

VISION

**The Magazine for Union Street
Methodist Church**



“From the rising
of the sun to the
place where it
sets, the name of
the Lord is to be
praised.”

Psalm 113: 3

MINISTRY TEAM:

**Rev. Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)
and all members of Union Street Church**

**UNION STREET METHODIST CHURCH
MAIDSTONE**

July/August 2018



COME AND JOIN US IN WORSHIP

July 1 st	10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion followed by live screening of the Methodist Conference service</i> Rev Peter Daone
July 8 th	10.30 am	Rev Noreen Daley-Lee
July 15 th	10.30 am	<i>Messy Visioning service (see p17)</i> Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
July 22 nd	10.30 am	Don Brand
July 29 th	10.30 am	<i>Sectional Service at Tonbridge Road</i> Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
August 5 th	10.30 am	<i>Holy Communion</i> Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
August 12 th	10.30 am	David Newell
August 19 th	10.30 am	Own Arrangement
August 26 th	10.30 am	Richard Vincent



Transport to Church Services

If you need transport to get to services, please speak to one of the stewards who will try to put you in touch with someone who can help. Also, do join us at the back of the Church for tea or coffee and a chance to chat after our Sunday morning service ends.



From the Minister



In this, our 195th summer of being Methodists on the plot of land between Union Street and Brewer Street, the burst waterpipe under our church floor has us thinking hard about our church heritage and how we will be passing our faith on to future generations. If our building were a 1923 motor car, we would long ago have traded it in – or we'd

be trying to restore it for our amusement. If it were a human body, we'd assumed it would have been buried or cremated long ago. If it were an original copy of Cecil B. DeMille's classic 1923 film, *The Ten Commandments*, we'd be trying to see how much money we could get for it in an auction. But it's none of those things: it's our church building, where we and our forebears have gathered for generations for worship and fellowship and pass on our faith in a timeless God who is 'new every morning'. We know we could worship and enjoy fellowship from any number of locations, but the deeper question for us is: how do we pass on our faith here in this place? Is our building something to keep just for our amusement or monetary or sentimental value? Should it be buried as obsolete?

Many in today's world do indeed consider religious faith to be obsolete or a dusty relic. Such a 'dead' faith should indeed be buried. But a living faith in God can be as essential as the faith we have in air we breathe or the gravity that holds our feet to the ground: even if that air and gravity has been around so long that we've forgotten that they're there, we still have faith in them. The essential bit is that we keep our faith *living* – constantly listening to the One who is as close as our latest breath and whose plans for us are as far-reaching as the universe.

It's popular these days to take pride in finding one's own spiritual path in life, free from the restrictions of 'religion'. Rev Scotty McLennan has written a book called, *Finding Your Religion*, in which he compares that individual approach as trying to climb a tall mountain on your own. How much better, he asks, to use a guide who's already been up that mountain? Or even to make the trek with a group that includes experienced

climbers? In essence, that's what we do when we gather as a church body, week after week, year after year, century after century, to listen to God and affirm and grow in our faith together. In the climbing and the trekking, we support each other, learn the routes, and pass the knowledge on to those who will continue the journey long after us.

The questions we must ask of ourselves now: to whom have we passed on the secrets of the journey recently? Does our building help or hinder that passing on?

While we're thinking of 'passing on', I want to include my gratitude to Laurel Townend and Lesley Hitch for the fine way in which they have 'passed on' the printed information of our church body for the past several years, through Vision (Laurel) and the weekly notices (Lesley). Faithful attention to gathering the facts, assembling them coherently, and getting them published regularly has been a gift to us all and a tangible way of helping us all journey together. Many thanks!

Bonni-Belle



July/August Diary

1st - 5th July	Methodist Annual Conference, Nottingham
7th July	Messy Breakfast 8.30 - 10.30 am
8th July	Circuit Farewell to Gary and Luzia Watt and Pru Cahill, 6 pm
14th July	Garden Party
15th July	Visioning Day with Bring-and-share lunch
31st July	Messy Church 3pm
4th August	Messy Breakfast 8.30 - 10.30 am
(12th - 19th Aug	<i>Bonni – Belle at the Oxford Institute)</i>
21st August	Messy Church 3pm



Farewell and Welcome

So the moment has finally arrived: this is my 66th issue of *Vision* as Editor, and also my last. I took it on as a job that I could mainly do from home, and over the years it has often proved to be a welcome distraction from work (I used to paste it up in between writing worksheets and presentations for my day job.) It has also been valuable in motivating me to learn new IT and internet research skills. However, now that I am semi-retired, I try to spend less time at the computer and more time out and about, so it seems sensible to pass the baton on.

