

# 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.

*Saturday 3rd March 8pm doors open 7pm*

**Watkins and Swarbrick Band** Portesham Village Hall, Pay what you like as you leave. Seat reservation essential book seats and more info 01305 837299. [www.soundcloud.com/watkinswarbrickband](http://www.soundcloud.com/watkinswarbrickband) This acoustic band makes return visits, known for different routes they take in their music. Songs and tunes inspired by folk and country music as well as blues and jazz.

*Saturday 4th March 4pm*

**Carnival Time with Martin Clunes and young friends!** Dorset Chamber Orchestra Music for Youth Concert. St Mary's Church, Dorchester. Tickets £12 and £1 (18 and under) online <http://dorsetchamberorchestra.org/> or from Harmony Music, The Forum Centre, Trinity St, Dorchester DT1 1TT (01305 260360) Please make cheques payable to "Dorset Chamber Orchestra" (SAE please)

*Tuesday 6 March at 7.30pm until 9.30pm*

**French Circle – Illustrated talk on the mountains of France** by Sonja Lawday. Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information please visit our website [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk) or phone Robin Howes on 01305 854025

*Wednesday 7 March at 10am*

**Dorcas MU Bible Study group** meet at 2 Colliton Walk. Inspiring New Visions. Lamentations 3: 21-23. Newcomers and visitors welcome. Details 260259.

*Saturday 10th March at 9am*

**Men's Breakfast**, Bramble Café & Deli, 17 Buttermarket, Poundbury, DT1 3AZ. 2nd Saturday of the month rotating around different venues in Dorchester. All welcome to join us. Please contact Kenneth Addison for further details on 250808

*Saturday 18th March at 9.30am*

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

*Monday 19th March at 2.30pm*

**The Monday Club** St Mary's Hall Alexandra Road. Rob Curtis will be talking to us about Rajasthan, that area of India famous for its beautiful princely palaces and its cities such as Jodhpur and Jaipur. Come and hear a little about India's history and its beauty as a tourist area. Further details from Rosemary (262715) or Jill

(263757). We offer an interesting talk, refreshments and a raffle for the reasonable cost of £2.50. We hope you will join us.

*Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm until 9.30pm*

**French Circle – Illustrated talk on Aspects of Antiquities** by Ian Francoise Gosling. Roger Thomas Conference Room at AgeUK Dorchester, 4 Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester DT1 1PW. Please feel free to join us, whatever your level of spoken French. For further information please visit [www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk](http://www.dorchesterfrenchcircle.org.uk)

*Wednesday 21 March at 10am*

**Dorcas MU Bible Study group** meet at 4 Kingsbere Crescent. Softening Hearts Again. Ezekiel 36: 26-27. Newcomers & visitors welcome. Details 260259.

*Wednesday 21st March at 12.30pm*

**Celtic Eucharists** at the Quiet Space :

*Saturday 24th March at 10.30am – 3pm*

**Quiet Day** at the Quiet Space in Poundbury. The title for the day is 'Bountiful Blessings'. The day starts with tea and coffee and finishes 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.

*Saturday 7th April at 7pm*

**Classical Guitar recital** by Mark Jennings in St. Andrew's Church West Stafford with Candlelight. Refreshments available. Ticket £8 from Esther Brown 757377 or Alan and Felicity Murray 267060

## Science and Religion

While many claim science and religion shouldn't mix, a new survey has suggested almost a third of scientists have a faith in God. One thousand people were questioned from professions linked to science with thirteen per cent saying they practised a religious faith and eighteen per cent saying they were non-practising, but religious. Around 25 per cent said they were atheist suggesting scientists are more likely to be religious than atheist. A quarter of respondents said science and religion were contradictory but just under half said the two cannot be compared as they refer to different things. Speaking to Premier Christian Media about the findings, Professor Keith Fox, from the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion said: "I don't see a conflict between the two". Science itself is fairly neutral as to whether there is or isn't a God. It's a wonderful world that we live in - science is privileged to explore it but there's limits to what it can do and what it can say.

## Why it is important we get it right in the Magazine

A couple in the church received a lovely vase to celebrate 50 years of both of them being involved in a variety of church activities and holding a number of important positions. Unfortunately the wording on the card suffered from a lack of punctuation and on looking at it when they returned home, they discovered it read, "With our thanks to you both and may the Lord bless you and keep you from the Rector and members of the Parochial Church Council".