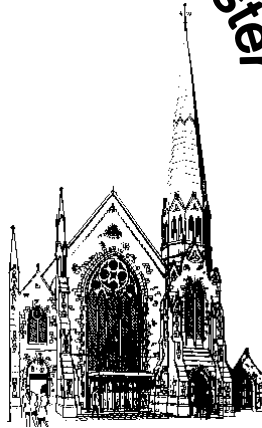


NEWS

United Church Dorchester



JULY/AUGUST 2024

Registered Charity No: 1137996

Methodist and United Reformed
Part of Churches Together in Dorchester

Minister ([Rev John Yarrien](#)) 01305 262421
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Sunday Services

7th July

10.30 am Rev David Cuckson
Holy Communion

14th July Action for Children Sunday

10.30 am Rev John Yarrien
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

21st July

10.30 am Mrs Elizabeth Haynes
Church with Choices
5.00 pm Rev John Yarrien
at Tolpuddle

28th July

10.30 am Rev Gwyneth Owen

4th August

10.30 am Mr Peter Jenner
Holy Communion

11th August

10.30 am Circuit Summer
Celebration Service

18th August

10.30 am Rev David Cuckson
4.00 pm Tea-Pot

25th August

10.30 am Rev Gwyneth Owen

Church Family News

We are sad to announce the death of Marion Muscle, a member at Dorchester Baptist Church, who came regularly to the Wednesday Market Day service.

Congratulations to Dennis and Jean Janes, who celebrate their diamond (60th) wedding anniversary in July and also to John and Wendy Hilton, who celebrate their golden (50th) wedding anniversary on the same day.

We send our prayers and best wishes to Dan Jacobson and his partner Anna, who are getting married on 27th July at [Carrville Methodist Church](#) in Durham.

We send our best wishes to Pat Bolton as she moves to Tarporley, Cheshire, at the end of June to be nearer her family.

Market Day Services

Wednesdays at 10.45 am

3 rd July	Rev Neil Riches
10 th July	Mr Tony Boyden
17 th July	Rev Brenda Stephenson
24 th July	Rev Peter Clark
31 st July	Mr Chris Warren
7 th August	Rev Steph Jenner
14 th August	Mr Tony Boyden
21 st August	Rev Brenda Stephenson
28 th August	Mr Chris Warren

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

Afternoon Tea and Favourite Hymns

The next Tea-Pots are on Sunday, 14th July and Sunday, 18th August in the Hall at 3.30pm for 4pm, until 5.30pm.

Children and Family Events

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.

Story Tots – Thursday mornings, 9.30-10.45am

[Story Tots](#) would normally finish for the summer holidays but this year we are planning to still have some sessions during the holiday period. The dates are Thursdays 25th July, 15th and 29th August. This will be Story Tots Plus so those who already come can bring their older children if they are not at an age when they can be left at home. On Thursday 1st August the hall will not be available so we will meet on the Great Field at Poundbury, next to PiP Café and the play area. If wet, this will be cancelled. Please see [Peter Jenner](#), Karen Southwood, Pauline Humphrey or Roni Boyden for further information and we do need a few more people to help on the dates above so please speak to any one of us.

Story Tots through the news sheet want to say a **BIG THANK YOU to Diana Leeming**, who is retiring from Story Tots in July. Diana has been involved with Story Tots for a long time and will be greatly missed (I am sure we will still see her from time to time). On behalf of the children and parents who have come to Story Tots in the past, and the present Story Tots team, we say thank you for your time, your efforts, support and love that you have shown to all. Enjoy your "retirement" Diana and the coffee is always on. God Bless.

Teddy Bears' Picnic – Monday 19th August, 11.30am-1pm, in the Borough Gardens

Story Tots (UCD) and Tea, Toast & Toddlers (St George's) are holding a joint Teddy Bears' Picnic in the Borough Gardens on Monday 19th August from 11.30am to 1pm. Families (and older siblings welcome) can bring their picnic and their teddies and meet at the bandstand, which will be our focal point. If wet the picnic will be held at St George's at the same time. Please see [Peter Jenner](#) or [Ruth Magee](#) for further details.

Action for Children

UCD's [Action for Children](#) team are inviting you to the following events this month:

[Action for Children Garden Party](#)

On Saturday 13th July, 2 – 5 pm, at 51 Coburg Road. Come and join us for cream teas, cakes and refreshments in Sue and Colin's garden. Plant and Cake Stalls and Bring and Buy Sale. Any donations to the stalls would be greatly appreciated.

Action for Children Sunday

On Sunday 14th July, 10.30 am at UCD our Action for Children Sunday will be led by Revd John Yarrien and the AFC team. Please bring along your League of Light boxes if you have them; there will be a retiring collection for AFC.

Please come and support us, for fun and fellowship and to raise much needed funds for Action for Children and their important work with children and families.

