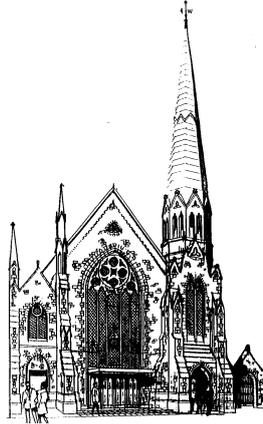


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JUNE 2021

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Methodist and United Reformed
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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Lectionary readings

6th June

Genesis 3:8-15

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1

Mark 3:20-35

13th June

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

20th June

Job 38:1-11

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

27th June

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:23-33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

Sunday Worship

6th June

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarren
Holy Communion

13th June

Methodist Homes Sunday
10.00/11.15 Mr A Boyden

20th June

World Refugee Day
10.00/11.15 Rev P Clark

27th June

10.00/11.15 Ms J Amey

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45am

2nd June Rev S Jenner

9th June Rev J Walker

16th June Rev P Clark

23rd June Mr A Boyden



Church Family News

It is with sadness we have to announce the death of Audrey Abbott at the amazing age of 107.

Church Roof

Many of you will be aware that during the bad weather the church roof was damaged along the side alley. Scaffolding has now been erected down the side passage to enable access to the roof. The scaffolding will also include roofing over the alleyway, which will allow people to walk down it, but it will be very narrow in places making it unsuitable for walking frames.

Singing in Church

As yet we have had no information about congregational singing. Several people have commented that they would like to be able to sing safely distanced. So, before we consider moving chairs closer together to enable a single Sunday morning service, it has been decided that the chairs will remain spaced as they are until we know more about when we can sing and the safe distance required between singers.

<p style="text-align: center;">Welcome Meeting Wednesday 9th June at 4pm in the hall</p> <p>If you have started to come to the United Church over the last year you should have received an invitation to our annual welcome meeting. Those who came to our last welcome meeting, just before we went into our first lockdown, have also received an invitation. Everyone who is new to the church over the last couple of years is very welcome.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Seat bookings</p> <p>If you find that booking a seat puts you off coming to church, there are now a limited number of seats (5 downstairs and 3 pews upstairs) at the 11.15 service to just come without a booking. This is not available at the 10am service. You can still book so you know you have a seat by e-mailing Wendy Hilton, either directly or through the Contact Us page of the web site</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Coffee at church</p> <p>Coffee is now being served between the two Sunday services. Serving will start from 10.30 am. We can seat 38 in the hall and an overflow of 20 in the coffee shop. The chairs have been set out to comply with current regulations, so please do not move chairs and remember that you cannot stand to drink your coffee. Please sanitise your hands on entering the hall. You must wear a mask while walking around the hall and waiting for your coffee. We will have to have the windows open for ventilation, so you may need your coat. If you are attending the second service after coffee, please enter church via South Street for track and trace purposes.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Questionnaire</p> <p>Everyone should have received a questionnaire in the recent Vision magazine. Extra copies are available in the South Street foyer. Please return by 13 June.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly news sheet</p> <p>The monthly news sheet is now available from church and the shop. It will also continue to be available online. At the moment too much is happening in the foyer at the start of the service with people having to sanitise hands, find a mask and check their seat booking, so please pick up your news sheet after the service.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Notice of AGM and Elections for Council of Stewards The AGM will be held on Thursday 1st July at 7pm in the church</p> <p>This year there are vacancies for four new Stewards. To make a nomination, please get the agreement of the person you want to nominate before you proceed further. The nominee must be a church member. A list of members can be found on a notice board in the hall and in the church foyer. Nomination forms can be found by the lists of members. Fill in the form and hand it to either the Senior Steward (John Parson) or the Church Secretary (John Hilton) or post in the metal post box in the Charles St foyer by 12.00 midday on Sunday 27th June.</p> <p>If you are interested in becoming a Steward and don't know what is involved, a copy of the job description is on the notice board by each members' list. Alternatively talk to John Parson or John Hilton.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Dorchester Poverty Action coffee morning Saturday 3rd July from 10am - 12noon in the church hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Refreshments and stalls - cakes, books, gifts, bric-a-brac</p> <p>Depending on current Covid guidelines this may be adapted to use different spaces within the church premises. Donations for stalls can be given to Wendy Hilton.</p>	

Support Service

Worried about going out? Finding it hard to cope with queueing? 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. 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.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the July news sheet is Sunday 20th June. 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 who's who on the Council of Stewards; who's on what rota and when; addresses in the church directory; our governing documents; annual reports, church meeting minutes and AGM minutes for the last five years; policies and procedures. 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.