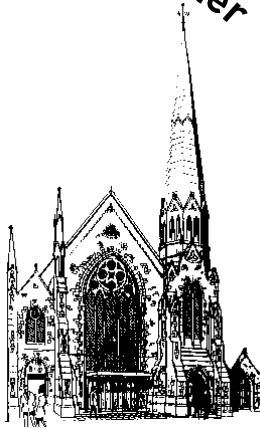


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JUNE 2024

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.

Pastoral Support Assistant: [Ruth Magee](#)
Church Secretary: [Michael Humphrey](#)
Senior Steward: To be appointed

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Sunday Services

2nd June

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
Holy Communion

9th June

Methodist Homes Sunday

10.30 am Mr Roger Phillips
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

16th June

10.30 am Rev Steph Jenner

23rd June

World Refugee Sunday

10.30 am Worship Committee

30th June

Rural Mission Sunday

10.30 am Mr Chris Warren

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of David Steel. Please remember his family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer for yourself or others at any time, please contact [Enid Parson via e-mail](#). Details can be given anonymously, and confidentiality within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Transport Co-ordinator

For many years Peter Green has been the person to contact if you needed a lift arranged to get to church. Peter is retiring and we are very grateful for this service and all the lifts he has organised over many years. We are now looking for a new co-ordinator. Could that be YOU?

Church Contacts List 2024-25

In the August–September Vision magazine the new church contact list will be the centre page spread, so you can pull it out for reference. This list is the contact name (not phone number or e-mail) for the person to talk to, whether it is about who organises Bible readers for Sunday services, to who looks after the first aid boxes. The 2023-24 list is on the notice board in the hall, if you are not sure if you are included. If you have changed roles, please let Wendy Hilton know before 1st July.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

5th June Mr Peter Jenner

12th June Rev John Yarrien

19th June Rev John Walker

26th June Rev Peter Clark

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pot is on Sunday, 9th June, 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.

Vision Day 22nd June

This year Rev John Yarrien is asking us all to join him and the Church Stewards on a journey to set the vision for UCD for the next 10 years and beyond. We started this process at the AGM when many ideas were shared about how we might move forward. Our next step in this journey is our Vision Day on Saturday 22nd June. Please see the information below.

Michael Humphrey, Church Secretary.

Saturday 22nd June 2024

A day when we come together as a Church Community to renew our Vision

All members and friends of United Church Dorchester are invited to:

- Share ideas freely
- Listen with an open heart
- Be ready for God's prompting

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Hall and register for one of the two sessions

Each session starts with a meal

Session 1 Breakfast

9.00 – 11.30

Session 2 Lunch

12.00 – 2.30

For more details speak to Rev John Yarrien

Children and Family Events

A BIG THANK YOU to those who helped at our **Pentecost Family Fun Day** on 18th May. Children and parents had a good morning, enjoyed the pass the parcel as well as crafts, which included the bunting that was round the church for the Sunday Pentecost service.

Forest Praise Café, Saturday 29th June at St George's from 10.30 to 12 noon

The theme will be "Looking after Creation", a fun morning for children and parents, who sometimes bring along grandparents.

Holiday Club for Children aged 6-11 years at United Church

Thursday 8th August to Saturday 10th August, 10-12noon

We are going to be running a Holiday Club in church at the beginning of August which will be set up on Wednesday 7th August after the Market Day service. The theme will be "Going for Gold", which is very appropriate as the Olympics will be held in Paris during the summer. The mornings will consist of two activities, challenges, lots of fun and juice and biscuits. We plan to take the children to Borough Gardens on the Friday morning weather permitting.

We are involving [Churches Together](#) in Dorchester and Area and seeking volunteers from other churches, and we need people from United Church to help as well. You can help on the three days or just help on one or two days. We need to have enough volunteers / helpers to make the Holiday Club happen.

Please see [Peter Jenner](#) or [Rev John Yarrien](#) if you can help.

We will keep you updated through our monthly news sheet.

Peter Jenner

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in until the end of June are:

May 29 th	Julia's House	June 19 th	Marie Curie
June 5 th	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds	June 26 th	U3A
June 12 th	Action for Children		

On the 12th June there will also be a stall supporting a Thomas Hardy School pupil called Jenny, who in 2025 is going to Borneo for four weeks. The expedition is being organised by [Camps International](#), and, whilst Jenny is there, she will be helping with community projects, so it is a working trip, not a holiday. She is fundraising, not only to pay for her trip, but also to help fund the community projects, a worthy cause.

If you know of any charities who might be interested in having a stall in future months (we only have one charity each Wednesday) then please put them in touch with me.

John Parson

[Flutecakes at the Zoo](#)

Saturday 22nd June at 5pm

An hour of flute music connected to animals,
followed by cake and drinks

All proceeds to go to [Dorchester Child Contact Centre](#)

**Brenda and Heather perform music for two pianos
with music for cello played by Tim Smithers
Sunday 30th June at 3pm**

An [afternoon of relaxing music](#) followed by
refreshments

Proceeds to '[Wheels for the World](#)'

[Churches Together](#) in Dorchester and Area - [Dorset County Show](#), 7th and 8th September

It may seem a bit early to be talking about the County Show in September. The reason for this is that on Thursday 4th July here at United Church between 6pm and 7.30pm in the coffee lounge, we will have the details for the various volunteer roles that need to be covered in our marquee at the show. Last year some things did not run smoothly so we are asking people from the churches to come along between these times to sign up for a particular role so that they are clear what they have come to do at the show. Tea and biscuits will be available. Peter Jenner and Rev John Yarrien will be there to explain the roles.

Events in aid of [Dorchester Poverty Action](#)

[Martinstown Garden Fete](#) at The Manor House on Saturday 22 June, 2pm-6pm. Admission £2.

[Dorchester Choral Society](#) free summer concert on Saturday 22 June at 7pm in the Borough Gardens. Bucket collection for Dorchester Poverty Action.

Dorchester Poverty Action coffee morning – Saturday 13 July, 10 am-12noon, at UCD.

Dates for your diary

Tea and Chat – a new social activity for everyone to get to know each other better, on Thursday 4th July, 2.30-4pm, in the Coffee Shop.

Pastoral Visitor training on Thursday 11th July, 2.30-4pm, in the Cerne Abbas room.



[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

GOOD NEWS! [Transform Trade](#) are relaunching Traidcraft tea! I have
[ordered some for the shop](#) and it should be arriving early in June.
Inevitably, the price has gone up, and it now retails at £4.75. If this
product sells well, I hope they will eventually relaunch decaf teabags as
well, but it's a great start! Susy

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the July news sheet is midday on Sunday 23rd 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. 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.