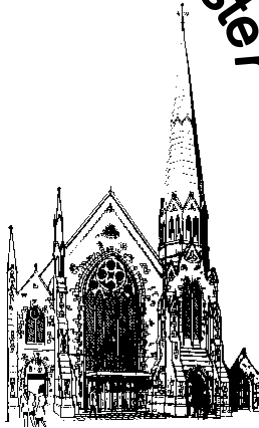


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



FEBRUARY 2025

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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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Sunday Services

2nd February

10.30 am Worship Committee

9th February

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

16th February

10.30 am Rev Peter Clark

23rd February

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
6.30 pm Rev John Yarrien

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

5th February Rev Brenda Stephenson
12th February Mr Tony Boyden
19th February Rev John Walker
26th February Mr Chris Warren

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

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

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.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer annual coffee morning will be on Saturday 8th February from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, with stalls including cakes, preserves and books. Tea, coffee and biscuits are included in the entry fee of £2.

The global service will be at [St Mary's Church](#), Edward Road, on Friday 7th March at 10.30 am. This year the women of the Cook Islands have written the service.

A new volunteer is needed to represent UCD on the World Day of Prayer Committee. 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.

Thank You Marion

After many years of collating the weekly order of service and notices, Marion Cox is now retiring. Thank you, Marion, for all your hard work and commitment over many years.

In future anything to go in the weekly notices should be sent by Thursday midday each week to the [church office](#)

2025 Church Directory/Address Book

In the next few weeks we will be compiling the 2025 address book. The details will be taken from information that is held about you on the church database. If you have changed your address, phone number or e-mail and have not let us know, please do so by **Saturday February 8th**.

The address book will only include those who have given permission on their GDPR form that they are happy for their details to be included in a printed directory. If you previously agreed to having you details printed but this is no longer the case, or vice versa, please let us know.

The directory WILL NOT INCLUDE 1) People living in residential care, nursing homes or who are housebound, unless you specifically let us know that you wish to be included; 2) People who are on the church database but do not worship regularly or volunteer within church activities.

If you are not sure whether your details are up-to-date, please call or [e-mail](#) us. We hope to have the 2025 directory completed and printed by March.

John and Wendy Hilton

Saturday Men's Breakfast Meetings

The Men's Group has secured more dates for the new year - 8.30 a.m. on February 15th and March 15th. Any reasonable breakfast suggestions welcomed, otherwise it will probably be a fry-up.
Paul Wallis

Next Pastoral Visitors' Meeting

Monday 3rd February at 3pm in the Coffee Lounge
Led by Rev John Yarren and Ruth Magee
"Thinking outside the box – what is the core function of the pastoral visitor?"

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in for February are:

February 5 th	Oxfam	February 12 th	Vacant
February 19 th	Marie Curie	February 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



Story Tots Plus during February Half-Term

We will be having Story Tots as usual on Thursday 20th February (9.30-11am) when older brothers and sisters can come with their younger member of the family.

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.



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 look forward to seeing you in the shop. In January we had two lots of customers, from Wimborne and from Taunton, who were visiting Dorchester and who were delighted to find something that's an increasing rarity - a Christian bookshop!

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the March news sheet is midday on Sunday 16th February. 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.