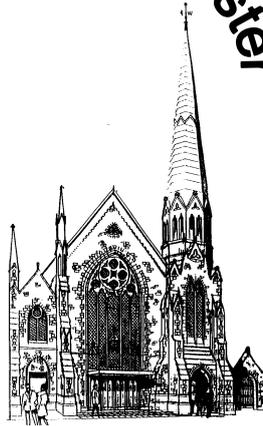


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



MAY 2022

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Lectionary readings

1st May

Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

8th May

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

15th May

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35

22nd May

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10, 22
– 22:5
John 14:23-29 *or*
John 5:1-9

29th May

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14,
16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

Sunday Services

1st May

10.30 Rev B Stephenson
Holy Communion

8th May

10.30 Rev J Yarren
18.30 Rev J Yarren

15th May

10.30 Rev J Walker
3.30 for 4 Tea and hymns

22nd May

Aldersgate Sunday
10.30 Rev J Yarren
18.30 Rev J Yarren

29th May

10.30 Worship Committee

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45

4th May Mr A Boyden
11th May Rev B Stephenson
18th May Mrs E Haynes
25th May Mr C Warren

Church Family News

We will be celebrating the life of John Stedman as part of our service on Sunday 8 May.

Congratulations to Brian Owen, who celebrated his 90th birthday in April.

Kath Thomas has moved down to live near her son and family in Okehampton and will be very sadly missed. She and her husband Lloyd were key members of this church since the 1960s. Kath sends everyone her very best wishes. If you would like her address and phone number please see Wendy Hilton.

Church Notices

We are returning to having a notice sheet each Sunday. Please send your notices to Di Lawrence in the church office by noon each Wednesday.

Her email address is:

office@unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk

Hosting Synod

Our Methodist Circuit will be hosting the next meeting of the Southampton Methodist District Synod here at UCD on Saturday, 17th September. We shall be looking for help from members of UCD and other churches in the circuit.

Thy Kingdom Come 2022

These familiar words from the Lord's Prayer are also the name of a prayer movement, started only a few years ago by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, which is now worldwide and ecumenical. It consists of each of us praying for up to five people each day from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Ascension Day, which is the fortieth day after Easter, is this year on Thursday, 26th May. Pentecost is ten days later on Sunday, 5th June, so we are asked to pray on each of the eleven days. We pray for up to five people, so it may be for two or three or four. It is recommended that we pray for no more than five but, of course, our prayers are private and personal, so the decision is ours.

For whom should we pray? For family and friends, but which ones?

People who regularly attend church but have not yet developed a deep faith in Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

People who used to have faith and attend church regularly, but have lost their faith and no longer attend. People who used to have faith and attend church regularly but, whilst not losing their faith, have been put off the church by something which was said or done by church members, perhaps many years ago. They have fallen out with the church but not fallen out with God.

People who have never had faith and never attended church regularly.

On the day of his ascension, Jesus told his remaining disciples to stay in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came upon them. The disciples returned to Jerusalem and, along with Jesus's mother, Mary, and other followers, they met each day to pray, until the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came in power among them. In like manner, we pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come", that those for whom we pray may grow in faith and become regular members of a worshipping community.

On Sunday, 22nd May, we will be given cards on which we can each write the names of those for whom we shall pray. You can find out more at www.thykingdomcome.global

AGM and Election of Council of Stewards Wednesday 27 April at 7.00pm in the hall

Everyone can attend but only members can vote. Mary Martin, David Cuckson and Michael Humphrey have agreed to stand for election as stewards. We still need one other steward.

To make a nomination, please get the agreement of the person you want to nominate before you proceed further. The nominee must be a church member. A list of members, and nomination forms, can be found on a notice board in the hall and in the church foyer. Fill in the form and hand it to either the Senior Steward (John Parson) or the Acting Church Secretary (John Hilton) or post in the metal post box in the Charles St foyer by midday on Tuesday 26th April. If you are interested in becoming a steward and don't know what is involved, a copy of the job description is on the notice board by each list of members. Alternatively talk to John Parson or John Hilton.

A few printed copies of the minutes of the previous (2021) meeting, and the 2021 Annual Report and Accounts, are available in the church foyer. Please take, read and return for someone else to read. However, if you are able to, please look on the church website (members' area) and download them from there. Access to this is password protected. Contact the office if you do not already have the password.

Church Secretary

We urgently need a new Church Secretary. John Hilton has served well past the normal term. If you are interested, please have a word with John.

**Afternoon Tea at the Ritz, or better still in the Church Hall
Sunday 10th April (it was even free!)**

What a great afternoon we had, there was a delicious tea, with a wonderful variety of sandwiches and homemade cakes, our favourite hymns played by our favourite pianist, Heather, and splendid company. The only problem was that too many of you were missing. Thank you Karen, Enid and Gill for all those superb refreshments, and for all the hard work you put in to give us such a delightful afternoon. Thank you also to Heather for all that lovely music.

If you could do with some company on a Sunday afternoon in May, book the date now for the next super extravaganza on 15th May at 3.30 for 4pm in the hall, and come and join us. You won't regret it. We look forward to seeing you and your friends. You will be very welcome.

