

NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

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John's rest day is usually Friday. Please contact one of the Church Stewards if necessary.

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Services

4th May	
10.30 am	Rev John Yarrien Holy Communion
11th May	
10.30 am	Mr Chris Warren
4.00 pm	Christian Aid service at St George's
18th May	Aldersgate Sunday
10.30 am	Rev Gwyneth Owen
4.00 pm	Tea-Pot
25th May	
10.30 am	Rev Brenda Stephenson

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

7 th May	Mr Tony Boyden
14 th May	Mr Chris Warren
21 st May	Mr Peter Jenner
28 th May	Rev Brenda Stephenson

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 18th May, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of Rose Gough at the age of 98. Rose was a regular worshipper here with her husband until he died and, after they changed churches when their chapel closed, always felt that UCD was her church. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Rev John Travell who was 95 and to Colin Gannaway who was 80 in April, and to Marylyn Mould, who will be 80 in May.

The Cox family from Australia, Switzerland and Manchester would like to extend an invitation to the church family to join them after the Sunday service on 18th May to raise a toast and enjoy cake to celebrate Marion's 90th birthday. If you have any questions, contact [Ruth Magee](#).

Prayer Chain

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

Thy Kingdom Come

Thy Kingdom Come is a movement which is worldwide and ecumenical. It consists of each of us praying for up to five people each day from Ascension Day to Pentecost. Ascension Day is this year on Thursday, 29th May. Pentecost is ten days later, on Sunday, 8th June, so we are asked to pray on each of 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 our own private conversation with God, 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.

We pray, "Come, Holy Spirit, Come", that those for whom we pray may grow in faith and become regular members of a worshipping community.

You should have received with the Vision magazine a card on which you can write the names of the people for whom you will pray. There are spare cards in the foyer in case you have lost yours and also so that couples can each have their own card. You can find out more at [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: MAY 11-17 (80th Anniversary of [Christian Aid](#))

Ecumenical Service, St George's Church, Fordington, Sunday, May 11th at 4.00 pm

Led by Revd. Cora Yarrien. Guest Speaker: Dominic Brain, National Head of Christian Aid Programme Funding. In the presence of the Mayor, Councillor Robin Potter. Followed by light refreshments.

Sponsored Walk on the Jubilee Trail, Thursday May 8th to Saturday May 10th

To mark the **80th anniversary of Christian Aid**, **Tony McDougal, of Dorchester Baptist Church**, will walk 80 km east along the trail. If you would like to sponsor him, please pay into his [dedicated fundraising account](#) or contact [Tony Boyden](#)

House to House collections

We would always like to see more house to house collectors. To make the task less onerous, we suggest that collectors just collect from 10 houses in their vicinity although some may wish to collect from more houses (for full details see the church noticeboard). For further information please contact [Tony Boyden](#)

South Street collection, Friday 16th May

Dorchester Baptist Church picnic in the Borough Gardens, Sunday 18th May

UCD Foyer Screen

We are grateful to Mr Chris Smith, who will shortly be obtaining and installing a new, larger, electronic display screen in the foyer window. Electronic copies of posters for display which are designed with a 2-to-1 height-to-width ratio will be particularly well suited to this new screen.

Many thanks. Brian Savage

Please come along and support

'LOVE OUR CHURCH DAY'



SATURDAY 10TH MAY, 9-3



A chance to help with Spring Cleaning
or little DIY tasks

All are welcome – whether you can spare 30 minutes
or several hours, there will be a task for you



Tea, coffee & cake available
For more information contact
Gill Robinson



Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in for May are:

May	7 th	Leprosy Mission (Clothes 4 You Sale)	21 st	Dorset Nightstop
	14 th	Feral and Elderly Cat Care	28 th	Parkinson's Society

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. Our next vacancy is on the 25th June.

John Parson

Church address books (printed) are now available from Wendy Hilton. If you would like an electronic version, please e-mail Wendy.

Cards & Games, Cake & Chat

Thursday 15th May 2.30pm- 4.30pm in the coffee lounge. Everyone welcome. Bring along your favourite game and/or a pack of cards. Contact [Ruth Magee](mailto:Ruth) or Elizabeth Haynes for more information.

Keeping safe online

Several million cases of fraud and of computer misuse are reported to the police every year, but many of those crimes could have been prevented by making a few small changes in online behaviour. Being a victim of internet fraud has happened to members of this church within the last year. To avoid becoming a victim of online crime you don't need to be a computer expert. Developing a few good online habits drastically reduces your chances of becoming a victim of cyber crime, makes you less vulnerable and lets you use the web safely.

Dorset Police will be giving a talk on **Thursday 29 May at 2.30pm** in the church. Information will be available on how to shop online safely, spotting e-mail scams, identifying fake websites and even social networking. The majority of church members use a computer, mobile phone or i-pad and we can all be safer. Everyone welcome - church members, friends and anyone who feels they could benefit.



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

As well as Christian books, we have greetings cards for all occasions and attractive and colourful gifts from the eco-friendly and ethical suppliers Shared Earth and Tilar Art. We look forward to seeing you in the shop.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the June news sheet is midday on 18th 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 – 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.