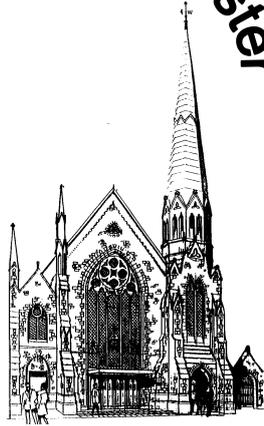


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**OCTOBER 2021**

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

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### Lectionary readings

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

**10<sup>th</sup> October**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**17<sup>th</sup> October**

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**24<sup>th</sup> October**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**31<sup>st</sup> October**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

### Sunday Worship

**3<sup>rd</sup> October**

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarrien  
Holy Communion

**10<sup>th</sup> October Harvest Festival**

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarrien

**17<sup>th</sup> October**

10.00/11.15 Mrs F Waring  
16.00 Churches Together  
Christian Aid service  
Rev J Yarrien  
Mr R Pearce

**24<sup>th</sup> October**

10.00/11.15 Rev B Stephenson  
18.00 Memorial Service  
Circuit Safeguarding  
Service: Jane Fisher

**31<sup>st</sup> October**

10.00/11.15 Mr R Phillips

### Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

6<sup>th</sup> October Rev J Walker  
13<sup>th</sup> October Mr P Jenner  
20<sup>th</sup> October Mrs E Haynes  
27<sup>th</sup> October Rev J Yarrien

### Church Family News

We sadly have to announce that Rev David Bumphrey died on 14<sup>th</sup> September, and Rev John Travell's son Richard also died in September. Please remember Lorna, John and their families in your prayers.

### Harvest Festival

Harvest gifts this year will be tins and packets to go to the food bank in Dorchester. Please bring gifts on the morning and place them at the front before the service if you are able. The junior church staff will be on hand to receive and place gifts at the front if needed. There will be collection envelopes on chairs for Christian Aid.

### Bring and Share Lunch

The Story Tots team are planning a Bring and Share Lunch (remember them?) for October 10th (Harvest Festival). There will be a sign-up sheet in the hall from September 26th to give an indication of numbers. Please come and join us.

**Always forgetting to book a seat or don't like booking?** You don't need to book for the 11.15 service. There are always seats available, so just turn up. However, if you want to sit in a particular place because you have difficulty hearing, lip read or for another reason, you can still book seats for both the 10.00 and 11.15 services.

**Church Seat bookings** from Friday 17 September – Sunday 3 October and Saturday 23 October – Sunday 31 October: If you need to cancel your booking or make a booking during this period, please contact Val Gould.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

At the morning services, led by Rev Brenda Stephenson, we will offer prayers for all who have died during the past year, either from the community here at UCD or those whom Rev John and Rev Peter have taken a funeral for. This was a very poignant moment of reflection last year, and Rev John will be writing to families concerned, inviting them to the service on the 24th October, and there will be an opportunity for the families to light a remembrance candle, should they wish to.

At 6pm that evening, we will be hosting a Circuit Service celebrating the Theology of Safeguarding. We will be delighted to welcome Jane Fisher, our District Safeguarding Officer, who will be preaching for us. Tea and coffee will be served by the Circuit safeguarding team in the hall after the service. We hope you will come and worship with us.

### **Beginning to return to some normality . . .**

At the recent Council of Stewards meeting it was agreed that we will take a phased approach to relaxing some of the Covid restrictions that have been so helpful to us in these past 18 months. With immediate effect, we now suggest that when you sit down for worship that you are free to take off your mask, and you can also stand to sing (with or without mask) if you feel comfortable doing so. Later in October, subject to the current scaffolding being removed, we will return more seats back into the church. We hope to welcome back the choir, and when conditions allow we will return to one Sunday service. More details will follow in due course.

### **Building works**

Many of you will now have seen the scaffolding in the church. We hope it will only be there for a few weeks, but it is very dependent on the roofers and what is found. Any work then has to be approved by the Listed Buildings Committee before it can start. Unfortunately work has been delayed due to the roofers having Covid.



### **United Church Shop**

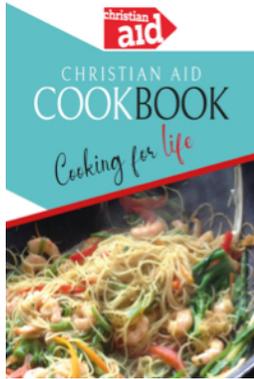
Our shop is now open for an extra day each week. We are open for the four days Wednesday to Saturday, from 10am to 12.30 pm. On Thursdays and Fridays we are open alongside the Coffee Lounge. (Hooray! – fresh coffee for our staff instead of a flask. It was very good coffee last Thursday – thank you.)

