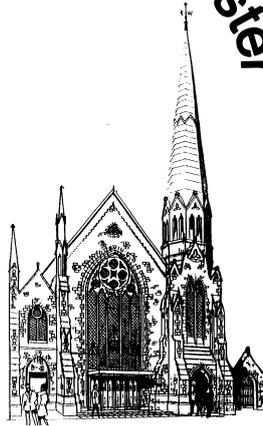


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JANUARY 2022

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Methodist and United Reformed
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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Lectionary readings

2nd January

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9) 10-18

9th January

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

16th January

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

23rd January

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,
8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-
31a
Luke 4:14-21

30th January

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Sunday Services

2nd January

10.00/11.15 Mr R Lownsborough

9th January

10.00/11.15 Rev G Owen
Holy Communion
Covenant Service

16th January

10.00/11.15 Rev J Yarren

23rd January

10.00/11.15 Local Arrangement

30th January

10.00/11.15 Rev A de Ville

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

5th January Rev B Stephenson

12th January Mr P Jenner

19th January Rev S Jenner

26th January Rev D Reep

Church Family News

It is with great sadness that we have heard of the sudden death of Helen Hix.

Evening Services

As a move back to "normality", we shall be having one evening service in January and two in February. They will be at 6pm, not the old time of 6.30pm. The services on the 9th January and the 27th February will be led by the Rev John Yarren, and the service on the 13th February by Janet Amey.

Building works

You will see that the scaffolding has come down inside the church. However, the roofers will still be working until the middle of January to complete the work on the roof. Therefore please do not use the side alley except as an emergency exit.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Tuesday 18 January - Tuesday 25 January

Theme: We have seen his star in the East

Dorchester Churches Together welcome you to worship during this week in several of its member churches. There will be brief services at different times over the week (please see overleaf) and a joint service at the United Church on January 23. There will be light refreshments after each service.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Date	Venue	Time	Worship Leader
Tues 18 th Jan	Holy Trinity	12.30	Father Barry Hallett
Wed 19 th Jan	Dorchester Baptist	10.30	Revd James East
Thurs 20 th Jan	St George's	12.00	Revd Cora Yarrien
Fri 21 st Jan	Family Church	Tba	Pastor Ben Martin
Sat 22 nd Jan	Storehouse Church	9.00	Pastor Mark Topp
Sun 23 rd Jan	United Church	16.30	Revd John Yarrien
Mon 24 th Jan	<i>For individual churches to worship and pray as they feel led</i>		
Tues 25 th Jan	<i>For individual churches to worship and pray as they feel led</i>		

Charity stalls

Do you support a local charity for which you would like to fundraise? Each week at the Wednesday market day coffee from 9.30 – 12.00 one charity a week will be able to provide and staff a fundraising stall to raise money. There is a notice on the hall noticeboard where you can sign up for a convenient Wednesday. The charity must organise the setting up, the selling and most importantly the clearing up and removal of all items. For further details talk to Sue Gannaway or Wendy Hilton.

De-escalation Training

You may recall that at our Harvest Service in 2020, a young man with mental health problems came into the service and threw a box of teabags at John Walker who was preaching, and broke his glasses. Since then, the Stewards have been trying to arrange some training on de-escalating situations. Jonai da Silva, who is a support worker trained in Community Mental Health provision including de-escalation, has kindly agreed to hold a two-hour training session on de-escalation. It will be held on Tuesday 18th January at 7.00 pm. The session will be open to all church members but the stewards, as well as attending themselves, particularly encourage coffee shop, shop and Wednesday morning coffee volunteers to attend.

Please let [Di Lawrence](#) know if you are hoping to attend.

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.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the February news sheet is Sunday 23rd January. 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.