

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 5730762 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 meets each Wednesday at 5pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at St Mary's and at the Quiet Space every Thursday at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Saturday November 3rd 9.30am to 12.30pm

Dorchester Rotary Autumn Fair
Corn Exchange Dorchester.

Saturday 10th November from 10.30am

Quiet Day at the Quiet Space in Poundbury refreshments from 10.30am. The short talks will be led by Maggie in 'Commissioned to be a light to our communities'. End of day Refreshments 3.30pm. Please bring a Bible, notebook, pen and packed lunch. Please let Caroline know by email on carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or ring 01305 459622 for numbers for catering and photocopying. No charge for the Quiet Day but donations towards costs are gratefully received on the day.

Saturday 10th November at 9am

Men's Breakfast will be held at Café on the Green, 7 Dinham Walk, Poundbury DT1 3WU. They normally start 30 minutes later, but are happy to open earlier for us. There is ample free parking adjacent to the venue. For further details please contact David Elliott on 01305 259236, 07776 256537 or by email at davidelliott220@btinternet.com.

Wednesday 14th November at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 4 Kingsbere Crescent. Food for the Soul. Psalm 23:5, Isaiah55:2, Psalm 119:103. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Wednesday 14 November at 7.30pm

Quiz Night – another of the popular quiz nights in St George's Church Hall, Fordington, in aid of The Children's Society. Come as a team of 6 or turn up and join with others. Ploughman's supper included. Bring what you wish to drink. Tickets £8 from the committee or phone Dorothy Maggs on 262436.

Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm

Archaeological Dowsing Hunt for the Dorchester Roman Fort, a slide presentation by Peter Emery, at Dorford Centre, Dorchester, DT1 1RR (Top o'town and Trinity car parks free after 6pm) £3 at the door – all proceeds to the charity "Little Hearts Matter". *Did it Exist? and Where?*

Wednesday 14th November at 7pm

An Evening with Terry Waite CBE. St Peter's Church Dorchester Tickets: adults £8 under 18 £4. Available (cash only) from the Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum. Proceeds from the evening will be shared between charities nominated by Terry Waite and St Peter's Church. Seats are unreserved, doors open at 6.30pm. Wine and soft drinks may be purchased during the interval.

Thursday 15th, Friday 16th, Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm, also Saturday 17th at 2.30pm.

Dorchester Drama present **Noel Coward's Present Laughter** in The Corn Exchange, Dorchester. Tickets from box office 01305 268692. £10 (£7 under 18s).

Saturday 17th November at 9.30am

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

Saturday 17th November at 7.30pm

Autumn Concert by Dorset County Orchestra will take place at the Dorford Centre, Dorchester under the baton of the talented and enthusiastic Venezuelan/British conductor Arturo Serna. The orchestra will be joined by Joe Pritchard a BBC Young Musician of the Year Finalist, graduate of the Yehudi Menuhin School and former Principal Cellist with the National Youth Orchestra. Tickets £12 are available at the door or in advance from Shoetrees, 6 Trinity Street, Dorchester.

Monday 19th November at 2.30pm

The Monday Club meet in St Mary's Hall. Nigel Culliford talking to us about the history of the Fleet Air Arm. Come and join us for an interesting afternoon, with refreshments and a raffle included in the cost of £2.50. For further details please contact either Rosemary (262615) or Jill (263757).

Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm

The Dorchester French Circle

Hilary Lancashire story of her latest cycling trip. The Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW. For further information please phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025.

Wednesday 21st November 2018 at 10am

Information Event at Rowan Cottage, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester, DT1 1PW. **Lasting Powers of Attorney** Age UK Dorchester is holding an Information Event to de-mystify the subject of Lasting Powers of Attorney. If you wish to understand whether you need a Lasting Power of Attorney, Kelly Payne, Associate Solicitor, and Chris Keenan, Partner, at Humphries Kirk solicitors, will be providing a talk on the subject. Please confirm your attendance and telephone 01305 269444.

Thursday 22nd November from 10am

Brass Cleaning morning until noon in the vestry St Mary's Church. This is a social occasion with tea/coffee - and sometimes doughnuts!

Sunday 25th November 2018 at 3pm

Advent Concert given by *The Occasional Singers*, St Mary's Church, Edward Road, Dorchester DT1 2HL. Admission is free and there will be a retiring collection in aid of Alzheimer's Society.

Wednesday 28th November at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 2 Maumbury Square. In Mary Sumner's footsteps – Journeying with God. Exodus 13:17-18, 20-22. Acts 13:1-3, 15:36-41. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Before Christmas

Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum in Dorchester will be opening its café and the spectacular Grand Jury Room after visiting hours for parties. The spacious and airy café can host up to 200 people, with wine and canapes starting at just £10 per head, or why not get into the festive spirit with mulled wine and mince pies, for more information please visit

Headstones by Nigel Beeton

The rows of headstones silent stand
Their message clear, though mute;
That we, in Britain's peaceful land
Must silently salute.

Our peace was bought at dreadful price
Through rain and fear and mud –
World conflict fought not once but twice
So twice the cost in blood.

Each headstone bears a single name
A single husband, son,
Who, when the call to duty came
They did what must be done.

So, think upon those rows of stones
Be silent, still as they
Remind us of those silent homes
From when they went away.

Yes, spare a while to think of them
It's just two minutes' time;
And say aloud, just once again
That well-remembered rhyme:

They grow not old as we grow old,
Nor do the years condemn;
But as the days and nights unfold,
We will remember them.