

NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JANUARY 2025

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.

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Sunday Services

5th January

10.30 am Rev Jane Wilson

12th January

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

19th January

10.30 am Rev David Cuckson

26th January

10.30 am Mr Richard Lownsbrough
6.30 pm Rev Neil Riches

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

8th January Mr Chris Warren

15th January Mr Tony Boyden

22nd January Rev Steph Jenner

29th January Mr Peter Jenner

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 12th January, in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

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

Church Family News

Congratulations to Joy Parkhurst, who celebrated her 100th birthday at the end of November. A card and flowers were given to Joy on this special day. Joy was a staunch member of Fordington Methodist church until it closed and a regular worshipper at the Wednesday market day service.

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.

New Year Family Fun Morning

Saturday 4th January, 10-12 noon

We are having a morning for children, parents and grandparents to come along and join in various craft activities, play with toys, join in a few games which will include pass the parcel, and have hot drinks and toast. This free Family Fun Morning will be held in church so please use the South Street entrance. See Peter Jenner for more information.

World Day of Prayer

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.

CCTV

Five CCTV cameras are being installed at various locations within the building to improve the safety of those who use our premises and our security in general. Work will start on Monday 13th January for three days and we will try to keep disruption to a minimum.

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in for January are:

January 1 st	New Year's Day – No Coffee Morning		
January 8 th	Vacant	January 15 th	Freedom from Torture
January 22 nd	Parkinson's Society	January 29 th	Vacant

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

United Church Window on South Street (North Side)

To publicise an event at the United Church, either on behalf of the Church or as a hirer of our premises, please send an electronic copy of the poster to [Brian Savage](#) by the middle of the month preceding the event itself. The poster will then form part of the power point display on the screen in this window and centralise our publicity. It will allow us to keep the window free of physical posters. Many thanks.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18th to 25th January

Theme: Do you believe this?

Church	Date	Time
Storehouse Church (opening service)	Sunday 19 th January	6.30pm
Dorchester Family Church (prayer breakfast) Venue: 2 Red Cow Business Park, Long Bridge Way, DT1 1YD	Monday 20 th January	8.00am
St Mary's Church (prayer breakfast)	Tuesday 21 st January	8.30am
United Church (market day service)	Wednesday 22 nd January	10.45am
St Peter's Church (followed by light lunch)	Thursday 23 rd January	12noon
Holy Trinity Church (followed by light lunch)	Friday 24 th January	12noon
Salvation Army (prayer breakfast)	Saturday 25 th January	9.00am
Dorchester Community Church (closing service)	Sunday 26 th January	6.30pm

You're welcome to worship at any of these venues across the week. Each day explores a particular aspect of the overall theme. Services, with the exception of the opening and closing, will generally be brief. Services have been arranged for a variety of times to enable you to come when it is most convenient.

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the February news sheet is midday on Sunday 19th January. 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.