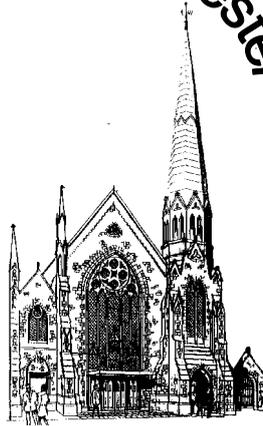


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



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

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**Lectionary readings**

**6<sup>th</sup> September**

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Psalm 119:33-40  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**13<sup>th</sup> September**

Genesis 50:15-21  
Psalm 103:(1-7) 8-13  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**20<sup>th</sup> September**

Jonah 3:10 - 4:11  
Psalm 145:1-8  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday Worship**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

10.00am Rev John Yarren

**13<sup>th</sup> Sept**

10.00am **Education Sunday**  
Rev Ruth Lownsbrough

**20<sup>th</sup> Sept**

10.00am **Peace Sunday**  
Rev John Yarren

**27<sup>th</sup> Sept**

10.00am **Harvest Festival**  
Rev John Walker

**27<sup>th</sup> September**

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
Psalm 25:1-9  
Philippians 2: 1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32



**Church Family News**

The arrival of John Yarren will be a relief to the **Revd Peter Clark**, who has shouldered the responsibility for UCD and Bridport United Church single-handedly for over two and a half years. We are enormously grateful to Peter for all he has done for us during this time. He will still have some responsibility at UCD, but no longer by himself but with John Yarren. Thank you very much, Peter.

John Parson sent **Pete and Debs Brazier** a card with a message of thanks and our UCD cheque for £400. (£390 had been donated by UCD members.) This is Debs' reply: "Pete and I would like to thank you, and all at UCD, for the lovely card and cheque. We were very touched by your kind words. I will miss UCD very much but hope that one day we will be able to come back for a visit."

**Les Munn**, who attends worship here and at Dorford and was also a dab hand at the dishwasher under Sheila's supervision, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in August.

Congratulations to **Ceri Davies** on her engagement to Phil Cain. We are delighted and wish her all the best for the future.

We give thanks for the life of **Isabel Gebbie** who died in August and remember her family and friends in our prayers.

**Revd John Yarren**

We welcome the Revd John Yarren who joins us as our minister based in Dorchester and the superintendent of the Dorset South and West Methodist circuit. He is accompanied by his wife, Cora, who is an Anglican priest. John comes to us from an appointment in Mansfield in Nottinghamshire. We look forward to his ministry to us and to working with him. We pray that he will reinvigorate our church, so that we grow in faith and develop a new vision for post-Covid times.

On a lighter note, I reckon that makes at least eight Johns at UCD, including three Rev Johns! I imagine that he will become known as John Y.

**Everyday Prayer**

Lord God, at this harvest season we remember with gratitude those who cultivate the land. We pray for farmers and market gardeners, especially those who in spite of hard work make a poor living and worry about their future. Help us to be willing to pay a fair price for our food so that all may be justly rewarded for their work. Amen

### **Greetings from Rev John Yarrien**

Grace and peace to you all, from our Lord Jesus Christ. It's a joy to finally say hello, I am Rev John Yarrien, and I am your new Superintendent Minister, working alongside Rev Ruth Lownsborough within the circuit, and Rev Peter Clarke here at United Church Dorchester. My wife, Cora and our 2 Labradors (Rolo & Poppy) are very grateful for the warm welcome, cards, emails and phone calls we have received. I look forward to getting to know you in the coming months, and I hope and pray you will feel comfortable in coming up and introducing yourselves as we meet at services, events and meetings. I am passionate about walking our journey of faith and service together, through worship, mission, discipleship and offering skills and opportunities for evangelism. My prayer for United Church and for the Circuit is that together, we can seek out and support God at work in our Community, watching over one another in love. I pray also that we are able to offer a safe and welcoming space for all people to encounter God through acts of love, generosity and kindness. I see that at work in all the various activities, services and projects across the church and circuit, and look forward to offering my gifts and experience to develop them and grow new opportunities to serve the kingdom in this place. Wesley couldn't have put it better, in his last words to his followers - 'best of all God is with us'.

Every Blessing  
Rev John Yarrien

### **Welcome and Induction Service for Rev John Yarrien and Rev Ruth Lownsborough**

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm

This service was to have taken place at UCD and be live-streamed, but technical problems have meant that live-streaming is not possible, so it has been decided that the service should take place by Zoom.

If you wish to join the Zoom service, and therefore need the access information, please either call the church office on 01305 457477 and leave a message, or [send the office an email](#) explaining that you would like the Induction Service Zoom details.

### **Services in the Next Quarter**

In the next quarter, September to November, our Sunday services will continue to be at 10am and last about 40 to 45 minutes, and with no singing. Because of social distancing we can accommodate a maximum of 45 people, so you will have to book. If more than 45 want to come, the service will be repeated at 11.15am after all the chairs have been sanitised. People will have to use the hand sanitiser when they arrive, and they will have to wear masks. To book a place, please contact Gillian Daniel by 6pm on the day before, either by [email through the church web site](#), or by telephone through the church office on 01305 457477. Please note that Gillian has changed her personal telephone number since the church directory was last published, and her old number has now been re-assigned. You **must** therefore use the church office number when phoning through your request.

There will not be a formal collection. Please place your gift on a plate either in the foyer as you enter or near the door at the front as you leave. If you have difficulty hearing, please let us know. Unfortunately we have now found that live-streaming will not be possible but we will be recording the service and hope to put it onto YouTube every week. Due to the positioning of the camera, no members of the congregation appear in the video.