I first indicated my intention of doing so in February's issue, and let's just say that no-one got trampled in the crowd of people queueing up to take over! But I held my nerve and I am delighted to say that a couple of months ago it became clear that *Vision* would continue under new editorship.

So, come the end of August, the first issue produced by the new editors should be with you, and I, for one, am very much looking forward to it. My first editorial back in February 2012 reflected on how much I had enjoyed reading the Union Street church magazine for over 25 years, and I look forward once again to picking up my copy each month and *not already knowing what it contains!*

I hope that Dennis Makowski, who is taking over collecting, selecting and approving the content, and Lewis Muir, who will undertake the practical pasting up of the magazine, enjoy their involvement as much as I have, and I hope that all those of you who have enjoyed reading the magazine in the past will support them by providing interesting material and meeting the copy deadline each month! So farewell from me, and welcome to Dennis and Lewis.

At the same time, we also say a huge thank you to Jean Martin who has printed and collated over 100 copies of *Vision* each month throughout my time as Editor, and ensured that they are in the folders for pastoral visitors to distribute. Despite my sometimes getting the finished product to her at the eleventh hour, she has been unfailingly reliable in getting the job done.

Jean is now standing down from this role, and happily Lin Smith and the Craft Group have offered to take over the duplicating of *Vision* for the future. So Union Street's *Vision* continues.

Finally there is one other change coming, that pertains, in part to *Vision*. Noel Gibbons set up our church website from scratch and has for many years maintained it, ensuring that each month *Vision* is uploaded to it (and also that the Church Notices are uploaded each week). Noel is now stepping down as website manager, and Alan Townend is taking over. You will find more from him about the new website on the back cover of this issue. Thank you to Noel for all his hard work in developing the website and giving us an online presence.

It just remains for me to thank regular and occasional contributors alike, all those of you have given me feedback on *Vision* over the years, and everyone who is a reader of it.

Laurel Townend



A Little in God's Hands.....



I am writing an update on our Gambian families as we have been fortunate to visit there twice in the last six months.



Kumba, who we sponsored through University, graduated in January. Sadly, we were unable to go to the ceremony but her father attended. She was studying Management, Economics, Business and is a very bright young lady. She is one of the lucky ones who has obtained a job in banking now.

We first met Sam when he was quite a young man in 2002. Our daughter, Jenny, is very fond of him as he used to be the Sports and Entertainments Manager at the Beach Club. Sadly, Sam suffered a stroke a few years ago and has been unable to work. He is responsible for a large family. Our friends, Andrew and Jacky, were in The Gambia when we arrived in February. Jacky is a physiotherapist and gave Sam physiotherapy and massage three times a week during their five week stay. They trained one

of the lifeguards, Tamsin, to continue with this. We wanted to help but were told that the main thing he needed was proper nutrition to regain his strength. We were advised that if we gave him money he would still not eat properly but use it for his family. However, we came to an arrangement with Sarah, the restaurant manager, that she would make sure he had well balanced meals and proper drinks on each of his visits. We send out money monthly to do this and he can now ride his bicycle whereas when we left he could only hobble about.

Fakebba has a big smile (as have all the Gambians we know) but this disguises what is really going on in his life. He has no work as the only work is in tourism which is only six months of the year anyway. He had fourteen family members to support. They live in communities. The life expectancy is very low and many Gambians are faced with providing for an extended family. Fakebba phoned us a few weeks ago to say that his thirty two year old brother had died and he now had four more mouths to feed. We are committed to helping this family monthly but felt called to send out some extra.

There are many stories of friends we have been able to help in small ways as well – buying shoes, paying for medical care as malaria often strikes. There is no National Health Service and their prescriptions cost about the same as here. Education often has to be paid for as do books and writing materials.