[Dorchester Family Support](#)

Our plans for the summer are now well advanced and we are hopeful of reaching our financial target, enabling us to work for five weeks during the holidays helping those families entitled to free school meals. We have many volunteers who freely give of their time and we are well supported by Hardye's School, who allow us the use of their facilities. However, if we cannot raise enough money for five weeks we will have to limit the length of time we can help. Please remember these families live in our community, their children attend our schools and are likely to be friends with your children or grandchildren. If you can [help us financially](#) to sustain this work we would be very grateful. Thank you. Kath Joslin – dorchesterfs@gmail.com

Dorchester Poverty Action (Registered Charity no. 1198452)

Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th July, 10-12 noon

at United Church Dorchester

Refreshments with homemade cakes, stalls and raffle

For over 30 years [this charity](#) has been helping local people (DT1 & DT2) at points of crisis by providing emergency grants of up to £250 via a professional's referral. During the cost of living crisis the charity saw a 47% increase in grants given out and the local community were incredibly generous in their support to enable the charity to meet these needs. In the last financial year referrals have returned to a more normal level, but still many people, especially those on Universal Credit, are finding it very difficult. These relatively small amounts of money can prevent debt, homelessness and acute stress. Please support the group's annual [coffee morning](#) to raise money to support more local people in some very difficult situations. If you have items to donate to stalls, please either bring on the day from 9am or let Wendy know after Wednesday 10 July.

Tea and Chat

New to the area or to UCD and want to meet more people?

Want to meet old friends or make new friends?

Come along to **Tea and Chat**, a new social activity

Thursday 4 July, 2.30-4pm in the coffee shop

Refreshments including cake

Quizzes to break the ice available

Everyone welcome

Music for Two Pianos

performed by Brenda and Heather

Sunday 30th June at 3pm

with music for cello played by

Tim Smithers

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

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

Wednesday Coffee Morning Charity Stalls

The charities booked in until the end of August are:

June 26 th	U3A	August 7 th	Dorset Blind Association
July 3 rd	Weldmar	August 14 th	Vacant
July 10 th	Julia's House	August 21 st	Durnovaria Ladies
July 17 th	Dorchester Poverty Action	August 28 th	Vacant
July 24 th	Dorchester Family Support		
July 31 st	Hardy Week: no Coffee Morning		

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

Jam Jars

The World Church Committee are collecting empty jam jars with lids in preparation for a stall at the Christmas coffee morning and would be grateful for your help. Please give any you have to Gill Robinson or leave in the flower kitchen in church lobby and I will remove them each week. Many thanks.

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.

Tolpuddle Festival 2024 – Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July

The annual [Tolpuddle Festival](#) will soon be upon us. Tolpuddle will be the focus for so many who will gather to meet people, especially from their Union. There will be various speakers and musicians on the main stage over the whole weekend. The Church plays its part over the weekend as the [New Methodist Chapel](#) is open for people to see the displays that tell the [story of the Methodist Tolpuddle Martyrs](#), pick up some information and sit and reflect on the martyrs' lives and what they stood up for.

On the Festival site we will have a display in a gazebo outside the main tent to show how the [Methodist Church](#) is currently standing up for justice for all people, along with material to take away. Educational packs for children will also be available. There is a charge on the Saturday to go into the Festival area, but entrance to the churches is free. There are no Festival charges on Sunday.

We are delighted that the new [President, Rev Helen Cameron, and Vice-President, Mrs Carolyn Godfrey](#), will be with us for the weekend. On [Sunday](#) at 2pm there is the parade through the village to which all are welcome to walk with the Tolpuddle Methodist banner and at 5pm there will be a Circuit Service at the New Chapel attended by the Vice-President along with our own minister, Revd John Yarrien. Please see Peter Jenner, Alison Cocks or Diana Leeming if you can help over the weekend at the church or on the festival site.

[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.

Pastoral Visitor Training

Come and join us as we explore the theme

“Being a pastoral visitor revisited”

Tuesday 11th July from 2.30pm- 4.00pm

in the Cerne Abbas Room

Cake is included!

Please reply to [Ruth Magee](#)



United Church Shop

[The shop](#) is in Charles Street, at the back of the church building, opposite Dorchester Library

Don't forget to continue to support the shop during the summer! You are welcome to come in and browse or chat to the staff.

We are open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.

"As I Remember It"

Revd John Travell's new book, "As I Remember It", has been published. It is about his life growing up with his brother in a National Children's Home. The book is available in our church shop, priced at £9.99, with all proceeds going to [Action for Children](#), which is what the National Children's Home charity is now called.

Movement in Worship

Following our Vision Day, I shall be starting a new group for those of you wishing to try movement in worship. Please let me know if you would like to join us, and which time is best for you to come. Saturday morning – just once a month – has been popular in the past. Try worshipping with all of yourself – not only with your voice, your mind – and in service, but also as Paul puts it in Romans 12: "to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship" and in 1 Corinthians 6 "do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?"

Dorothy Smith

Notices for news sheet

The deadline for the September news sheet is midday on Sunday 18th August. 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.