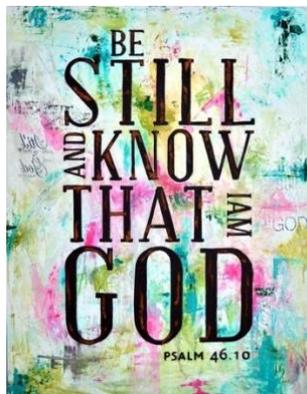




United Church Dorchester



This Lent we are living out our
Mission Statement of being
“beacons of light and love for all”
by:

- Taking the opportunity to Focus on PRAYER.
- To Listen to God talking to us about growing our church
- To Pray specifically for our community and for the world

Diary of Services, at United Church, in Holy Week & Easter 2025

Palm Sunday This year, we recall Jesus’s Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, seated, not as a king on a horse, but humbly on the colt of a donkey. Our 10.30am service will be led by Rev Peter Clark. In the afternoon there is Tea and Favourite Hymns at 3.30 for 4pm.

Market Day Service Wednesday morning service at 10.45am, led by Rev John Yarrien, and lasting about 20 minutes. This will be followed by an interactive prayer space round the church, with stations reflecting on Holy Week. The church will be open until 1.30pm.

Maundy Thursday We remember the final meal of Jesus with his disciples, now called The Last Supper. Our service will be led by Rev John Yarrien at 7.30pm, including an opportunity for ‘foot-washing’.

Good Friday We remember Jesus’s crucifixion with a Walk of Witness organised by Churches Together. This will start with a short service at St Peter’s Church at 9.30am. We will walk slowly behind the cross down South Street, pausing to sing a hymn at two locations in South Street, before arriving at the War Memorial for a short service, led by Rev John Yarrien. A slow procession has more impact if

it is done in silence, so we hope that those taking part will do that. After the War Memorial, we will serve Hot Cross buns in South Street, or in the foyer of United Church if it is wet.

Holy Saturday As a way of marking the Easter weekend, and blessing the people of Dorchester, we will be giving out daffodils and mini chocolate eggs on South Street, between 10.30am and 12pm. We will be based outside United Church, but if South Street is still fully blocked, a few of us will wander to the other side of the barricade to give out our gifts. Do join us if you can.

Easter Sunday – The Greatest Day in the Christian Year. Churches Together in Dorchester gather for a Son-Rise service at Maumbury Rings at 6am on Easter Sunday, which this year will be led by Rev Keith Magee. This is early in the day for many of us, but it is a wonderful experience to be with Christians from all the other churches in town, celebrating the great central truth of our faith. Then we hold our Easter Day Celebration service at 10.30am, led by Rev John Yarrien, which will include Holy Communion.

Lent Lunches supporting Christian Aid

Each Wednesday of Lent In the church Hall, 12pm to 1.30pm

£7.50 for a choice of Salad lunch, Dessert and tea /coffee