

NEWS

United Church Dorchester



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Methodist and United Reformed

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September 2017

Registered Charity Number: 1137996

Sunday Worship

3 September

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Jeremiah 15: 15-21
	Holy Communion	Psalm 26: 1-8
		Romans 12: 9-21
6.30pm	Mr K Mills	Matthew 16: 21-28

10 September (Education Sunday)

9.00am	Rev P Clark	Ezekiel 33: 7-11
	Holy Communion	Psalm 119: 33-40
		Romans 13: 8-14
10.30am	Rev D Reep	Matthew 18: 15-20
6.30pm	Mr C Warren	
	<i>(United Church with Weymouth Bay at DUC)</i>	

17 September

10.30am	Mr A Boyden	Genesis 50: 15-21
	First Steps Worship	Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13
		Romans 14: 1-12
6.30pm	Rev S Jenner	Matthew 18: 21-35
	Holy Communion	

24 September

10.30am	Rev S Jenner	Jonah 3: 10 - 4: 11
	Harvest Festival	Psalm 145: 1-8
		Philippians 1: 21-30
5.00pm	Rev P Clark / Rev K Dudman	Matthew 20: 1-16
	Encounter	

Everyday Prayer

We praise you, Lord God, for the gifts of harvest. In our abundance, help us not to forget those whose harvest is meagre and limited, or who have no harvest at all. In thankfulness help us to be generous. Amen.

Church Family News

We send love and congratulations to members of our church family who have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversaries. Laurence and Margaret Merry during July and David and Audrey Reep during August.

Church Meeting

Thursday 21 September at 7.30pm

Pastoral Visitors' Meeting

The next meeting for pastoral visitors will be on **Monday 2 October at 2.00pm** in the Coffee Lounge. We will be sharing ideas about visiting people with mental health needs and improving the pastoral Visitors' leaflet for potential new visitors.

First Steps Worship

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

A Message from the Newsheet Editor

I have been compiling the Newsheet for three years and feel that now would be a good time to hand over the reins to someone else, especially as I am still looking into the possibility of relocating to be nearer my family.

This issue (September) will be my last and I am delighted that Myra Dawson has kindly volunteered to take on the role. Her details appear, in place of mine, at the bottom of page two of this issue.

Many thanks for all your support.

Elizabeth Martin

WHAT'S ON IN September			<p>Prayer Chain - if you would like a prayer for yourself or others at any time please contact Penny Fennell</p> <p>Details can be given anonymously and confidentially within the prayer chain is absolute unless there is a safeguarding risk.</p>
4	7.30pm	Men's Meeting	
9		Dorset Historic Churches Ride & Stride <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
11	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group hosted by Mary Lucraft, 27 Lancaster Gardens led by Tony Boyden. Continuing to study 'How to be a Bad Christian' by Dave Tomlinson	<p>Prayer and Meditation</p> <p>Every Tuesday lunchtime 12.00 - 12.30pm This group meets in the church.</p>
13	12.30	Picnic People in the Coffee Lounge <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	<p>Friday Morning Bible Study Meets every Friday from 10.00 - 11.00am in the Quiet Room New friends always welcome</p>
15	10.00am	Friday Morning Bible Fellowship <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
21	7.30pm	Church Meeting	<p>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</p>
23		'Pennies in a Potty' <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
24		Harvest Festival followed by Church Family Lunch <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	<p>The Wednesday Home Group meets on alternate weeks at 7.30 p.m. in members' homes. For further information, please contact Pat and Paul Smith</p>
25	7.30pm	Monday Fellowship Group hosted by hosted by Roni and Tony Boyden, 94 Mellstock Avenue led by Rev Peter Clark	
26	9.30am	By still waters. Half an hour of shared silence with introduction. <i>Quiet Room.</i> All welcome	
27	2.30pm	Games Afternoon in the Coffee Lounge Cost - £1.00 to include refreshments All welcome	<p>Picnic People</p> <p>Wednesday 13 September, 12.30pm, in the Coffee Lounge. New people are most welcome to join us. Just bring a packed lunch. Lunch will be followed by Knit and Natter.</p>
27	6.15pm	URC Wessex Synod Gathering <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
28		SOLO's <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
28	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out - 'A Different Norway' Speaker - Chris Warren	<p>Solo's - Thursday 28th September Visit to Bowleaze Cove</p> <p>There will be the opportunity to buy a cup of tea or coffee, ice cream or a light meal. Transport will be £3 per person. Please let Angela know by Sunday 24th September if you would like to be included for the trip as transport needs to be arranged.</p>
and in October			
2	2.00pm	Pastoral Visitors' Meeting in the Coffee Lounge <i>(Please see separate notice for details)</i>	
5	7.30pm	Thursday Night Out - 'Local Boy Makes Good' Speaker - Peter Mann	

Harvest Festival Celebrations - Sunday 24 September

This year our theme is: Harvest for Life

- **What do we bring?** ■ **What could we bring?** ■ **What should we bring?**

There will be a collection of gifts on Sunday, during the service, or, if you prefer, on Saturday morning when we will also be holding our next Toilet Twinning event.

All suitable Harvest gifts will go to the Foodbank, and there will be an auction of fresh produce after the service on Sunday, before the shared Church Family Lunch, the proceeds of which will go to our Toilet Twinning project.

For details of the Lunch, please look out for details on the Orders of Service as well as the sign up sheets.

Please send notices for inclusion on each Sunday's order of service (space permitting) to Marion Cox by the previous Wednesday at 6.00pm.

The deadline for the for **October 2017** news-sheet will be 10.00am on **Sunday 17 September**.

