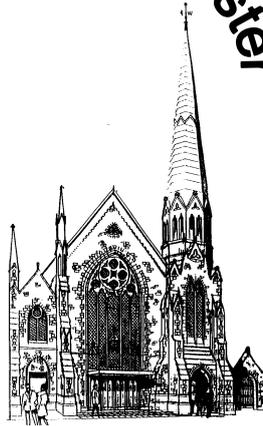


# NEWS

## United Church Dorchester



**JUNE 2022**

Registered Charity No: 1137996

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

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### Lectionary readings

**5<sup>th</sup> June**

Acts 2:1-21 *or* Genesis 11:1-9  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:14-17 *or* Acts 2:1-21  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)

**12<sup>th</sup> June**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Psalm 8  
Romans 5:1-5  
John 16:12-15

**19<sup>th</sup> June**

Isaiah 65:1-9  
Psalm 22:19-28  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Luke 8:26-39

**26<sup>th</sup> June**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21  
Psalm 16  
Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
Luke 9:51-62

### Sunday Services

**5<sup>th</sup> June Pentecost**  
10.30 am Rev J Yarrien  
Holy Communion

**12<sup>th</sup> June Trinity Sunday**  
10.30 am Ms G Bumphrey  
6.30pm Rev J Yarrien

**19<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.30 am Ms J Amey  
3.30 for 4 pm Tea and hymns

**26<sup>th</sup> June**  
10.30 am Mr T Boyden  
6.30pm Mr P Jenner

### Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

1<sup>st</sup> June Mr C Warren  
8<sup>th</sup> June Rev B Stephenson  
15<sup>th</sup> June Rev J Walker  
22<sup>nd</sup> June Mr P Jenner  
29<sup>th</sup> June Mr T Boyden

### Church Family News

We are sad to announce the deaths of Corinne Churchill and John Rousell (husband of Mary). Please remember their families and friends in your prayers.

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm there will be a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sheila Mann, followed by refreshments in the hall. There will be an opportunity to make a donation in Sheila's memory to Christian Aid or to Higher Ground Family Funerals.

Congratulations to Margaret and Martin Williams, who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> June, in the coffee lounge at 3.30pm for 4pm.

### 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](mailto: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.

### News from the Stewards

We are very pleased that Mary Martin has been appointed as Church Secretary and we wish her well.

We noted with regret that Di Lawrence will be stepping down shortly as Church Administrator, but we are pleased that, subject to contract, she will be continuing to work two hours per week to give administrative support to the church shop and the coffee shop.

We discussed how Stewards might link with Working Committees but this may be subject to further review shortly.

The next Church Meeting will be on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

Brian Savage

### Platinum Jubilee and Pentecost Bank Holiday Weekend

This is a busy time for many of us so perhaps this summary of some of the events will help!

- **Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jubilee Family Fun day in **Borough Gardens, 11am to 4pm**
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Evening:** Jubilee Music in **Salisbury Field** from **9pm (see below\*)** with **Beacon Lighting at 9.45pm**
- **Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>:** Jubilee Play and Stay, family event at **UCD, 10am to 12 noon**, with refreshments
- **Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Worship at **UCD at 10.30am**, with Holy Communion, conducted by Rev John Yarrien
- **Sunday evening, June 5<sup>th</sup>:** Pentecost Prayer and Praise, **7pm**, Churches Together in Dorchester at **Storehouse Church**, Cambridge Rd, with Rev John Yarrien

\*The **Jubilee Music** will include “**Rise Up and Serve**”, an anthem specially written by Graham Kendrick. Details including music and words can be found at <https://www.theplatinumjubilee.com/sing/>. Details of all the above events will appear on our South Street Foyer electronic display when it is refreshed at noon on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

We hope you enjoy this special time of year. Brian Savage

#### New home for hall piano

Since we bought a new keyboard for the church and the old one has been moved to the hall, we have been looking for a new location for the hall piano. The new Carers Hub in what was Marks and Spencers are giving it a new home. On **Carers' Day, Saturday 11th June**, The Hub hope to make a big song and dance to officially launch the 'Public Living Room' with the press there and lots of activities in and around the space.

#### 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.

#### Next Pastoral Visitors' meeting

This will be on **Tuesday 14 June at 2.30pm in the Coffee Lounge**, when there will be an opportunity for pastoral visitors to discuss some of the issues encountered during Covid and how we move forward. We have recruited two new pastoral visitors over the last two years, so it will be an opportunity to share experiences. Please put this date in your diary.

**Activities for Children and their Families in June**

**Story Tots. Weekly on Thursdays - 9.30-10.45 am.**

**Jubilee Play and Stay – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10-12 noon in the Church**

As part of being more visible in our community we will be holding our second Play and Stay for children and their families during the Jubilee Celebrations. Toys, crafts, painting and food decorating will be on offer as well as the usual tea/coffee and juice, and bacon butties will be available to parents. We need people to help with this, so please see Peter Jenner. It will be a morning of fun and celebration with a party feel to it.

**Forest Praise – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30-11.45 am at St George’s Fordington**

The theme for June is Climate Change/Environment as this ties in nicely to schools breaking up in July for summer holidays. We are looking for plastic bottles to make into planters so please give them to Peter Jenner if you have any. Help is always needed and welcomed as we want to give children and parents a great time and to show love and concern, as they then may come to other things that we do.

**“Exploring our Faith”: Part 2 of Seekers study group**

Part 2 of our Seekers study course will run from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, each week, through to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. We will meet in the Hall as part of the sessions together, where each theme will be outlined, and then there will be opportunity to discuss the topics each week in smaller groups. Refreshments provided.

Topics explored this time will include “Resurrection: Fact or Fiction”, “Choosing Right from Wrong”, “How does God guide us?”, “How can we be sure about Church?”, “Holy Spirit? What does this mean to me?”

We hope that you will come, experience and seek with us and we look forward to welcoming you. There will be a list up on the notice board in the hall which we ask you please to sign if you are going to be attending so that we have an idea of numbers.

For more information in relation to the course please speak to Rev John Yarrien or Peter Jenner. There is more information in the June/July Vision magazine.

**Lettings committee**

The lettings committee would like to say a huge thank you to Di Lawrence, church administrator, for all her hard work in the management of the room lettings at United Church. Lettings bring a substantial income into the church and Di has encouraged and supported all those who rent our rooms over the very difficult times when the Covid rules were constantly changing. We send Di all our best wishes as she moves on to new challenges.

**Solos**

Thank you to Angela for many years of organising the Solos group. Numbers have dropped considerably since Covid and it has sadly been decided to conclude this group. Thank you to all who have supported the group.

**Bike Pilgrimage 2022**

There will be a thanksgiving church prayer event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Dorchester Community Church. Doors open at 7pm with the service starting at 7.30pm. This is an evening of worship and prayers to celebrate the Rev Robert de Berry Bike Pilgrims, who are cycling from North Foreland Point Lighthouse in Kent to Land’s End in Cornwall and back. Bike Pilgrims cycle in support of freedom of religion and belief and the persecuted church worldwide. You can join stage 22 of the pilgrimage from Dorchester to Lansdowne Church, Bournemouth, on Monday 13 June by visiting their website: [www.releaseinternational.org/bikepilgrims](http://www.releaseinternational.org/bikepilgrims). More information on the Charles Street noticeboard.

**Dorchester Poverty Action**  
(Registered Charity No. 1198452)  
Coffee Morning  
on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

#### **Notices for news sheet**

The deadline for the July news sheet is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June. 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 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.