

NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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Methodist and United Reformed

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March 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

5 March (1st in Lent)

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
	Holy Communion	Psalm 32
5.00pm	United Service at West Bay	Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

12 March (2nd in Lent)

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Genesis 12: 1-4a
	Holy Communion	Psalm 121
10.30am	Rev P Clark	Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	John 3: 1-17
	Holy Communion	

19 March (3rd in Lent)

10.30am	Rev Dr J Travell/ Dr H Jones	Exodus 17: 1-7
	World Church Service	Psalm 95
	First Steps Worship	Romans 5: 1-11
6.30pm	Mr B Moss	John 4: 5-42

26 March (4th in Lent) Mothering Sunday

10.30am	Ms G Bumphrey	Exodus 2: 1-10*
		Psalm 34: 11-20*
5.00pm	Mr P Wallis	2 Cor 1: 3-7*
	Encounter	Luke 2: 33-35*

* For alternative lectionary readings, please refer to the Circuit Plan

First Steps Worship

Sunday 19 March 10.30am - 11.30am
Worship/Activity time for younger children,
parents and carers in the Cerne Abbas Room

Maria Jacobson has been appointed to the post of **Circuit Administrator** and started work for the Bridport & Dorchester Circuit in January.

We wish her well in this role.

Maria can be contacted on:

Contacts removed from web version

World Church Sunday - March 19th Virtual Doctors

Huw Jones, founder of Virtual Doctors will take part in the morning service followed by a lunch (£5) to raise funds for the charity and a Q&A session to find out more.

Tickets will be on sale beforehand.

Please look out for the sign up sheet on the notice boards if you can bring a dessert.

Dorothy Lord is looking for a volunteer to visit with a view to helping with her biography. For further details please contact Senior Steward, Penny Fennell.

Church Annual General Meeting

Thursday 30 March

Please see important separate notice.

Everyday Prayer

Father, as Lent returns we are glad that you give us opportunity to pause in our journey and to reflect on our faith. We thank you for your costly commitment to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us to discover more about your love and in thankfulness to put the same love into action in our lives. Amen.

WHAT'S ON IN March		Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell <i>Contacts removed from web version</i> Details can be given anonymously and confidentially within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.
1	7.30pm Wednesday Home Froup Venue - 10 Lime Close	
3	Women's World Day of Prayer <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	Prayer and Meditation Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm This group meets in the church.
6	7.30pm Men's Meeting	
6	7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	Friday Morning Bible Study Meets every Friday from 10.00 - 11.00am in the Quiet Room New friends always welcome
8	7.30pm Wednesday Home Froup Venue - 13 Moraston Street	
9	7.30pm Thursday Night Out - British Deer and Deer Management Speaker - John Maiden	Solos Group Tuesday 21 March 2017 Walking The Great Wall of China with Ray Harris Cost: £1.00 for refreshments Contact: Angela on 267809 if you would like to come.
11	10.00am Death Café <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
13	7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	The Tuesday Home Group meets at the home of Elizabeth and Paul Haynes, 6 Powys Close, on alternate weeks at 7.30pm Further information from Chris Warren
14	9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome	
19	World Church Sunday <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	The Picnic People group will not meet in March or April when the Christian Aid Lent lunches will take place. We encourage everyone to share in the Lent lunches each Wednesday during Lent. Picnic people will recommence on Wednesday 10th May at 12.30pm in the Coffee Lounge.
20	7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
21	2.30pm Solos Group in the Coffee Shop <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	Lent Lunches will be held every Wednesday in March and on April 5 and 12 from 12 noon until 1.30pm Cost £5.00 (to support Christian Aid) for Ploughman's, Sweet and Tea/Coffee Please come and give your support
22	2.30pm Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge Cost - £1.00 to include refreshments All welcome	
22	7.30pm Wednesday Home Group Venue - 3 Victor Jackson House	Monday Fellowship Group will meet every Monday in March. We will study the Lent Study Course. Venues to be posted on the Notice Board. New members welcome, please sign up on the list, also on the Notice Board.
23	7.30pm Thursday Night Out - MAF Speaker - Luc Vandamme	
25	10.00am Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
27	7.30pm Monday Fellowship Group <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
28	9.30am By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome	
29	7.30pm Wednesday Home Group Venue - 10 Lime Close	
and in April		
5	7.30pm Wednesday Home Group Venue - 1 Furlong Mews	
Further Church Meeting - Please note the date Wednesday 24 May		

Data Protection Act

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Fairtrade Fortnight - 27 February - 12 March, 2017

Fairtrade Fortnight (FTF) is an annual celebration of the Fairtrade movement, raising awareness of the vital work of organisations such as Traidcraft in supporting farmers and craftspeople worldwide. This work helps lift people out of poverty, giving them dignity and self-esteem.