### Communion

We hope that you appreciate that we have been very cautious in re-opening the church, first for private prayer, then for the YouTube service and now for live worship. The distribution of the bread and wine in communion services, if we were to follow our usual practice, would be completely unacceptable under current guidelines. We decided that we needed to talk to our new minister, Rev John Yarrien, about a method of distribution which would be covid-safe, and then do a risk assessment. We were therefore surprised to find communion services on the new plan, and certainly not one as early as the beginning of September. The service on the 6<sup>th</sup> September will not be a communion service. The services at the beginning of October and November may include communion. It is likely to be a “dry” communion, that is with bread but not wine for the congregation, but, be assured, we shall go ahead only if we can find a safe method of distribution.

### Market Day Services

Starting on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we shall once again have services on Wednesday mornings, starting at 10.30am and lasting about 20 minutes. Of course, we shall not be able to sing, but Heather hopes to be available for these services to play and sing for us. Masks must be worn and hand sanitiser used, as on Sundays. Since the usual congregation is no more than 20 people, we shall not have a booking system.

### Wednesdays at 10.30am

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | to be confirmed |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> September  | Rev P Clark     |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> September | Mr T Boyden     |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | Rev J Yarrien   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> September | Mr C Warren     |

### Zoom service

Join members from across the circuit for a weekly Zoom service every Sunday from 6<sup>th</sup> September at **5pm** led by our local ministers and lay preachers. To receive your first Zoom invitation to this service, e-mail Jacqui Trent at [weybaymc@yahoo.com](mailto:weybaymc@yahoo.com).

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September at 10am and repeated if necessary at 11.15am. It will be led by the Revd John Walker. Because of the present covid restrictions, please do not bring fresh produce, but only food in tins, jars or packets. We shall not be setting up on the Saturday afternoon. Please bring your gifts to the front as you enter the church on the Sunday morning.

### 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.

### Support Service

Worried about going out? Finding it hard to cope with queuing? Family too far away to help? Needing to self-isolate?



Please don't struggle on alone and put yourself at risk. Don't forget there is a cheerful and willing band of younger folk from church who are very happy to help out. Lockdown may have eased a little but the future months still seem uncertain. We are happy to continue shopping, collecting prescriptions or other tasks as long as needed so if you, or folk you know, need support then please don't hesitate to make contact.

Support is being coordinated by Gill and Peter Robinson.

### Solos

#### Garden Party at Angela's

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

2.30-4.00 pm

Please let Angela know or speak to her by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

September if you would like to come. Voluntary donations can be made for a charity on the day but this is not a requirement.

Please make sure you let Angela know if you are attending.

### Chaplains

Four years ago our Outreach Group started Chaplaincy work with businesses. We then had six Chaplains who visited some 100 outlets. Today some 14 visit nearly 200. This work is now ecumenical and has been very well received.

There are still a number of outlets we are not yet able to visit and also it would be good to extend our links on our church premises.

Is this an area of mission which may interest you? If so let us have a chat. We can arrange for you to accompany an experienced Chaplain. An excellent training course is offered if you would like to continue.  
Chris Warren



### Marmalade

Oliver is still making marmalade to raise funds for his expedition to Peru. If you would like some, please phone Val Gould. Delivery or pick-up can be arranged.

### Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride

This will take place this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. If you are interested in taking part in this event, please contact [Shawn Board via email](#) for a sponsor form and further information. Half of the money raised through sponsorship will be returned to this church.

We are all too aware of what Covid -19 restrictions may bring but, as in years past, it is hoped that the church will be open and staffed between 10 am 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. Once any restrictions etc are ascertained, I will then be in contact with you again and compile a rota. 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. **Providing regulations permit**, the task involves offering refreshments, signing sponsor sheets and giving directions to other churches etc.

I am very surprised, but at the same time pleased, that this worthwhile event is going ahead, and I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you in anticipation.

Every blessing  
Shawn

### Dorset Historic Churches Trust - Ride and Stride - Saturday 12 September

I am hoping to take part in this sponsored cycle ride again this year (For details see: <https://www.dhct.org.uk> > ride\_and\_stride). If you would like to sponsor me please either email or phone me.

Many thanks. Eric Young



### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

This year we will again be collecting shoe boxes for the local charity The Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion based in Salisbury. The charity works to break the cycle of poverty and marginalisation for some of the most vulnerable individuals and communities in Southern Europe. Leaflets will be available from mid-September in the church foyer and shop. If you are currently not attending church because of Covid and would like a leaflet, give Maureen Parker a ring. Boxes will be collected from church in mid-November (date to be confirmed), so start looking for that shoebox.

### **Everyday Prayer**

Pat Bolton has been producing the Everyday Prayer for the news sheet for the past twelve years and would now like to pass this on to someone else. If you are interested in taking it on, please speak to Pat.

### **News sheet and Vision magazine**

The October/November Vision magazine will be distributed in geographical areas towards the end of September. It is not being delivered by your pastoral visitor. If you do not receive your Vision magazine by the middle of October, please let Wendy know.

For the next few months the printed version of the monthly news sheet will not be available in church. The news sheet will continue to be available on the church website and printed copies will be delivered to those who do not have computer access or are unable to download or print it. If you are experiencing difficulties and would like to have a printed copy delivered, please let Wendy know.

### **Notices for news sheet**

The deadline for the October news sheet is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson.

### **Church Website**

Don't forget to check out the church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>), which is managed by Kevin and Susy 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!

### **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.