

NEWS

The United Church Dorchester



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Methodist and United Reformed

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May 2015

Registered Charity number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

3 May (5th Easter)

10.30am	Rev J Walker	Acts 8: 26-40
	Holy Communion	Psalm 22: 25-31
		1 John 4: 7-21
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	John 15: 1-8
	(Easter Offerings)	

10 May (6th of Easter)

9.00am	Rev S Jenner	Acts 10: 44-48
	Holy Communion	Psalm 98
		1 John 5: 1-6
10.30am	Rev S Jenner and	John 15: 9-17
	Mr Tony Boyden	
	(Words and Actions)	

6.30pm United Service at the Baptist Church

17 May (Ascentiontide)

10.30am	Rev D Cuckson	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26
	First Steps Worship	Psalm 1
		1 John 5: 9-13
6.30pm	Rev B Stephenson	John 17: 6-19
	Holy Communion	

24 May (Pentecost)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
		Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b
6.30pm	Mr C Warren	Romans 8: 22-27 &
	Celtic-style Worship	Acts 2: 1-21
		John 15: 26-27,
		16:4b-15

31 May (Trinity)

10.30am	Rev D Reep	Isaiah 6: 1-8
		Psalm 29
5.00pm	Alive @ 5	Romans 8: 12-17
	Mr M Reed	John 3: 1-17

Christian Aid Market

Wednesday 13 May

We are responsible for the bric-a-brac and the jewellery stalls and lunches.

Please search out relevant items and contact Sheila Man (Tel); Frances Jackson (Tel) or Barbara Jones (Tel)

Donations towards the cost of lunches would be gratefully received by Sue Gannaway (Tel).

(telephone removed from web version)

Wednesday Market Service

A few more door stewards are urgently needed to help at this Service. If you could help on a regular basis - about three times a year - or as an occasional 'reserve' or would like more information, please contact Sheila King (telephone removed from web version). Thank you

First Steps Worship

Sunday 17th May 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children, parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

Everyday Prayer

Lord God, we know that we are rich in a world where many do not have enough. Open our eyes to the suffering of the poor.

In this Christian Aid Week help us to share what we have with those in need. Amen

WHAT'S ON IN May

- 6 12.30pm Ladies who Lunch followed by Knit and Natter
Please bring your lunch.
Gentlemen are also welcome.
- 7 7.30pm Thursday Bible Fellowship studying lectionary readings. Venue - The Coffee Lounge
Studying the Old Testament Prophet Elijah
- 10 6.30pm Christian Aid United Service at
Dorchester Baptist Church
- 11 7.30pm Men's Group *(Please check notice board for room)*
- 12 9.30am Beside still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome.*
- 13 10.00am Christian Aid Market in the Church Hall
(Please see separate notice)
- 13 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group
Venue - 2 Chestnut Road, Charlton Down
- 14 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
"Bridges of London" - Daphne Pont
- 15 2.00pm Churches Together, Praying Together
The Quiet Space, Poundbury
Please see further notice for details
- 16 9.30am Sponsored walk to River Jordan (Weymouth) in aid of Christian Aid.
(Please see separate notice for details)
- 18 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Cyril and Mary, 27 Lancaster Road
- 21 7.30pm Church Meeting in the Church
(Please see separate notice)
- 26 9.30am Beside still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. *Quiet Room. All welcome.*
- 27 7.30pm Wednesday Home Group
Venue - 13 Moraston Street, Poundbury
- 28 7.30pm Thursday Night Out
"From Here to Wherever" - Lt Col Marion Drew
- 1 June 7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Jacqi and Colin, 48 Prince of Wales Road

LADIES (and Gents) WHO LUNCH (Summer Dates)

We will lunch together in the Coffee Lounge at 12.30 pm on the following Wednesdays:

6th May; 10th June and 15th July.

We intend to break for August and start again in September.

All are welcome.

Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell (telephone removed from web version)

Details can be given anonymously and confidentially within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.

Prayer and Meditation

Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm
This group meets in the church

Friday Morning Bible Fellowship

10.00 - 11.00am weekly
Tolpuddle Room

Church Flowers

	<i>Provision</i>	<i>Distribution</i>
3	Mrs S Mann	Mrs J Young
10	Mrs J Kennewell	Mrs D Smith
17	Mrs C Churchill	Mrs H Hix
24	Mrs R Lees	Mrs A Pople
31	Mrs M Goss	Mrs B Skinner

Church Camp

will again be held at St Mabyn Holiday Park,
Cornwall from Saturday 18 until
Saturday 25 July.

Further details and booking forms from

Maureen Parker (tel removed from web version)

Churches Together, Praying Together

There will be half hour quiet meetings, once a month until June, which will be open to all, held at the Quiet Space in Poundbury, followed by coffee.

A review of this plan by the Executive Committee will take place at its July meeting and, if it is wished, these quiet meetings will continue. Further dates will be announced monthly.

Tuesday Coffee Shop

The coffee shop on a Tuesday needs some extra volunteers on a temporary basis to cover for ill health.