Please e-mail Myra Dawson or leave hard-copy items in the Internal Mail basket in the Charles Street foyer. Items received after the deadline will not be accepted.

DORSET HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE - SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dorset Historic Churches Trust provides funds to help churches and parishes keep their buildings weatherproof, warm and available for worship and wider public use.

In recent years it has helped with grants for the addition of kitchens and toilets to increase usability of buildings which have traditionally only been used on Sundays.

In 2016 the Trust awarded grants totalling £100,000 to 25 churches. Over the past three years a number of our members at UCD have taken part in the event and received sponsorship, half of which comes straight back to UCD.

Most of the Trust's income comes from the Ride and Stride and last year almost £81,000 was raised in sponsorship by participants of all ages and abilities with 50% of all money pledged returned by the Trust to churches nominated by the riders or striders, so everyone benefits.

If you are interested in taking part and being sponsored please speak to Heather Bland who has all the necessary information and documents.

If you are asked to sponsor someone please do so. As stewards are needed between 10.00am and 6.00pm Heather would like to hear from you if you have an hour or so to spare on Saturday 9 September and would be available to be in the church to offer a welcome, provide directions and refreshments and to sign sponsor sheets.

Heather has had two people volunteer to act as stewards on the day. Thank you to them and if anyone else can spare a couple of hours on the day to help out please do contact her as soon as possible.

Heather is not available on the day so please contact her as soon as possible.

if you are able to help in order that the rota can be drawn up. Thank you

Pennies in a Potty - Saturday 23 September

On 23 September we will have various potties outside the front of Church in South Street along with a display board saying why we are doing this and asking people if they can spare any pennies (or paper money) which they would like to put in a potty as they pass by.

This will be the second event held as part of the Mid Life Crisis Group's **Toilet Twinning Programme**.

We hope this will result in **all** the toilets here at United Church being twinned with those in countries without proper sanitation systems. Lack of sanitation facilities leads to infections, poor health and quality of life.

We also hope that people will be encouraged to twin their own toilet at home.

Please see poster for times of the event .

URC Wessex Synod Area Gathering

The next gathering for our south west area of the Synod will be on Wednesday September 27th at High Cross Church, Christchurch (6.30 – 9.15pm)

In 2013 the Synod produced a 5 year Synod Strategy, so next year it will need updating! At our Area Gatherings in September we will be asking what YOU think Synod priorities should be.

Area Gatherings are not just for Ministers and Secretaries but for all members who are interested in being part of the wider church and supporting one another in their work.

(See www.urcwessex.org.uk)

Dorset Nightstop

Thanks to everyone who has kindly donated toiletries or clothing for the young people we look after.

We have been very busy recently and had our first young person from Poole. This was a very vulnerable young woman with special needs who was completely homeless and had literally slept on the streets the night before she came to us.

In addition she had been subject to a serious assault. She stayed with us for a week before moving on to another host family and then was due to move into supported lodgings.

Please see the posters on the noticeboards in the church asking for people to consider becoming hosts or drivers.

If you are interested but want some more information before taking the next step, please speak to Heather.

The Aviation Mission Fellowship would be pleased to receive any spare postcards you have, written in or un-used. There is a box in the South Street foyer for any contributions which will be much appreciated.

New Church Address Directory

A new church address directory will be printed this autumn. Before that happens we need to check that everyone's details are correct. On the first 3 Sundays in September (3, 10 and 17) the draft directory will be in the foyer for checking.

Please will you make any changes and then **sign** beside your name to signify the details are correct **and** that you are happy for your details to be stored on the church database and included in the directory. If you do not wish your details to be in the directory, please let Wendy or John Hilton know.

This directory is only used internally for church members. New stricter data protection laws are being introduced next year so we need your permission to print this information, **so please remember to sign**. If you will be away from church during this period can you let us know that you are happy for your details to be published. Similarly if you know people who will not be in church during this period, please can you let them know this is happening.

This directory is used by so many church members and is a really useful tool if you are a pastoral visitor, delivering flowers to those who are ill, sending cards for Christmas or special occasions and so much more.



**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS & CARERS
COMING TO:-**



**DORSET COUNTY SHOW
SAT 2nd & SUN 3rd SEPTEMBER**

**United Church Dorchester is again offering
'FREE BABY CHANGING & FEEDING FACILITES'**

**In a Discreet Comfortable area
(Wet Wipes, Tissues, Nappy Sacks are provided)
We will also have free children's activities -
Badge making, Colouring, Win a Ball Game**

Sponsored by BABY BIRDS, DORCHESTER



**Visit from our twin church in Lübbecke, Germany, 25 - 29 October
and visit to Germany, 29 October - 2 November**

Our friends from Lübbecke will be joining us to help celebrate the Anniversary of the United Church, and we will then be travelling to Germany for the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther and the founding of the Protestant church.

Provisionally, the party from Germany will arrive on Wednesday 25th October. A range of events is being planned, including a visit to Swanage and a Barn Dance. They will join us for our celebratory service on Sunday morning, .

A party from our church will then join them in travelling back to Lübbecke for their celebration on Tuesday 31 October, returning to the UK on Thursday 2 November.

We are all very keen to involve as many people as possible, especially those who have joined the church more recently, and have not experienced the rich fellowship of our partnership with the people of Lübbecke.

We will also be looking for hosts for our friends, so please keep the dates free. If you may be interested in joining the trip to Germany, or for more information, contact Matthew Reed or Steph Jenner.

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!

Data Protection Act

In common with most other churches and organisations, 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.