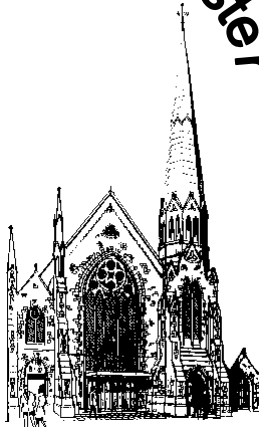


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



MARCH 2025

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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](#)
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Church office: 01305 457477
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Sunday Services

2nd March	Transfiguration Sunday
10.30 am	Rev John Yarrien Holy Communion
9th March	
10.30 am	Mr Chris Smith
4.00 pm	Tea-Pot
16th March	World Church Sunday
10.30 am	Rev John Yarrien Gabby North
23rd March	
10.30 am	Rev John Walker
6.30 pm	Rev John Yarrien
30th March	Mothering Sunday
10.30 am	Rev John Yarrien

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am	
5 th March	Rev John Yarrien
12 th March	Rev Peter Clark
19 th March	Rev John Walker
26 th March	Mr Tony Boyden

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 9th March, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

Many of you will remember John and Pam Pope, who moved to Exmouth. Sadly John died just before Christmas, having been in residential care.

Esme Stringer of Thomas Hardye Gardens died in January aged 93. She had not been to church recently as she found it very difficult due to a hearing problem.

Congratulations to Shirley Hood and Mary Creighton who have 90th birthdays in February and March and Marion Cox who celebrates in May.

World Church Sunday

We are delighted that Gabby North of The Leprosy Mission will be attending our service on Sunday 16th March to speak about their work. As you know, this is the charity we have chosen to support throughout 2025. The service will be led by Rev John Yarrien and members of the World Church Committee. There will be a retiring collection for [The Leprosy Mission](#).

World Day of Prayer

The [annual service](#) will be at St Mary's Church, Edward Road, on Friday 7th March at 10.30 am.

A new volunteer is needed to represent UCD on the World Day of Prayer Committee (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer). This involves four meetings a year to organise the annual service on the first Friday in March. If you can help, please see Wendy Hilton.

The church is open for **Morning Prayer** each Tuesday starting at 8.30am. All welcome.

Church Meeting: Wednesday 26th February at 7pm

Our next UCD Church Meeting is in the Hall on Wednesday 26th February at 7pm and it will have a single item agenda: 'A fresh look at our buildings'.

Please read the article in the February/March Vision magazine that offers some options for the Church property. Your ideas are key as to how we might plan and proceed so join us on the 26th. In the meantime, please give your views in writing to either Paul Smith or Michael Humphrey.

Annual Church Report

At the Church Annual General Meeting on 1st May we present our Annual Church Report. This includes short reports each covering aspects of our activities over the last year, written by our members. Please let me have your submissions by Monday 31st March via [email](#).

Michael Humphrey

EASTER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 12th April, 10.00 -12.00 in the Church Hall

Stalls include:

- Cakes
- Crafts
- Plants
- Books
- Jigsaws
- Bric-a-Brac
- Guess the weight of the hamper
- Refreshments – Tea, Coffee, Cake and Hot Cross Buns



Please support – all proceeds for [The Leprosy Mission](#)
Donations of cakes and items for stalls will be gratefully received.
If you are able to offer help on the day please contact Gill Robinson

QUIZ EVENING

Saturday 22nd March, 7pm at United Church Dorchester

£5 per person

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

Coffee/tea and cake provided

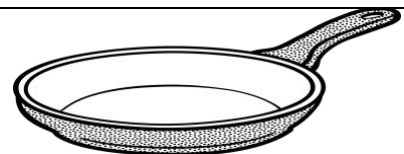
Please pre-book if possible by contacting [Elizabeth & Paul Haynes](#)

Proceeds to [Action for Children](#)

Please support

Pancake Party

Please join us for a [Pancake Party](#) on Tuesday 4th March, 3-4pm, in the coffee lounge.



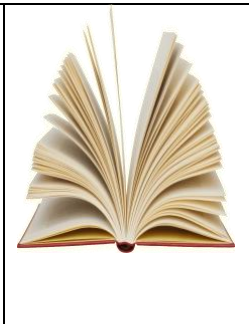
Prayer Chain	Saturday Men's Breakfast Meetings
If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact Enid Parson . Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.	The next Men's Group meeting will be at 8.30 a.m. on March 15 th . Any reasonable breakfast suggestions welcomed, otherwise it will probably be a fry-up. Paul Wallis

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls			
The charities booked in for March are:			
March 5 th	Vacant	March 12 th	Parkinson's UK
March 19 th	Vacant	March 26 th	Julia's House
If you know of any charities who might be interested in having a stall in future months (we only have one charity stall each Wednesday) then please put them in touch with me. John Parson			

2025 Church Directory/Address Book	
The 2025 directory will soon be printed and will be available from Wendy Hilton for anyone who is on the church database. Please do not share outside the church as, due to data protection regulations, this is only for church members. If you want an electronic copy, please e-mail Wendy	
The address book only includes those who have given permission on their GDPR form that they are happy for their details to be included in a printed directory.	
The directory DOES NOT INCLUDE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People living in residential care, nursing homes or who are housebound • People who are on the church database but do not worship regularly or volunteer within church activities 	

Lent Lunches	
This year Ash Wednesday will be the 5th March, and we shall serve Lent lunches for seven weeks from then until Easter. Every Wednesday from 12 noon until 1.30pm, Sue Gannaway and her team of helpers will serve a variety of salads and a delicious selection of desserts, all accompanied by a cup of tea or coffee. The lunches will be served in the hall immediately after the Coffee Morning. Why not come along and enjoy a lovely meal in good company? The charge is £7.50, with all profits going to Christian Aid and Action for Children . Last year, Lent lunches raised £1200. Let's do even better this year.	

Books wanted, especially paperbacks	
You may have noticed that the number of books in the bookcase in the hall is diminishing. On Wednesday market days, when there is not a charity raising funds, we put out the books for a church charity. They are spread out so they are more easily seen than in the bookcase. This has led to lots of additional sales and the need for some more books to replenish the shelves. Please leave any bag of books by the bookcase in the hall. Thank you.	



What's On	Date	Time	Venue
Church Meeting	Wednesday 26 th February	7 pm	Church hall
Pancake party	Tuesday 4 th March	3-4 pm	Coffee lounge
Lent Lunch	Wednesday 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th March, 2 nd and 9 th April	12-1.30	Church hall
World Day of Prayer service	Friday 7 th March	10.30 am	St Mary's Church
Men's breakfast meeting	Saturday 15 th March	8.30 am	Coffee lounge
Quiz evening	Saturday 22 nd March	7 pm	Church hall
Easter coffee morning	Saturday 12 th April	10-12	Church hall



United Church Shop

Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday,
10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

[The shop](#) is in Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library

Easter cards, various designs in packs or single cards will be on sale from Ash Wednesday, 5th March. We also have exciting new stock from the eco-friendly and ethical supplier Shared Earth. Do come and have a look!

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the April news sheet is midday on Sunday 23rd March. 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 – please [send in](#) any information about [Events](#) taking place at the church, or [Latest News](#) items that may be of interest.

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.