If you could help in the short term and possibly be on the reserves list in the longer term,

please see Ruth Archer. Thank you

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK (10-16 MAY 2015)

The theme this year is **'TRANSFORMING LIVES'**.

This Christian Aid Week will focus on how funding can transform lives; sponsoring projects to help people produce food for themselves in a world where one in eight people go hungry every day. It focuses on people like Loko, who lives in a remote corner of Ethiopia and whose life can be transformed by Christian Aid sponsorship of only £5 from a harsh existence of bare subsistence to where she can set up a sustainable business to feed her family.

We are organising a range of events and fund-raising activities during the week which will involve many of the Dorchester churches.

LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

SUNDAY, 10 MAY (6.30 pm)

United Service at Dorchester Baptist Church .

Address to be given by **Stephen Dominy** ,
Christian Aid Regional Coordinator - Dorset & Channel Islands.

In the presence of:

Councillor Peter Mann and Mrs Sheila Mann, Mayor and Mayoress of Dorchester.

SUNDAY 10 - SATURDAY 16 MAY

House to house collection: volunteers are always needed so if there are people willing to cover a particular road where there are currently no collectors?

WEDNESDAY 13 MAY (9.45 am – 1.45 pm)

Annual Market to be held in **United Church Hall** presented by the churches working together.

Stalls will include cakes, bric-a-brac, jewellery and groceries.

Lunches will be served from 1200 pm onwards: a Ploughman's + sweet + coffee for £5.00.

Official opening by **Councillor Peter Mann, Mayor of Dorchester**

FRIDAY, 15 MAY (9.00 am- 5 pm)

Collection in South Street: volunteer collectors urgently needed, particularly for the afternoon periods.

SATURDAY 16 MAY

Sponsored walk to the River Jordan (Weymouth) leaving from North Square, Dorchester at 9.30 am.

About 18 miles to Bowleaze, Weymouth and back. Organised by Steve Ryder, St Mary's Church.

Walkers welcome for all or part of walk. Convenient bus services at different points en route to return.

More details and a sponsorship form available from Steve on (telephone removed from web version)

or at webmaster @ dorchesteranglican.info

We do need more volunteers for house to house collections (remember contributions from even a few houses can make a significant difference to the lives of people!)

and for the street collection on 15 May.

If you're not involved already, please give these some thought and talk to:

Tony Boyden, Peter Green or Malcolm Lewis

Christian Aid Week May 10 – 16 2015

This year Christian Aid celebrates its 70th anniversary.

In May 1945 the leaders of the main churches in Britain asked that on the Sunday after VE Day – Victory in Europe, 8 May – Christians should resist celebrating a victory and instead donate what they could afford to help reconstruct Europe. More than £3 million in today's money was raised that weekend.

Anne Booth-Clibborn has recounted her experiences at that time. In 1945 she was a 19-year-old ambulance driver in London, familiar with the destruction in the East End. She was then posted as a staff car driver in occupied Germany. Nothing she had seen in London had prepared her for the devastation she saw there. She drove mile upon mile through the Ruhr and saw only bombed out, roofless buildings, and roads clogged with homeless, hungry refugees. She and other witnesses of this scale of suffering were moved to take action to help these people.

Christian Aid was among the several humanitarian agencies that took shape then, resolved to help create a better future for those less fortunate than themselves. The charity has continued to respond with financial and practical help to the disasters and human needs that have punctuated the decades since, not just in Europe but throughout the world.

Please give what you can afford, knowing that it will be put to good use. Thank you.

Church Meeting and our Vision

The next church meeting is on **Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm** in the church.

The stewards have recently reviewed our Vision statement and the church remits. Please pick up a copy of the current Vision statement and proposed revised version, which are available with the agenda and minutes in the foyer. We will be looking at our Vision statement and how we, as a church, are living out our Vision and what we need to be considering for the future.

As part of the meeting, we will be looking at the church website and how that can meet the needs of those visiting or relocating to the area and our local church and community.

Please come with your ideas about the future work of our church.

For information – a paper copy of the revised church remits has been placed in the South Street foyer wall pockets (administration section) and an e-copy is available on the church website.

DIARY DATE - Safeguarding Training

A further safeguarding training session will be held on **Saturday 4 July** for those people who were unable to attend one of the sessions we ran last year and for anyone who has been appointed to a role for which it is required in the meetings last month (this includes Stewards).

The session will be in the **United Church** starting at **10am**. If you need to do this training please put the date in your diary now. If you are not sure if you need to do it then please ask Janice Young or Heather Bland.

Please send notices for inclusion on each Sunday's order of service (space permitting) to Marion Cox by the previous Wednesday at 6.00pm. E-mail: mcox5@talktalk.net. (tel removed from web version). The deadline for the May news-sheet will be 10.00am on Sunday 24 May. Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: ermartin61123@gmail.com or leave hard-copy items in the letterbox or basket in the Charles Street foyer. Items received after the deadline will not be accepted.

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