

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 Stitches. 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.

Tuesday 1st of May at 7.30pm

Dorchester French Circle AGM in the Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW. For further information phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025 or visit website www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk

Wednesday 9 May at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 155 Damers Road. Crafting Transformation. Revelation 21: 1-5. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Saturday 12th May at 9am

Men's Breakfast, Café On The Green, 7 Dinham Walk Poundbury DT1 3WU. Kenneth Addison is moving to North Wiltshire. Our thanks to Kenneth for seeking out some excellent venues and growing the numbers attending during his period as co-ordinator. David Elliott is taking over from Kenneth and can be contacted on 01305 259236, or by e-mail at davidelliott220@btinternet.com

Saturday 19th May at 9.30am

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

Monday 21st May at 2.30pm

The Monday Club St Mary's church hall. Our speaker this month will be Francis Burroughes, the son of a Victorian gardener who worked his way up from garden boy to running his own nursery near Yeovil. Dr Burroughes will be talking to us about plants and other flora that have arrived in this country rather than being our native species. Title title, which could be misconstrued, is 'Illegal Immigrants', his talk will give us an insight into the international world of plantsmanship. £2.50 for the talk, refreshments and a raffle. Further information from Rosemary (262615) or Jill (263757).

Wednesday 23rd May at 10am

Dorcas MU Bible Study group meet at 10 Weatherbury Way. Making Others Whole. James 5: 12-20. Newcomers & visitors welcome. Details 260259.

Saturday 2nd June 11am–4pm

A Day in Dorchester the summer event for the Friends of the Congregational Library and the Dr. Williams's Library, at the United Church Dorchester. Welcome and reception in the hall from 11.15am – 11.30am. Four half hour talks, the first to be given at 11.30am. Lunch from 1 to 2.30pm, and for those interested a tour of the town with the Town Cryer, Alistair Chisholm, has been organised. At 2.30pm the afternoon session begins with a talk by Rev. Dr. Alan Argent,

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June

Puddletown Open Gardens Garden entry tickets and maps from the Village Hall DT2 8RX. Adults £5 Children under 12 Free. Church Tower Tour 1pm to 5pm £2 per person. Timed ticket, subject to weather and requires suitable footwear. Children must be over 8 and accompanied by an adult. This is a fund-raising event for St Mary's Church, Puddletown. Registered Charity No. 1150071.