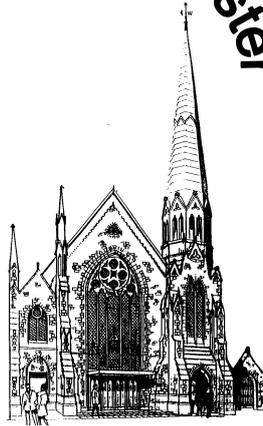


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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Sunday Services

3rd July

10.30 am Rev B Stephenson
Holy Communion

10th July

10.30 am **Action for Children**
Rev J Yarrien
6.30 pm Rev B Stephenson

17th July

10.30 am Rev G Owen

24th July

10.30 am Worship Committee
3.30 pm Tea-Pot

31st July

10.30 am Mr P Jenner

7th August

10.30 am Rev J Yarrien
Holy Communion
6.30 pm Rev R Lownsbrough

14th August

10.30 am Mr R Lownsbrough
3.30 pm Tea-Pot

21st August

10.30 am Rev R Lownsbrough

28th August

10.30 am Mrs F Waring
6.30 pm Rev J Yarrien

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Mary Fill and Betty Skelton. Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pots are on Sunday, 24th July and Sunday, 14th August, in the Coffee Lounge at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

The next **Church meeting** will be on Tuesday July 12th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

6th July Rev P Clark

13th July Rev S Jenner

20th July Rev J Yarrien

27th July Mr P Jenner

3rd August Rev B Stephenson

10th August Mr T Boyden

17th August Mr C Warren

24th August Rev S Jenner

31st August Rev J Yarrien

Weekly notices to your inbox via e-mail

You don't need to wait to pick up the printed notices on a Sunday (and also save paper and ink). The notices can be sent to you via e-mail from the office on Friday. All you need to do is let the office know that you would like to receive the notices by e-mail and you will be added to the list. Contact office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk.

If you have notices for inclusion in the notice sheet, please send them to the church office by noon the previous Wednesday.

Action For Children – Events in July

UCD's Action for Children team are inviting you to the following events this month:

Action for Children Garden Party

On Saturday 2nd July, 2 – 5 pm, at 51 Coburg Road. Come and join us for cream teas, cakes and refreshments in Sue and Colin's garden. Plant and cake stalls and bring and buy sale. Any donations to the stalls would be greatly appreciated.

Action For Children Stall

On Wednesday 6th July, 10-12, at the weekly coffee morning in the church hall, we will have a stall to raise money for AFC. Any donations very welcome!

Action for Children Sunday

On Sunday 10th July, 10.30 am at UCD, our Action for Children Sunday will be led by Revd John Yarrien and the AFC team. Please bring along your League of Light boxes if you have them; there will be a retiring collection for AFC.

Please come and support us, for fun and fellowship and to raise much needed funds for Action for Children and their important work with children and families.

Church Treasurer

At the church AGM in April, Colin Gannaway gave a year's notice of his intention to step down as church Treasurer. He will give as much help and support as is necessary to his successor during the handover period. If you are interested in fulfilling this essential role in the church, please contact Colin, or Brian Savage, for more information.

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.



Loft Clearance

The loft space above the Church shop is crammed full. Much of the stuff there was accumulated when UCD held a pantomime, and when changes were made to the church layout. Before work is begun to alter the cross beams in the loft and access to it, we need to clear out the things which we no longer use or want. It is planned to get a skip (and hopefully a chute) and clear the space, meaning that the things we need are more easily available.

If there is anything in the loft space which you know needs to be kept, or anything which you think would be useful to anyone else, please let Mary Martin know by August 13th.

Forest Praise – Saturday 30th July – 10.30 -11.45am

We are half way through the year of having Forest Praise at St George's, Fordington. Our July Forest Praise will have a holiday theme to it as children will have had their first week of the school holidays. It takes a lot of work to plan and deliver Forest Praise and to maintain this we do need more help on the Saturdays when it is held. We ideally need two people per activity and usually have four, sometimes five, activities as some children get easily board. If you can help please either see me, Janice Young, Diana Leeming or Heather Reed. Please remember Forest Praise in your prayers. Peter Jenner

Dorset County Show

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th September – open 8.30am-5.30pm

The Show is back after an absence of two years due to Covid. We have booked our pitch ready to offer a baby changing and feeding area, games and crafts for children, dads' chill area, prayer tree and drinking water for dogs. We do need help over the show dates and before. Help is needed to put up the marquee on Thursday 1st September (afternoon), on the Saturday and Sunday of the show, and on the Sunday night from 5.30pm to take the marquee down.

We are a having a planning meeting on Wednesday 13th July at 12 noon. We are looking for a few more members to be on the core group so please have a word with Peter Jenner. Watch out for more details.



Thank You

A big thank you to everyone for the gift of the wonderful painting by Jenny Trotman, and to Brian Savage for delivering it personally. The choice of subject is ideal as it connects with my history, growing up in Dorset, and my recent years here. Margaret Knighton

Tolpuddle Festival weekend, 16 - 17 July

The Tolpuddle Festival is back with a full programme of events in the village.

The Tolpuddle Friends will again be running a stall in the marquee, with literature etc. designed to open conversations with people of all faiths, or none. We will also staff the Chapel during the weekend as a place for quiet reflection away from the busyness of the Festival site. If you can offer help any time over the weekend, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Alison Cocks or Peter Jenner.

Friends take part in the parade at 2pm on Sunday 17 July with, this year, a new banner which has been made for Tolpuddle Methodists by Mary Martin and the UCD craft group. Do join us. The Festival Service will take place in the Chapel at Tolpuddle at 5pm that day when the preacher will be Revd Graham Thompson, President of the Methodist Conference 2022-23. All will be very welcome.

Dorchester Poverty Action
(Registered Charity No. 1198452)
Coffee Morning
on Saturday 2nd July, 10-12 noon
at United Church Dorchester

Refreshments with home-made cakes, stalls and raffle



For over 30 years this charity has been helping local people (DT1 & DT2) at points of crisis by providing emergency grants of up to £250. During Covid the charity has been particularly busy, but now there are different financial pressures with rapidly rising prices of food, fuel and many everyday items. Over the last few months grants have been given for a washing machine, cooker, nursery equipment, school uniform, basic furniture including a bed, and emergency repairs on a car to get to work. During Covid the charity implemented an additional £100 grant to help with fuel poverty and this needs to continue. These relatively small amounts of money can prevent debt, homelessness and acute stress. Please support the group's annual coffee morning to raise money to support more local people in some very difficult situations. Every penny can make a difference, with all money raised locally and spent locally.

Dorchester Choral Society
Free concert for Christian Aid
Saturday, 2 July, 7.00 pm
Dorchester Borough Gardens
Why not bring a picnic?
Wet weather alternate: 4 July
Bucket collection for Christian Aid Ukraine appeal

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the September news sheet is Sunday 21st August. Please send notices for inclusion to Myra Dawson.

Church Website

Don't forget to check out the [church website](#), which is managed by Kevin and Susy Rogers. As well as a downloadable version of the news sheet, it also gives information on a number of different things concerning the church and how it runs. 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.