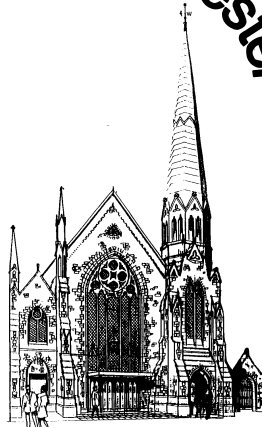


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**SEPTEMBER 2019**

Registered Charity No: 1137996

**Methodist and United Reformed**  
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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### Sunday Worship

**1<sup>st</sup> September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

10.30am Rev P Brazier  
Holy Communion

6.30pm Rev J Walker

**8<sup>th</sup> September Education Sunday**

9.00am Ms R Archer  
Holy Communion

10.30am Ms G Bumphrey

6.30pm United Service at Weymouth Bay

**15<sup>th</sup> September Harvest**

10.30am Rev P Clark

6.30pm Rev G Owen  
Holy Communion

**22<sup>nd</sup> September Peace Sunday**

10.30am Mrs D Brazier

6.30pm Rev P Clark

**29<sup>th</sup> September**

10.30am Rev B Coates

6.30pm Ms R Archer

### Lectionary readings

Sirach/Ecclesiasticus  
10:12-18 *or* Proverbs  
25:6-7

Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8,  
15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Deuteronomy  
30:15-20  
Psalm 1  
Philemon 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

Exodus 32:7-14  
Psalm 51:1-10  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

Amos 8:4-7  
Psalm 113  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

Amos 6:1a, 4-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31

### Market Day services

(Wednesdays at 10.30am)

4<sup>th</sup> September Rev B Stephenson

11<sup>th</sup> September Rev D Reep

18<sup>th</sup> September Mr P Jenner

25<sup>th</sup> September Rev P Clark

### Church Family News

We give thanks for the life of Margaret Merry, who has been part of our church since moving to Dorchester in 1969. We remember Laurence and Liz in our prayers.

Congratulations to David Reep, who celebrated 60 years in the ministry in July.

Thank you to Janet Evans, who retired from Storytots in July after leading the group for 10 years.

Thank you to Eric Young, who is retiring from the team that every week comes in at 7am to check fire alarms and first aid boxes. Thank you to them all. This is a legal requirement that many don't even know occurs. Could you spare a few minutes once every three weeks to volunteer with this team?

### Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for the beauty and fruitfulness of your creation. At this harvest season help us to share what we have, and give us faith to live justly, planting seeds of hope, love and peace wherever we go. Amen

### What's On in September

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30pm	Men's meeting
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Vision Day III **
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	10-6	Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride **
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Harvest bring and share lunch **
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2pm	Sewing for girls in Kenya **

\*\* Please see separate notices for details

The **Monday Fellowship Group** meets twice a month at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. Further information from Mary Lucraft.

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

The **Friday morning Bible study group** meets every Friday from 10.00 – 11.00am in the Quiet Room, re-commencing on 6<sup>th</sup> September. New friends are always welcome.

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

**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.

#### Sewing for Girls

The next sewing afternoon for girls in Kenya will be on Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 - 4 pm. Please come along and help, non-sewers welcome.

#### Harvest Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

For the Harvest service, please bring dried or tinned food for the Food Bank. If you prefer to give money instead, please place it in an envelope and label it Food Bank. Any fresh produce will be sold in the hall on the following Wednesday morning.

There will be a Harvest lunch, all welcome. Please bring food for a bring and share meal, either for main course or dessert. Please sign up on the list in the hall to indicate what you may bring.

#### Sally Spencer's welcome service in Bristol

If you are interested in going to Sally's welcome service in Bristol, it is on Sunday 1st September at 4pm at the New Room, 36 The Horsefair, Bristol, BS1 3JE. It will be for one or two other new members of staff as well, and the New Room itself is well worth a visit if anyone has not been. The nearest car park appears to be at Lower Castle Street, BS1 3AF.

#### Thomas Woodhouse's leaving service

Everyone is warmly invited to the service that concludes the ministry of Thomas Woodhouse as Team Rector of Dorchester and The Winterbournes. It will be held at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Edward Road, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm.



