

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.

Thursdays at 6.30pm

The Contemplative prayer group meet at the Quiet Space. All are welcome.

Wednesday 5th September from 10am

Solar Stories at Hilfield Friary, Hilfield Friary, Dorchester, DT2 7BE. Join us at 10am for coffee and to hear about Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal featuring stories of solar power in Ethiopia and stay on to find out how solar is being used at the Friary. 11am Hilfield Friary solar tour and Autumn trail with Brother Hugh. 12noon Chapel service. You are very welcome to bring a packed lunch and stay on to enjoy the peaceful atmosphere at the Friary. The event is free but please call Christian Aid on 02380 706969 to book your place.

Saturday 8th September at 9am

Men's Breakfast. At Bramble Café & Deli, 17 Buttermarket, Poundbury, DT1 3AZ. There is parking in front of the café. Further details contact David Elliott on 01305 259236, 07776 256537 or email davidelliott220@btinternet.com.

Saturday 8th September 11am to 3pm

Picnic in the Park, Borough Gardens, Dorchester. Grab a picnic and join us. Live music. Activities in nature and more. Free event for all ages

Wednesday 12 September at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 28 Maiden Castle Road. The Beattitudes - Living Openly. Matthew 5: 3-4. Newcomers & visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Wednesday 12th September at 5pm

The Contemplative Prayer group will resume after the summer break at St Mary's Church, Dorchester.

Thursday 13th September at 6.30pm

The Contemplative Prayer group the Quiet Space, Poundbury. All are welcome.

Saturday 15th September at 9.30am

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

Monday 17th September 2.30pm to 4pm

The Monday Club, St Mary's Hall in Alexandra Road. Talk by June Guaracci about the work of the Children's Society, with specific reference to the WAVES project in Weymouth. Come and join us, to enjoy not only a good speaker, but also tea, a raffle all for £2.50. For further information please call Rosemary (262715) or Jill (263757).

Wednesday 19th September at 12.30pm

Holy Communion at The Quiet Space, Poundbury.

Saturday 22nd September from 10.30am

The September Quiet Day is at the Quiet Space in Poundbury. The title for the day is Day by Day Dear Lord based on the prayer of Richard of Chichester. It starts at

11am (refreshments at 10.30am) and finishes at 3.30pm with tea, coffee and cake. There is no charge but donations are very welcome to cover costs. Please bring a Bible, notepad and pen and a packed lunch. If you would like to book a place or to find out more please contact Caroline Ellerby at carolineellerby@phonecoop.coop or on 01305 459622, mobile 07716 677099.

Wednesday 26 September at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 2 Maumbury Square. Walking with Old Testament Women – Rebekah (Part 1) Genesis 24: 1-41. Newcomers & visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Wednesday 26th September at 7.30pm.

Dorset County Museum Music Society St Mary's Church, Edward Road Dorchester. 'Baroque Bohemians', "Red Priest".

Thursday 27th September 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 30th September at 11am

St Michael, Winterbourne Steepleton patronal festival this will also be a thanksgiving for completion of the repairs – it would be lovely to see you (and anybody else) if you would like to come.

Saturday 6th October 6pm to 10pm

Barn Dance in St. Mary's Church. Well known local group – "No Strings Attached". Tickets £8 to include a Ploughman's Supper bring your drink.

Saturday 6th October, 9.30 registration – 4pm

Dorset Meditators. see below

Wednesday 17th October at 12.30pm

Holy Communion at The Quiet Space, Poundbury.