

Union Street Methodist Church, Maidstone

Superintendent Minister: Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard



Sunday 1 July, 10.30am: Service Streamed from Conference, preceded by Holy Communion, administered by Rev Peter Daone

There will be hymn singing as people arrive, culminating in a Communion hymn (595), followed immediately by Communion, prior to the streamed service.

THIS MORNING'S HYMNS: all from Singing the Faith		
364	422	330
397	156	661
248	775	663
Gracious God ...		

Bible readings: Ezekiel 37.1-14; John 4.1-26, 39-42

Pre-service hymn: 595



Let us remember in our prayers: any friends in the congregation experiencing bereavement, including family and friends of Raj Kesur. Other friends we think of: Ada Allwright, Mary Rees, Doreen Arguile, Jo Graham, Michael Gillett, Shirley Arnold, Stuart and Chris Goldfinch, Pauline Brinklow, and any other members of the congregation with health problems. We continue to pray also for any friends in residential homes, including Tyrone Rees.

Notices

Bonni-Belle will be at Conference until next Thursday evening (5 July), so if there are emergencies, please contact a steward or Rev Tony Graff.

The Vine Church in Maidstone has a community all-age event next Saturday, 7 July, 11.30am-5.00pm – BBQ, celebration of global church events called Faith in Action, and a special exhibition called CompassionUK that gives a true-to-life experience of life in some parts of Africa. It's especially aimed at children, but all ages are invited to attend. You can book the (free) Compassion experience at:

<https://experience.compassionuk.org/experiences/book/24/>

Pam's Puzzle Corner

Roger will be running the Jigsaw Puzzle Library *next Sunday, 8 July*.

Tonbridge Road - Car Parking

We are no longer able to make use of the car park at the European School of Osteopathy. It is only people with permits who may use it. The penalty should you park there is a £100 fine.

Wanted: Jam Jars! If you have any unwanted jam jars, they would be much appreciated for a proposed jam stall at our Thursday Market. Please speak to Lin.

Messy Breakfast: next Saturday, 7 July, from 8.30am.

Visioning Day: Sunday, 15 July: We are still planning to have our Visioning Day, though we realise there will be some competition from Wimbledon and the World Cup in the afternoon! We will aim to finish by 2.00pm. Bonni-Belle

MICC will be joining us, when we look together at where we've been over the past 10 years with regards to our church building, where we are now, and where we might be in the coming years. Worship for all WILL be included throughout the day, but particularly in the first part of the service.

A Bring-and-Share lunch will take place in the Community Centre Hall.

Those who were active at Union Street in the time leading up to 2008 are invited to bring any 'archives' or 'stories' they might have from that time to share with those who have arrived more recently.

Security rota? Our newly refurbished boundary wall and lovely front lawn is attracting good attention from the community, but it's also attracting some minor vandalism. While we want to keep our green space open and welcoming to the community, we also need to provide some security. *The Property Committee is suggesting establishing a Security Rota of persons who would unlock the front gate each morning and relock it in the evening.* If you're interested in helping in this way – either for a week at a time, morning and/or evening, or once a week, or even once a month – please contact Lin Smith.

Union Street Methodist Church seeks to employ a Church Cleaner, from 1 July 2018; 10 hrs a week, £8.75 per hour. Contact the Circuit Office at USMC or northkentmethodistcircuit@gmail.com for an application pack.

Next Sunday, 10.30am: Service led by Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

*Items for inclusion in the Sunday notices should be sent to Lesley at
lesley.hitch@gmail.com by Thursday each week.*

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