**Information from the Circuit**

We have been informed by the South and West Dorset Circuit that, sadly, Rev Steph Jenner has been transferred onto the Methodist Recuperative payroll and is now no longer one of our circuit ministers. Rev Gwyneth Owen is now a supernumerary minister in our circuit following her retirement and will remain the superintendent minister until 31 August 2020.

**Climate Emergency**

**The latest news, national and international  
Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm  
at the Dorford Centre, Top o'Town, DT1 1RR  
(car park across the road)**

**Bishop Nicholas**, Bishop of Salisbury  
C of E lead for the environment  
and **Lindsey Fielder Cook**  
Representative for climate change,  
Quaker United Nations office, Geneva

**Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride**

The Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride will take place this year on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact me, Shawn Board, on 07837 616231 (TEXT only) or email me at [shawnboard58@googlemail.com](mailto:shawnboard58@googlemail.com) for a sponsor form and further information. If leaving a message via text, please leave your name, address and phone number. Thank you.

As in years past, the church will be staffed between 10am and 6pm so, if you could spare an hour or two on the day to welcome Riders and Striders to UCD, I would be pleased to hear from you. The task involves offering refreshments, signing sponsor sheets and giving directions to other churches. It is hoped that a sufficient number of people will come forward to operate a shift system as in the past, but whatever you can manage would be appreciated. Half of the money raised through sponsorship will be returned to this church.

I have now taken over as organiser for UCD from Heather Bland, and thanks are expressed to Heather for organising this for many years. I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in anticipation. Shawn

**Quiet Day at the Quiet Space in Poundbury  
Saturday 21st September**

Maggie will be leading on a topic to be arranged.  
Refreshments from 10.30am. The day will end with tea, coffee and cake at 3 - 3.30pm. Please bring a Bible, notebook, pen and packed lunch.  
Contact Caroline Ellerby to book a place.

**Recycling some items that can't be recycled on the doorstep**

Don't forget the special recycling box in the church shop for specific items as described in the last Vision magazine e.g. crisp packets and pet food pouches. A longer list is available inside the box in the shop.

**Dorchester Poverty Action Cream Tea**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30 – 4.30  
The Old Vicarage, The Green, Puddletown or, if wet, in the church hall.

**Dorchester Poverty Action Open Meeting**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm  
in Dorford Church coffee lounge  
"From Homelessness to Housing"  
Speakers: Kerry Mellor, Street Homeless Outreach Team and Fiona Dunbar, You Trust

### Christmas Shoe Boxes

We have decided this year to support a scheme run by the UK charity Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion, based at St Paul's Church, Salisbury.

The charity works to break the cycle of poverty and marginalisation for some of the most vulnerable individuals and communities in south east Europe. They prevent exploitation and human trafficking, helping to effect positive change throughout the region. Those who will receive a Christmas shoe box include abandoned children living in state care, poor rural schools and kindergartens, women's refuges, prisoners' children, isolated elderly people, refugees and Roma children living in difficult conditions.

Shoebox leaflets will be available from September in both foyers and the boxes will be dedicated by Rev Peter Cark on Sunday 17 November. All boxes must be received by this date.

### Vision Day III

The third Vision Day is to be held at UCD on 14<sup>th</sup> September and led by Mark Tizzard (Tizz). There will be tea and coffee available from 9.30am, the meeting starting at 10am and finishing by 3.30pm, with a bring and share lunch at around midday.

After an introduction to the day and a recap of the Vision Days I & II, groups will discuss and develop (from Vision Day II) the **4 Types of Work**:

**Relational** - Meeting people, making friends and raising profile

**Intro** - An introduction to UCD, how this church works, meeting Stewards and Officers etc plus opportunities for getting involved

An introduction to basic Christian beliefs

**Deeper** - Discipleship, new Christians, growing faith

**Active** - Growing leaders

Finally, in groups, we will ask ourselves: what is God's plan for this church and community, how do we plan for change, what support / money do we need to move on, what is our plan of action?

### 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 October news sheet will be 10.30am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.