)

Annual Open Meeting

Citizens Advice

“Universal Credit – the story so far”

on **Monday 8th October at 7pm**

in **Dorford Centre Coffee Lounge**

Everyone welcome

The Quaker Service Exhibition in Dorchester - October 1st to 6th 2018

Quakers have been well known for their peace work over many generations, work which still continues in a quiet, effective way now. From **October 1st to October 6th 2018, Dorchester Quakers are holding an exhibition about this work in the foyer of the United Church** in South Street Dorchester (DT1 1BY).

The exhibition shows the various forms that this work took before and during the First and Second World Wars (including the Friends' Ambulance Service), in the turbulent times around the world after the Second World War, and continues now.

It is hoped that the viewing times will be **Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri in the United Church foyer from 10am to 2pm, and later in the day on Friday October 6th at the Meeting House** in Holloway Road, Fordington, DT1 1LF.


Faith Communities Service

Churches Together in Dorchester invite you to a Faith Communities Service at the Islamic Centre, Bridport Road, on Sunday October 7th at 3 pm. This is a service to celebrate diversity and honour community. All are welcome to attend.

Operation Christmas Child

We are again doing the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes this year. Leaflets with instructions will be available soon. Please bring your completed shoe box to the 10.30am service on Sunday 11th November.

Thank you to all who donated towels and flanalette sheets, and gave their time sewing sanitary protection for girls in Kenya in August. We are planning another sewing afternoon on October 14th; all are welcome. At present we do not need more towels or sheets.

	<p>The Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride takes place on Saturday 8 September. If you can spare a couple of hours on the day between 10am and 6pm to welcome Riders and Striders to UCD please ring Heather Bland. Tasks will involve offering refreshments, signing sponsor sheets and signposting to other churches. Thank you.</p>
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The Sound System

For a while, many of you have been experiencing problems with the quality of sound from the sound system. As a result the Stewards have agreed that it needs replacing. We are currently considering the design requirements. However, the installation of a new sound system and loop in the hall is already in progress and the installers hope to be able to begin work in September. Clearly, we need to wait and see what the new system in the hall is like but, in the meantime, we plan to discuss with the installers a design for a new system in the church.

Since there is nothing in this year's budget to pay for a new church sound system, the quote we get from the installers will allow us to bring a motion to the November church meeting for approval to spend as soon as we are ready. Clearly, if the new system in the hall does not live up to our expectations, we will have to look for another supplier, but they have a good reputation. This should improve the sound quality for most of the time BUT, please remember, whatever we do, any system is only as good as the quality of sound that goes in. If preachers mumble or make quiet asides, then it doesn't matter how good the system, poor quality sound will come out of the PA speakers. Similarly, if you use a hearing aid, you will always get the best sound by using the loop via the T setting on your hearing aid.

Keep your ears open; better sound is coming soon.

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 Kevin Rogers 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 **October** news sheet will be 10.30am on **Sunday 23rd September**. 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.