Elizabeth Haynes

First Aid Training

We have the opportunity to organise First Aid training at UCD and would like to see how many people might be interested in this. If you would like to attend a practical First Aid training session or would be interested in attaining a First Aid certificate please speak to Maria Jacobson.

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.

**Forest Praise – Saturdays April 30th and May
28th 10.30 -11.45 am**

Now that the weather is getting better (hopefully) we can venture outside and have activities under a couple of gazebos in the grounds of St George's. We always need help and appreciate it. Please do tell your friends - especially those with children.

Church Library

In the Sydling Room on the top floor there is a library of Christian books for anyone to borrow, swop or donate. There are books for all ages. The library is available to everyone whenever the church premises are open. Why not go and have a look. If you cannot get up to the top floor a selection of books can be brought down for you to look at.

Flowers in Church

We all like to see the flower arrangement at the front of the church at both the Sunday and Wednesday services. However, it is becoming more difficult due to the expense and lack of people willing to do the arrangements. Sue Gannaway coordinates the rota and needs people to donate towards the cost and also to arrange the flowers. On the cost side, people like to make donations for anniversaries, birthdays and other special occasions in their life. As for doing the arrangements, Suzanne Bareham is a trained florist and is willing to show anyone how to get started and/or more advanced arranging.

If you would like to help in either regard, please contact Sue or Suzanne and make it known how you might contribute towards 'Flowers in Church'. Thank you.

Sue Gannaway

Christian Aid activities

Sunday, May 15. Ecumenical Service, Dorchester Baptist Church, 4.00 pm.

Guest Speaker: Katie Roberts, Christian Aid National Head of Strategy and Development Policy.

Wednesday, May 18. Christian Aid stall in Church Hall.

Friday, May 20. South Street Collection. 9 am to 5 pm.

Volunteers for the street collection would be very welcome as would people wishing to carry out house to house collections or delivery only.

The traditional 'Walk to the River Jordan' will be held later in the year (details to be announced) and the main Christian Aid Market on October 15th.

Art Display by NHS Mental Health Clients Weymouth College, Cranford Avenue, Weymouth DT4 7LQ Tuesday, April 26th from 9am to 5pm

On behalf of NHS Dorset HealthCare Trust and our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Manager Laura Barrow, I invite you to this long-awaited event. All the art on display will be the work of mental health clients in Weymouth and Portland. We in the Weymouth and Portland Community Mental Health Team wish to celebrate the talents and achievements of our clients, rather than focusing only on the challenges which they have faced and overcome.

We have wanted to support such an exhibition for several years, but only now has it been possible to mount this display which we are proud to do. Visitors are welcome at any time between 9am and 5pm, and admission is free. The exhibition will be in the foyer / reception area of Weymouth College in Cranford Avenue; the College number is 01305 761100. Jonai Da Silva

Come and Celebrate the URC's 50th Jubilee Wessex Synod Big Day Out Saturday 7th May

This will be held at Hollycombe Steam in the Country, Liphook, Hampshire, where attractions include a traditional steam fairground. Further information from www.hollycombe.co.uk.

Wessex Synod attractions include activity field with marquees, 30-piece brass band, giant games, family trails and reflective labyrinth, craft zones and workshops. We invite everyone in all churches to come along.

Synod subsidised tickets (booked in advance): Adults £8, Children £5.

John Bell

Church of Scotland minister, member of the Iona Community, hymn writer and broadcaster is:

- preaching at Salisbury Methodist Church on Sunday May 8 at 10.30 a.m.
- leading a workshop on *Good Reasons to Sing*, again at SMC at 2.30 p.m.
- and leading a short course on *Revisiting the Psalms* at Sarum College on Monday May 9 from 10.00 to 4.00. To book: www.sarum.ac.uk/short-courses/revisiting-the-psalms

Solos

All meetings are on Wednesday afternoons starting at 2.30pm. They will be held in the church coffee lounge unless the meeting is an outing.

April 27 th	Working together in groups to solve problems: talk by Wendy Hilton on computer communication, Refreshments
May 18 th	Quiz and Games afternoon, Refreshments
June 22 nd	Special Speaker, Refreshments
July 20 th	Afternoon Tea at Angela's
August	No meeting
21st September	Trip to Bowleaze Cove
19th October	Special Speaker, Refreshments
16th November	Group discussions, Refreshments
21st December	Christmas lunch at the Trumpet Major

The Methodist Church

Community Outreach Worker – Weymouth

As a result of Staff Progression, an opportunity has arisen for a part time (20 hours per week) Community Outreach Worker in the Weymouth Area – initially based at the Methodist Church's Westham Community Centre.

You will work closely with the Minister and their team to establish a thriving Christian presence in the Community Centre and beyond. The Centre has an active food bank, CAB advice facilities, a number of support groups who use the Centre as their meeting place and some community leisure group activities.

Previous experience (employed or voluntary) of working in an outreach role would be helpful. It is an occupational requirement that the post holder has a Christian faith (according to the Equality Act 2021, Part 1, Schedule 9). The post is also subject to enhanced DBS clearance.

Pay rate is currently is £11.43 per hour (approximately £11887 pa)

For further information and an application pack contact Susan Bird (Circuit Steward), or see the [Circuit web site](#).

Closing date 29th April 2022.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the June news sheet is Sunday 22nd May. 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.