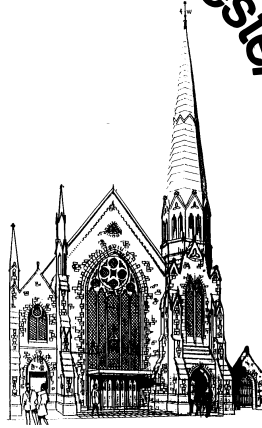


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



MAY 2019

Registered Charity No: 1137996

Methodist and United Reformed

Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

Ministers

Rev Stephanie Jenner currently unavailable

Rev Peter Clark 01308 425978

Rev Sally Spencer 07568 299695

Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary

Pastoral Visitor: Angela Fisher

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Sunday Worship

5th May **3rd Sunday of Easter**
10.30am Rev S Spencer
Holy Communion

6.30pm Mrs D Brazier

12th May **4th Sunday of Easter**
9.00am Rev P Clark
Holy Communion

10.30am Rev P Clark
All Age Service

4.00pm Christian Aid week
ecumenical service at
St Peter's

19th May **Pentecost**
10.30am Mrs J McGinley

6.30pm Mrs C Hatton

26th May **6th Sunday of Easter**
10.30am Mr T Wells

6.30pm Rev P Clark
Holy Communion

Lectionary readings

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

Market Day services

(Wednesdays at 10.30am)

1st May Rev S Spencer

8th May Rev B Stephenson

15th May Mr P Jenner

22nd May Rev D Reep

29th May Mr P Jenner

Ben and Hayley Moss will be coming to our morning service on 12th May to talk about their planned journey to work in China. Peter Clark is leading the service, which will be an All Age worship incorporating this special visit. Please come along if you can to support them.

Church Family News

Mike Jacobson flew to China on 23rd April to spend a year teaching English as a Foreign Language in a small town in the Guizhou Province. Please pray for him and for Maria and the family.

From Matthew Reed: Thank you for all the kind messages and prayers that I have received over the last few months, it has been good to know that people have been thinking of me. I am making steady but slow progress: I still have a long way to go, but gradually getting back to normal life.

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, as we give thanks for the riches we enjoy we remember all who live in poverty. This Christian Aid week help us to share what we have generously, and strengthen us to work for a more just and fair sharing of earth's resources. Amen

First Steps Worship

Sunday 19th May, 10.30-11.30am
Worship/activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

<p style="text-align: center;">What's On in May</p>			<p>Picnic People will meet on Wednesday 8th May at 12.30p.m in the coffee lounge to discuss the future of the group. Please join us with your packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided so come with your ideas for the group. Further information from Mary Lu.</p>
Wed 8 th	12.30pm	Picnic People	
Sun 12 th	2pm	Sewing afternoon	
Wed 15 th	10am	Christian Aid market	
Sun 19 th	3pm	"...Gathering Notes in May" concert	
Tues 21 st	12.30pm	Solos	
Please see separate notices for details			

<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 fortnightly in members' homes. Further information from Shirley and Denys Hood.</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>

<p>Prayer and meditation. Every Tuesday from 12-12.30 p.m. in the church.</p>	<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>
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Solos for May

Tuesday 21st May: Lunch at Pine Lodge at 12.30 pm

Please let Angela know if you wish to attend as tables will have to be booked and transport arranged. Please either speak to Angela or telephone her by Sunday 19th May at the latest.

Prayer In The Community

These prayer groups around Dorchester – intended for local residents – are open to Christians from all churches. The next meetings are as follows:

Castle Park: 2:30 pm on Monday 6th May at 6 Thornhill Close (contact Audrey Scammell).
Poundbury : 7:15pm on Monday 6th May at Flat 3, 5 Widcombe Street (Mike and Angie Stear).
Brewery Square: 10:00am on Friday 31st May at 22 Hop House (Dick and Jane Howard).
 If you live in one of these localities, then do go along and receive a warm welcome.

<p>".....gathering notes in May" Sunday May 19th at 3pm</p> <p>Heather and Brenda will be putting on a concert featuring piano duets, singing and flute solos in aid of FND Hope UK.</p>	<p>Proposed trip to Lubbecke, 26th-30th September</p> <p>After the morning service on May 12th there will be a meeting for those interested. Come to find out more or express an interest. If you cannot come to the meeting please speak with Brenda Stephenson or Alison Cocks.</p>
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Songs of Praise Market Day service, Wednesday 29th May

Led by Peter Jenner

Last year we held a couple of Songs of Praise services on a Wednesday Market Day. We shall be repeating this on Wednesday 29th May at 10.30am to 10.55am. If you have a favourite hymn and would like it included in the service, fill in a Songs of Praise slip and place it in the box in the foyer marked "Songs of Praise". The box and forms will be available from 12th to 26th May. We may not be able to sing all the hymns chosen as some may have to be kept for another service. Thank you. Peter Jenner.

