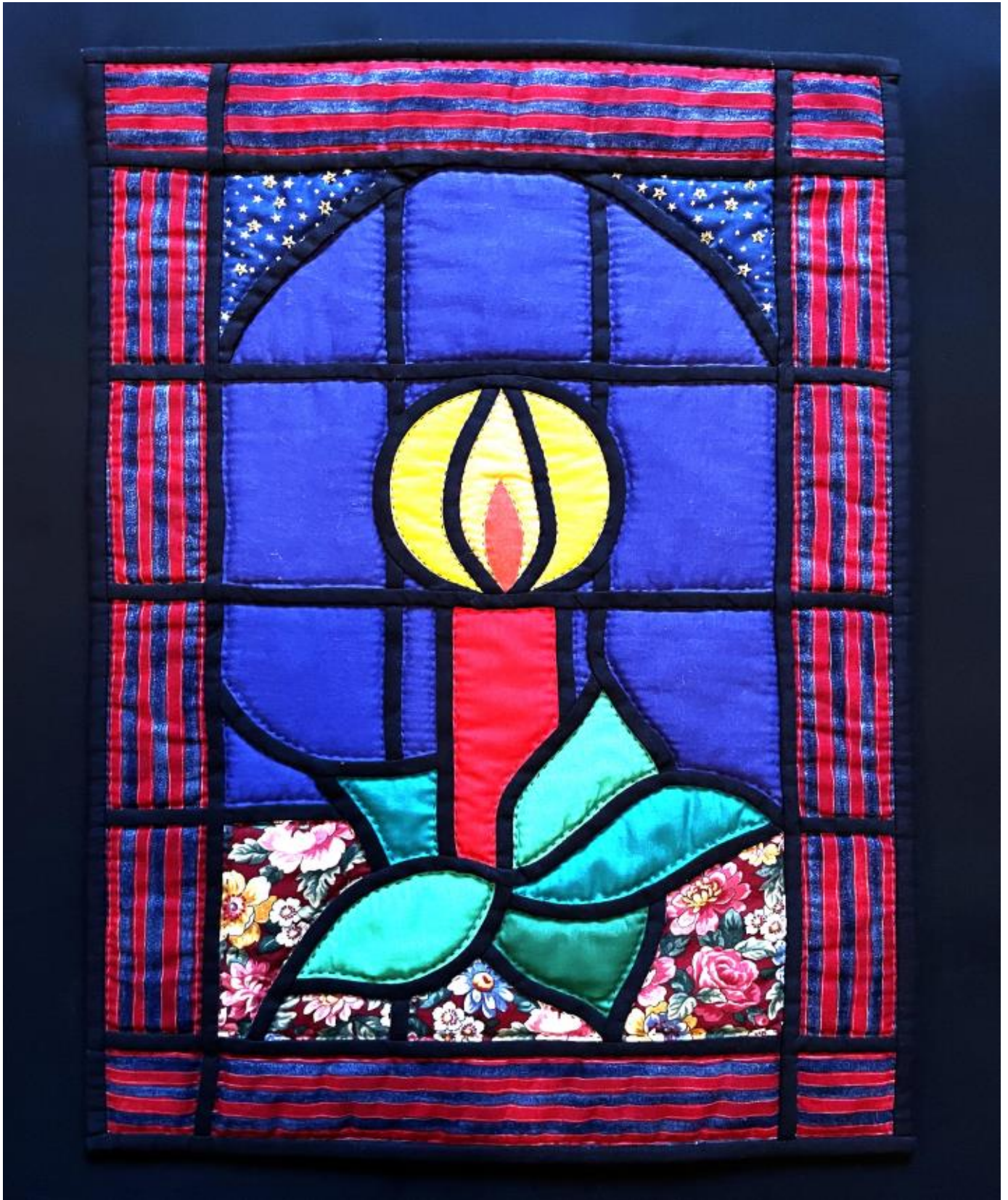


# United Church Dorchester



**A Beacon of God's Light and Love**

# **A Message from our Minister**

**In Advent and Christmas this year, we are shining a light on Jesus at the centre of the Christmas Story.**

**We look forward to warmly welcoming you to the varied activities and services at United Church Dorchester this December, as we seek to live out our Vision “to be a beacon of God’s light and love for all in Dorchester.”**

**May this precious time of year be filled with Joy, Hope, Peace and Love for you all. With every blessing this Christmas and in the year ahead.**

**Rev John Yarrien**

# Advent and Christmas 2024 at United Church Dorchester

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent.**

10.30am Morning Worship: *Mr Tony Boyden (Holy Communion).*

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 10.45am Market Day Service: *Rev Peter Clark. 20 minutes reflection in a busy day.*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 11.00am - 2.00pm 'Journey to the Stable': *An inter-active journey into the true meaning of Christmas for all ages.*

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 5.00pm Concert - 'FluteCakes Joy': *A short concert of festive flute music with refreshments, raising money for Dorchester Child Contact Centre.*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent.**

10.30am Christmas Crib Service: *A special family Christmas service led by Rev John Yarrien. All are welcome to lunch in the Hall at midday.*

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 3.30pm for 4.00pm until 5.30 pm  
'Afternoon Tea and Carols': *Festive 'Tea-Pot' in the Hall.*

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**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 10.45am Market Day Service:  
*Rev Neil Riches.*

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 7.00 pm Dorset for Singing. *Join us for our concert of festive songs.*

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 11.00am to 2.00pm 'Journey to the Stable'.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 11.00am to 13.30pm 'Journey to the Stable'.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 3.00pm 'Quiet Christmas': *30-minute service for those who want to celebrate Christmas quietly, followed by refreshments.*

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 11.00am to 2.00pm 'Journey to the Stable'.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent** 10.30am  
Morning Worship: *Rev Gwyneth Owen.*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 11.30 to 2.00pm Dorchester Christmas Cracker Day: *Community carol singing, crafts and mince pies in the Church.*

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**Wednesday 18th Dec.** 10.45am Market Day Service:  
*Rev John Yarrien.*

**Wednesday 18th Dec.** 11.30 to 2.30 Carols for Action for Children: *Carol singing outside the Church in South Street.*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent.**  
10.30am Morning Worship: *Rev John Yarrien.*

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** 6.30pm Carol Service:  
*Rev John Yarrien.*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 4.00pm Christingle Service.  
*A wonderful, creative service for all the family. Christmas starts here!*

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 11.00pm Midnight Communion:  
*Our joint Christmas Eve service.*  
*Led by Rev Cora Yarrien and Rev John Yarrien at*  
**St. George's Church, Fordington**

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec.** 10.30 am Christmas Day Service:  
*A 45-minute service celebrating the good news of Christmas led by Rev J Yarrien.*

# Church Shop

51 Charles Street (opposite the library)

Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday &  
Saturday,

10 am - 12.30 pm for

*CHARITY CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS,*

*FAIRTRADE FOODS & CHOCOLATE,*

*CDs, CHRISTIAN BOOKS and*

*GREETINGS CARDS FOR MANY OCCASIONS*

**Browsers welcome!**

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