It is humbling to think that what we would spend on a meal out or to fill our cars up with petrol would provide for them for a month. We feel that this is a very good use of our money as we have no overheads like charities do and every penny reaches them as we send it out by moneygram.

I don't like begging but if anyone felt they could make a small donation to help these dear friends that would be wonderful as we have had to stop doing our annual cream tea and Songs of Praise as we are getting old! Any extra we get for preaching in other Churches or conducting funerals goes straight out there too.

Eddie Vincent.

Food Collection for Families in Need Collection Boxes

Thanks to everyone who continues to donate food and toiletries for families in need in the local community. This is much appreciated.

There are boxes in the Hall and in the church foyer, so please keep the donations coming.

I will continue to empty these regularly and deliver the donations to the Day Centre from where the items are distributed.



Jan Hinchliffe

A Reminder of our Fundraising Dates

The events we are planning this year are as follows:

14th July

Garden Party (see also p16)

August

Ongoing Smarties tubes and crafts for sale due to holidays this month.

22nd September

Quiz Night

20th October

Table Top Sale

24th November

Christmas Fayre



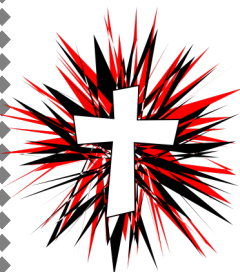
Collection for Christian Aid in May 2018

Union Street Church collected £76.17 in an envelope collection for Christian Aid and two church members raised £240.83 in a house to house collection in Vinters Park.

Many thanks to all who helped in any way to raise this pleasing total of £317.00 for Christian Aid.

Eve Orry

Regular Fellowship at Union Street



The Church Prayer Meeting is held every Tuesday morning from 10.30 until 11.00 in the Foyer. Our prayers are based around short bible readings, published prayers and extempore prayer on Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication. This meeting then leads directly into our 'Meet and Greet' and you would be very welcome to stay for coffee and chat if you would like to do so. We welcome people in from the street to have fellowship with us and end with a 15 minute Thought for the Day at 1.15 pm. Please do come and join us if you can.

House Groups

Various House Groups meet regularly for Bible study, discussion and fellowship. If you are interested in joining in, please see Richard Vincent, Eve Orry or Peter Herrin.



Open Circle

A sociable afternoon meeting, open to all, following the Wednesday lunch club usually on the third Wednesday of the month at 1.30 pm at Union Street.

Wednesday 18th July 1.30 pm

Musical afternoon with Keith and Anne Shave

Open Circle does not meet in August.

Anne Wates



Children and Young People's Activities



Footsteps

So far June has given us some very strange topics for conversation. Here is one for you to look at. We started by hearing some very strange laws that believe it or not are still in force today.

It would appear that sometimes the people who make our laws get a little carried away and pass some very silly laws.

Here are a few for your perusal:

There is a city in Arizona where it is illegal to drive a car in reverse. So, how are you supposed to get out of your parking space? Oh dear that could present a problem!

In Nicholas County, West Virginia, a preacher is not allowed to tell jokes from the pulpit. Better warn the visiting preachers.

And finally, In Morrisville, Pennsylvania, women need a permit to wear makeup. A very drab place.

We found out, however that even Jesus had to put up with some very silly laws.

It was against the law to harvest grain on the Sabbath and when the Pharisees saw the disciples picking grain to eat they said they were breaking the law. Jesus put them right and said to them that the Sabbath was made to meet the needs of people, and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath.

When Jesus healed the man with the withered hand, the Pharisees again said he was breaking the law by working on the Sabbath. Jesus asked, "Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil?"



One of the ten commandments says, "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy," but can you imagine a law so silly that you could not do a good thing like healing someone because it was the Sabbath? Surely that was not what God meant? This should give us all food for thought.

Messy Church



Our theme was Pentecost as was mentioned in the last *Vision*. May 29th arrived and we were thinking that we were not going to see anyone. The reason was that there had been so much rain that a lot of the roads were

flooded and there was traffic chaos. We had also received a number of phone calls to say people could not attend as it was still raining.

So there we were and after a while we had fifteen children with parents in attendance. Not as many as usual but certainly a nice number.

The children started the afternoon by icing some very tasty strawberry cakes which showed the Pentecost flames.