Christian Aid Week (May 12-18 2019)

As always we have a variety of activities in our programme for Christian Aid Week. Here are the main details and some areas in which we need support:

Date	Event	Venue	
<i>(prior to the week)</i> 28 April <u>8.30-9.30 am</u>	'Big Brekkie'	Quaker Meeting House 8 Holloway Rd Dorchester DT1 1LF	A very popular event where people across the churches enjoy fellowship as well as an excellent breakfast. Contact: Charlotte Seymour-Smith via admin@dorchestergroups.co.uk
<i>(All week)</i>	House to house collections		We could always do with more volunteer collectors as this is the main way in which we raise funds each year. If you haven't already been involved, please give it a try; even a few houses can make a big difference. Please contact your nominated Church Collection Organiser.
12 May <u>(4.00 pm)</u>	Christian Aid Ecumenical Service	St Peter's Church Revd Claire McClelland (Guest speaker: Katie Roberts) In presence of the Mayor.	Katie has recently been appointed head of Christian Aid South West region. She comes with an excellent reputation as an inspirational speaker with much experience of aid work 'on the ground'.
15 May (9.45 am to 2.00 pm)	Christian Aid Market (including lunches)	United Church Hall	An ecumenical event, coordinated by Sheila Mann, but involving all the churches. To be opened by the Mayor. Contact: Sheila Mann
17 May (9.00 am to 5.00 pm)	South Street Collection	South Street	We desperately need volunteers to work in pairs for one- or two-hour slots. A very successful fund raiser in the past. Contact: Tony Boyden
18 May (all day)	River Jordan walk	Begins at St Peter's Church.	Contact: Roy Chapman Now a regular annual fund-raiser and a lovely day out.

We can't stress strongly enough how much we need volunteers for house to house and street collections. Our major source of income comes from house to house collections and each year the amount gets smaller as less volunteers are forthcoming. Every pound - no, every penny - counts in bringing greater hope to the poorest, most disadvantaged and powerless people of our world; and even collection from a few houses can make a significant difference.

Please consider this prayerfully and contact **Tony Boyden** or **your church collection organiser**
Tony Boyden Dorchester Area Christian Aid Committee Chair

Good News from Traidcraft

The new Traidcraft catalogue is now available in the Church Shop and there is much good news. Quite a few of the prices have actually come down, so supporting Fair Trade is now even easier! There are also a number of craft and clothing items available, to order, as well as a new range of greetings cards and some handmade gift wrap.

There is still no news on the cookies, but we hope they will be available in the next couple of weeks. Please bear with us as new stock and old favourites gradually reappear and we continue to support Traidcraft in their 40th birthday year. Susy.

Christian Aid Market

Wednesday 15th May, 10am-1.30pm

Our church is responsible for the jewellery and bric-a-brac stalls, so please do some "de-cluttering"! Contacts are: Frances Jackson and Sheila Mann.

Also, Sue Gannaway organises the lunches and would be grateful for donations to reduce the cost.

Inter-Church Quiz

Wednesday 8th May at 7pm at St George's, Fordington

Last year's quiz, which was held at UCD, was won by St Peter's Church, so they are organising this year's. However, it will be held at St George's, Fordington, because there are better facilities there. It is for teams of six, and the entry fee is £5 per person. Please get together and form your team(s). You then need to phone Mr and Mrs Franklin to purchase your tickets. We hope that you do well, but, if one of our teams wins, then we organise next year's event!!! A gallant second place has much to commend it!!

Sewing afternoon

The next sewing afternoon to sew sanitary protection for girls in Kenya will be on May 12th from 2-4 pm.

Methodists for World Mission SW Conference

at Brunel Manor, Torquay, October 4th - 6th

Theme: **MOVEMENT - The work of the World Church with people on the move**

Led by: **DR ANDREW DYE**, former Mission partner in Grenada and now Team Leader in Global Relationships for the Methodist Church

Full board from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch - £145

Further details and booking forms from local rep David Reep

Shared travel arrangements can be made

Church Website

Don't forget to check out the church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>), which is now being managed by Susy and Kevin Rogers. As well as a downloadable version of the news sheet, it also gives information about the church and its various groups, events, reports 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 June news sheet will be 10.30am on Sunday 19th May. 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.



The Methodist Church



Dorset South and West Circuit

JOB VACANCIES

Community Outreach Worker/Pastoral Worker

We are looking for a creative, collaborative, inspirational person to help develop outreach initiatives in the community and to offer pastoral care. Work will primarily be in the Dorchester area, initially with United Church Dorchester.

The Dorset South & West Circuit was formed on 1 September 2018 and is committed to lay and ordained staff working innovatively together both to care for existing Church members and to work with Churches to discern and help develop fresh mission opportunities in the community.

United Church Dorchester is a single-congregation Local Ecumenical Partnership between the United Reformed and Methodist Churches. It is part of the Circuit (as above) and of the Bridport & Dorchester URC Pastorate.

The successful applicant will be self-motivating, able to motivate others and prepared to be at the start of something new with all the challenges that brings. They will be an accredited lay preacher (or equivalent).

This is a part time appointment (15 hours weekly) with a salary of £8,307 per annum (based on £10.65 an hour).

Satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from DBS will be required. There is an Occupational Requirement that the post holder is a Christian.

Clerical Coordinator

We are looking for someone who is organised and computer literate to work under the direction of Council of Stewards at United Church Dorchester as Clerical Coordinator.

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You will need to be

an experienced administrator with IT skills (including word processing and spreadsheets)

well organised and able to work on your own initiative

able to communicate effectively in writing and verbally (including email, telephone and minute-taking at meetings)

able to work flexibly to meet changing priorities (and including some evenings and weekends)

This is a fixed term post for 5 hours per week based at United Church Dorchester and ending on 31st August 2020 (subject to possible renewal). Salary £2769 per annum (based on £10.65 an hour). Satisfactory Enhanced Disclosure from DBS will be required.

For further information about both posts and an application pack, please contact one of our circuit stewards:

Mrs Alison Cocks

Closing date: 13th May 2019