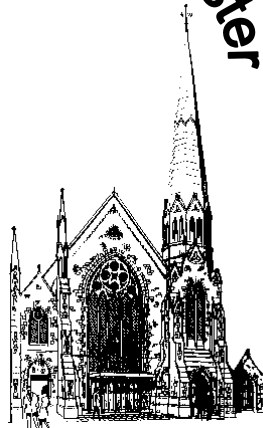


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JUNE 2026

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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.

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We are a Christian Community seeking to be a Beacon of God's Light and Love for All

Sunday Services

7th June

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion

14th June

at Weymouth Bay Methodist Church

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
Circuit Service

4.00 pm Tea-Pot (at UCD)

21st June

10.30 am Miss Sarah James

28th June

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

3rd June Mr Tony Boyden

10th June Rev Peter Clark

17th June Mr Chris Warren

24th June Mrs Elizabeth Haynes

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 14th June, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.



Light a Candle for Peace

We are opening the church for a time of quiet reflection, for the community and church members to come and light a candle, pray for peace, and pray for our increasingly fragmented world. Many of us are feeling helpless, unsure of what is going on in our world and how we should respond. Lighting a candle for peace gives us a chance to stop and pause as we pray for peace.

Stay a while

Stay for the whole time

Give a minute of your time

10am – 12noon

Saturday June 13th, July 11th, September 19th, October 3rd, November 7th and December 5th

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.

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

Also known as Tea-Pot, Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns takes place on one Sunday afternoon each month, usually, but not always, on the second Sunday. People arrive between 3.30 and 4pm, ready for a formal start at 4pm with a welcome and grace before food. We serve sandwiches and cake, accompanied by tea or coffee. At about quarter to five, we give out the hymn books and then people select the hymns which they wish to sing. Hymns tend to be chosen not because the tune enables them to have "a jolly good sing", but because of the meaning of the words. At about ten past five, we have a short bible reading, usually the gospel for that Sunday, and at 5.30pm we thank the accompanist and the ladies who have prepared the tea, and then we close by saying together the Lord's Prayer and the Grace. There is no charge, but donations are welcome, with any surplus money being shared between the church and the church's charity, which is at the moment the [Leprosy Mission](#).

We are aware that some church members are busy on Sunday afternoons. Some don't have their Sunday roast until 5pm. For others, Sunday afternoon is when they visit or are visited by their family who live locally. However, if you are free on Sunday afternoons, why not come along to Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns, at least to try it out to see whether it is for you. We shall be delighted to welcome you.

John Parson

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in during June are:

3	Salvation Army	17	Parkinson's Dance
10	Leprosy Mission	24	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. I am now taking bookings for July to December.

Dementia Care

I had a meeting with [Age UK North, South and West Dorset](#) about a Charity Stall and they are going to have one on the 1st July. They told me that they are available to help anyone struggling to support someone with dementia care. Their telephone number is 01305 269444 or contact them by [email](#).

John Parson

Saturday Men's Breakfast Meetings

The Men's Group meetings are held in the coffee lounge at 8.30 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month. Paul Wallis

Social Dance Afternoon

Saturday 6th June, 2-4pm
Come and dance or just sit and watch! Free entry, with tea and cake, donations towards the repair of the church roof welcomed

People's Emergency Briefing

On Thursday June 4th at 7.00 pm at the Corn Exchange there is to be a showing of the film '[People's Emergency Briefing](#)' organised by [Dorset Climate Action Network](#). Doors open at 6.30 pm for refreshments. The film lasts 45 minutes. Free tickets can be booked on the [Dorset CAN website](#). We have been asked to publicise this by the [Churches Together in Dorchester](#) Ecology Group.

GDPR – Data Protection

Each year the church has to submit to the national church a long checklist to show that we are complying with all the current legislation regarding an individual's personal information (GDPR). The church keeps a database of all church members and adherents who have completed a consent form. This database is updated every month and when an individual moves or dies the information is destroyed. The lettings officer keeps data on another database for those who hire our premises and this also complies with the church GDPR policy. If you, in your role, keep personal information that is not on either of these databases, as data controller I need to be aware of this. This data needs to be compliant. Several people have retired from their posts at the AGM recently, so now is a good time to check if you have destroyed all information which you no longer have a legitimate reason to keep.

Thank you.

Wendy Hilton



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

We have some lovely new stock if you are searching for that special gift for someone. It is all fairly traded. Why not pop in and have a look when you are next in town? We accept cash and card payment.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the July/August news sheet is midday on Sunday, 21st June. 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.