

# Dorchester Benefice Diary

*Mondays (except the 3rd Monday in the month) 2–4pm*

**Craft Group** in the choir vestry. Just bring along anything you are doing, knitting, sewing, painting, drawing, etc. and come and have a cuppa and natter. Contact Cynthia Fry on 01305 260062 for further details.

*First Monday of each month 2–4pm*

**Dorchester Stitchers.** In United Church (the main hall), South St, Dorchester. Expertise is shared and occasional workshops arranged as are visits to exhibitions. Annual subscription £5 plus £1 per meeting to cover costs.

*Wednesdays at 5pm*

**The Contemplative prayer group** will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's.

**The proposed Poundbury WI**

A meeting was held on 24th January. This was a formal business meeting conducted by the Dorset Federation of Womens Institutes. At the meeting a proposal was made and voted upon to have a Womens' Institute in Poundbury. Further information telephone 01305 267392 or email poundburywi@gmail.com

*Tuesday 6th February at 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm*

**French Circle – Illustrated talk on the Cathares.** Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW. Coffee or tea or a glass of wine will be available from 7.30pm. At 8pm, Jan Hebditch will give a talk on a heretical sect who were victims of the crusade of 1208. For further information please visit our website [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk) or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025 .

*Wednesday 7th February at 10am*

**Dorcas MU Bible Study group** meet at 10 Weatherbury Way. Making All Things New: Speaking New Value. John 1: 1-18. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

*Saturday 10th February at 9am*

**Men's Breakfast** – 2nd Saturday of the month rotating around different venues in Dorchester. Next Meeting at Yalbury & Yvon's Patisserie, Copper Street, Dorchester. Please contact Kenneth Addison for further details on 250808.

*Sunday 11th February at 6.30pm*

**Evening of Worship Songs and Stories** by Sharon Tedford. Sharon is a Christian song writer, singer and author who is coming here to Dorchester Baptist Church. She will be singing songs from her new album 'Stand' and reading extracts from her book, also called Stand that accompanies the album. Sharon is a local woman (Dorchester BC and Weymouth BC) who now lives in Dallas, Texas with her family. [www.dorchesterbc.org.u](http://www.dorchesterbc.org.u)

*Tuesday February 13th from 3pm to 4.30pm*

**Thursday Group** *Thursday becomes Tuesday.* For February, we will be getting together on a TUESDAY for the annual Pancake Party. All are welcome to join the group in St Georges Church Hall, Fordington on to enjoy a cup of tea and some delicious pancakes.

*Saturday 17th February at 9.30am*

**Ladies Breakfast.** Third Saturday of each month excepting for the month of December. The February breakfast will be held at Carluccios, Dorchester. Contact Maureen Shaw 01305 261771.

*Monday 19th February at 2.30pm*

**The Monday Club** St Mary's Hall Alexandra Road. Hilary Churchouse will be talking to us about the work of Read Easy Weymouth and Portland. See details on page 11.

*Wednesday 21st February at 10am*

**Dorcas MU Bible Study group** meet at 2 Maumbury Square. Making All Things New: Growing New Lives. Isaiah 43: 16-21. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

*Wednesday 21st February at 12.30pm*

**Celtic Eucharists** at the Quiet Space :

*Thursday February 22nd at 7.45pm*

**'The Accidental Entrepreneur'**, by Giles Henschel, Co-founder of Olives et al. It will be a light-hearted chat about the background to the business and some of the things that have happened along the way. In aid of **The Children's Society** in St. George's Church Hall, Dorchester. Tickets cost £8 to include light refreshments are available from The Gilded Teapot in Tudor Arcade, Mrs. Dorothy Maggs (Tel.01305 262436) and Mrs Rita Kennett (01305 265432). Wine and soft drinks available to buy.

*Wednesday 21st March at 12.30pm*

**Celtic Eucharists** at the Quiet Space :

*Saturday March 24th from 10.30am to 3pm*

**Quiet Day** at the Quiet Space in Poundbury will be on 2018. The title for the day is 'Bountiful Blessings'. The day starts with tea and coffee and finishes at 3pm with refreshments and cake. If you would like to come or would like further information, please contact Caroline at [carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop](mailto:carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop) or telephone 01305 459622.