There will be an opportunity after morning worship on 5 and 12 March to find out more about how Fairtrade works, and how YOU can support it.

We will have 'Breaks and Ladders' games available to play, and conversation-starter leaflets on the coffee tables in the hall.

Of course, there will also be plenty of tasty Fairtrade items (including the Real Easter Eggs) to buy.

So please come and find out more about how your support can make such a difference.

Susy Rogers and Margaret Knighton



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (International and Interdenominational)

Am I Being Unfair to You?

On Friday 3rd March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of 'Am I Being Unfair to You?'

The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on Friday 3rd March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as 'Yolanda' – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific Ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears.

The service focusses on the Biblestory of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20 v 1-16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena 'Apol' Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. It is very thought provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

Why not find out more about the theme, the Philippines and the service?
The Day of Prayer is not just for women. Everyone is welcome to attend the service.

Services in Dorchester 10.30am Morning Service at St Mary's Dorchester
7.00pm Evening Service at 'The Quiet Space', Poundbury

Death Cafe

Saturday March 11th 10.00am – 12noon

Solicitors, funeral directors, woodland burials, Cruse bereavement counselling, flowers, information from Age UK and Weldmar

Also in attendance Rev Steph Jenner & Rev Peter Clark and Heather Reed, Director of Music

Come & ask your questions about wills, funeral planning, what to do when someone dies and support – spiritual, emotional and practical.

Refreshments available with lots of chocolate cake



Christian Aid is hosting a **Coffee Morning** on **Saturday, 25 March** in the Hall.

This is a unique event in which a number of other organisations have been invited to take part.

We would very much appreciate offers of help either in the kitchen or with the cake stall.

Donations of cakes or biscuits for the cake stall would also be gratefully received.

If you are able to help, please contact Tony Boyden (anthony_boyden@talktalk.net) **after 23 February**.

Lent Study Groups

This years Lent study book will be "Making Good Sense of the Bible Together".
Please look at the notice board in the hall where you can sign up to join a group
on the day / time of your choice

Journey to the Empty Tomb

I am keen to set up "The Journey to the Empty Tomb" for Holy Week.
This is an interactive journey where 'stations' are set up in the church, ending in the Quiet Room
(like the Journey to the Stable).
If you can help to set it up on Palm Sunday (April 9th) and / or anytime during Holy Week,
please let me know. Thanks, Mary Martin (*Contacts removed from web version*)

United Church AGM

Thursday 30 March 7.30pm in the Church
Agendas and minutes of last year's AGM will be available 3 weeks before in the church foyer.
If you would like to nominate a member to become a steward or you are interested yourself, please
pick up a nomination form in the foyer.
These need to be returned to June Faulkner in the Church Office by Thursday 23 March.

Church Camp

will again be held at St Mabyn Holiday Park, Cornwall from 22 until 29 July.
Further details and booking forms from
Maureen Parker (*Contacts removed from web version*)

Church Website

Don't forget to check out the Church website (<http://unitedchurchdorchester.org.uk>) which is already
well established and regularly updated, thanks to the expertise of Trevor Antell and Colin Gannaway.
As well as a downloadable version of Vision and the Newssheet, it also gives information about the
church and its various groups, news, 'What's On?' and how to contact specific members/groups.
As the website belongs to the church as a whole you are encouraged to contribute.
Where possible, do go, discover and explore!

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: *Contacts removed from web version*.

The deadline for the for **April 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 19 March**
Please e-mail Elizabeth Martin: *Contacts removed from web version* or leave hard-copy items in the Internal Mail
basket in the Charles Street foyer. Items received after the deadline will not be accepted.