The new Christian Aid recipe book is already in stock and we will shortly be taking delivery of new designs of Christmas cards which will be on display from the start of October. If you need any before then do ask the staff. Browsers and customers are welcome. Please let us know if you have ideas of items to add to our stock.

I appreciate all the work that is being put in to keep other areas of the church ‘up and running’ and add to the activities as advised. Many previous volunteers have dropped out. In the shop we have been able to keep things going with our existing team and have not been actively recruiting but if you would like to join us, or just explore the option, do let me know. Anything from one morning a month to one morning a week is welcome. Each time we add a day opening means extra sessions to cover.

We look forward to seeing you.

Margaret Knighton



### Christian Aid Recipe Book

A variety of recipes to suit all tastes! That's our new and exciting Christian Aid Recipe Book with 100 recipes from over fifty contributors, most of them local and many from the United Church.

It has been professionally produced and at £10 will make an ideal Christmas present.

On sale in the Church shop, *all* proceeds from the book will go to Christian Aid as its production costs have been kindly sponsored.

### CHRISTIAN AID UPDATE

The walk to the **River Jordan (Bowleaze Cove) from St Peter's Church on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** was a very pleasant event with lots of sunshine and a balmy breeze. A number of churches were represented and there was some very generous sponsorship.

Details of our October events are as follows:

**Street Collection (South Street) Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 9 am to 5 pm.** We would still appreciate more volunteers.

**Christian Aid Market (Main Hall, United Church) Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 1.30 pm.** There will be home-made soup and desserts served from 12 pm. Again offers of help on the day would be very much appreciated. Also help with setting up on the Friday (15<sup>th</sup>) would be greatly welcomed.

**Ecumenical Service (United Church) Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 pm.** Led by Revd John Yarrien with guest speaker, Rob Pearce, formerly responsible for Christian Aid in the south of England. Rob has the reputation of being an engaging and inspirational speaker.

Tony Boyden

#### Wyke Regis Methodist Church

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August was the final service at Wyke Regis Methodist Church. The church has been part of the community since 1903.

#### Dorchester Poverty Action

Thank you to all who supported Dorchester Poverty Action's cream tea. £817 was raised at the event and further donations have come in since.

### Dorchester Poverty Action Annual Open Meeting

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm**

**Dorford Community Centre**

This year, Dorchester Poverty Action's focus at its open meeting is on employment, the current problems and solutions. The speaker is Sarah Campbell from the new Employment Unit of Citizens Advice. The meeting is open to everyone.

### **Forest Praise is Blooming**

Forest Praise is going from strength to strength as we work together with our friends at St George's to share the Good News of Jesus through activities and stories. The numbers attending over the last three sessions have been between 18 -22 children along with one or both parents. We have been very grateful to those who have come along to help us from UCD and St George's and we look forward to this continuing in the future.

As from the end of October, Forest Praise is going to be held MONTHLY on a Saturday morning (10.30 - 11.45am) at St George's, which is wonderful. Dates are 30<sup>th</sup> October, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> February and 26<sup>th</sup> March. As it's through autumn and winter, warm clothing will need to be worn. If you can help on any of these dates please see Janice Young, Peter Jenner, Heather Reed or Diana Leeming.

We are looking forward to our Messy Harvest Forest Praise here at UCD on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 12 noon as this is part of our Harvest Weekend. We still need some help for this so please see one of the above.



### **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.

### **Dorset Historic Churches "Ride and Stride", 11 September**

Many thanks to all who sponsored Eric Young for this event. He cycled about 44 miles and visited 28 churches. He expects to raise £235, half of which will go to Dorset Historic Churches Trust and half to Dorchester United Church.

### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

This year we will again be collecting Christmas shoe boxes to send to south east Europe through the Salisbury charity FSCI. They will be given to abandoned children living in state care, poor rural schools and kindergartens, women's refuges, prisoners' children, isolated elderly people, refugees and Roma children living in difficult conditions. The leaflets will be available very soon. The boxes will be dedicated on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November by Chris Warren.

### **Notices for news sheet**

The deadline for the November news sheet is Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October. 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.