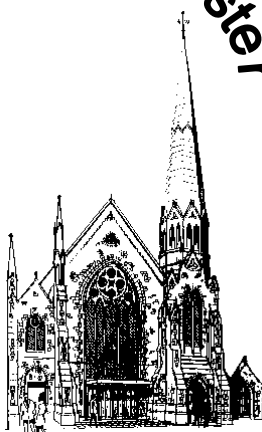


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



OCTOBER 2023

Registered Charity No: 1137996

Methodist and United Reformed

Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

Minister (Rev John Yarrien) 01305 262421
John's rest day is usually Friday. Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary.

Pastoral Support Assistant: [Ruth Magee](#)
Church Secretary: [Mary Martin](#)
Senior Steward: [Michael Humphrey](#)

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Sunday Services

1st October

10.30 am Rev David Cuckson
6.30 pm Rev Gwyneth Owen

8th October Homeless Sunday

10.30 am Rev Steph Jenner
Holy Communion
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

15th October World Church Sunday

10.30 am Rev Dr Howard Mellor
6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion

22nd October

10.30 am Mr Chris Smith

29th October All Saints

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 8th October, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

4th October Mr Chris Warren
11th October Rev John Yarrien
18th October Rev Neil Riches
25th October Rev Peter Clark

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of Cynthea Reed in August. Please remember her family and friends in your prayers.

Congratulations to Judy and Andy Davies, who celebrate their golden wedding anniversary in October.

Congratulations to Brian Savage and Mary Rousell who celebrated their 80th birthdays in September.

On Sunday 15th October, World Church Sunday, [Revd Dr Howard Mellor](#) is coming to lead our service and talk about his work with the Methodist International Church in Hong Kong. There will be a retiring collection for World Mission Fund.

Change of Senior Steward

Following Brian Savage's decision to stand down as Senior Steward so that he can better support Jonai in his ongoing treatment, the Council of Stewards has appointed Michael Humphrey as the new Senior Steward. Brian will be continuing as a Steward until the end of his 4-year term next spring, as well as managing the electronic display in the UCD Foyer. Congratulations and best wishes to Michael in his new role. His contact details can be found at the top of the front page of the printed copy of the news sheet.

Thank you to the Cleaning Team

Steve Russell, our cleaner, has retired after many years of excellent service and we are shortly to appoint a new cleaning contractor. A very big and grateful thank you to our team of valiant volunteers who have been cleaning the church on our behalf in the meantime. Michael Humphrey

Welcome meeting

Monday 2nd October at 3pm in the coffee lounge

This is a meeting for those who are new to the church over this last year. If you are new you should have received a personal invitation to this event but, if you have not, please see Wendy Hilton or [Ruth Magee](#). We want to welcome everyone who has recently come.

The next **Pastoral Visitors' meeting** will be on
Wednesday 11th October at 3pm
in the coffee lounge

Topic "The Hidden Role of the Pastoral Visitor"
led by Ruth Magee, Pastoral Support Assistant

[Dorchester Poverty Action](#): open meeting

Tuesday 10th October at 7pm
at [Dorford Centre](#)

"Citizens' Advice Supporting Residents through Crisis"
Speaker: Daniel Cadisch, Dorchester Citizens' Advice
Everyone Welcome

Dorset Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Many thanks to all who sponsored Eric Young for this event. He cycled about 40 miles and visited 23 churches. He expects to raise about £250, half of which will go to the Dorset Historic Churches Trust and half to Dorchester United Church.

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact [Enid Parson via e-mail](#). Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.



Concert in aid of [Wheels for the World](#)

Sunday 22nd October, 3 pm

Music and Poetry for an Autumn Afternoon with Heather Reed, Brenda Stephenson and Sue Chown
There will be refreshments and a retiring collection

United Church Shop

The [United Church Shop](#) is on Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library, and is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 to 12.30.

Good News from Transform Trade!

After a fundraising campaign, [Transform Trade](#) have just launched a range of Christmas cards!!! When Traidcraft went into administration in January, all retail opportunities ceased, so it is great to see this first important step on the road to getting some products back. They hope to launch other products, including teabags, later.

I have ordered a small selection of cards for the [Church Shop](#) to see how they sell, in the light of postal price increases and continuing slow trade. The cards are environmentally friendly, recyclable and do not contain a Bible text. All profits go to Transform Trade's work with farmers and artisans around the world. Please come in and have a look and see what we have. Your support is so important, both to the Fair Trade movement and to the shop. Thank you. Susy

QUIZ EVENING

on Saturday 30th September, 7pm at the United Church

£5 per person

Come as a team (max 6 people) or join a team on the night

Coffee/tea and cake provided

Please pre-book if possible by contacting Peter/Gill Robinson via email using the [UCD Contact Form](#)

Proceeds to [Wheels for the World](#)

Please support

Christmas Shoe Boxes for House of Opportunity

We will again be collecting shoe boxes for the Salisbury-based charity, which has been renamed [House of Opportunity](#). Please start collecting now. Leaflets should be available at the beginning of October, but more information is available on the [House of Opportunity Christmas Box appeal](#) page. We expect the Christmas shoe boxes to be collected in mid- November.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the November news sheet is Sunday 22nd October. 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, 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.