A mobile showing the fruits of the spirit followed and then flame hats and cone streamers for use the Pentecost celebration in the church.



A Pentecost Pyramid also had to be made in readiness for the PP race later.

Before making our way to the church for the story we made time to pin the flame on the disciple.

In the church Geoff sat the kids down on the stage with him and kept their interest for a Pentecost story. The PP race followed with the kids blowing their Pentecost Pyramids in a team race. The teams then competed to pop the balloons and create a Pentecost verse.

After a lively song and a prayer it was time for tea. There was a superb atmosphere in the hall while we were eating and as the

afternoon drew to a close.

They say God works in mysterious ways and perhaps the reason for the smaller numbers was so that we could spend more time with the children in attendance. The afternoon was, in my opinion, one of the best we have had.

Our first Messy BBQ is planned for **31st July** and we will keep you informed of our progress. There will be a further Messy Church on **21st August**.



As always I would like to thank everyone who helped or donated to the last Messy Church and made it a resounding success.

Youth Drop In



Nothing to report this time but we carry on and are still looking for more members, so if you happen to meet any children on your travels, please give us a mention.

Messy Breakfast

The numbers attending breakfast have dwindled slightly and as always it would be nice to see more people.

Why not come and join us and perhaps bring a friend.

There is a vegetarian option available.



The next Messy Breakfasts will take place on **Saturday 7th July** and **Saturday 4th August from 8.30 am**.

Maxine and Dennis

Circuit Walk Group

We meet every 3rd Thursday of the month; start at 10:00am

**Phone Lesley (01622 739039 or 07733 046915)
for further information.**

New walkers are always welcome!

May Walk: Scotney Castle, led by Murray



It may come as a surprise to our monthly walkers, but there is often a plan behind the choice of venues for our monthly rambles. The venue drivers may include how to avoid such things as: winter mud, stiles, and hills. Sometimes the plan will betray the organiser's determination to get someone else to arrange a walk. But equally, every year thought is given to routes that attempt to show our countryside at its seasonal best. So, we always choose walks where we ***might*** see spring flowers at their best. But as a translation of the words of a famous Ayrshire bard warns:

"The best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry"

(This doesn't quite have the punch of Rabbie's original: "The best laid schemes o' mice an' men/ Gang aft a'gley").

This year's attempts to see carpets of wood anemones and bluebells were stymied by our eccentric weather. But by May's walk, spring had just about caught up with itself with azaleas out and rhododendrons starting to flower. Our choice of venue was Scotney Castle. And for those who ventured into the gardens after the walk (and some lunch), the quarry was ablaze with colour and the still, warm air filled with the fragrance of the more perfumed azaleas.

Rather unconventionally for a circuit walk, the route was a figure of eight in Scotney Castle parkland and the valleys of two tributaries which eventually find their way into the Medway – Teise and Bewl. The top of the eight involved a trip over the hill into the Teise valley with good views up the valley to the west; to the east we saw Goudhurst on top of its hill and the valley down towards the Medway and Greensand ridge. We headed for the picturesque Lamberhurst Church before crossing the golf

course and passing through the village. Picturesque as the golf course is, the leader was moved to comment that he had seen longer grass on bowling greens than in the rough on this course! Isn't the rough there to penalise stray shots? If we have any golfers struggling with hooks, shanks, too much slice or fade – head to Lamberhurst, you're bound to get a good score whether or not you land on the fairway, the rough or even on the wrong fairway!

Back at the top of the hill we stopped for our delayed elevenses. We found a convenient seat and tree stub with good views across the Bewl valley to Kilndown, the lower circle of our figure 8. The sun and peacefulness of the area made it difficult to move on. But recharged, our intrepid nine spurned the offer of a shortcut back to the car park and instead attacked an even bigger hill through the woods to Kilndown. Then it was back through the scenic parkland complete with 'broon coos' – sorry, 'brown cows'.

We were blessed with a fine sunny day. Whilst the trees on the hill betrayed a strong breeze, the river valleys were still and pleasantly warm. This area is so different to either Kent's Downs or Greensand ridge. It is lower but much more undulating. The countryside is so green and the extensive areas of unspoiled woodland clearly suggest they are sheltered from the disruptive high winds experienced elsewhere.

A contented group set off home; clearly a plan which didn't go awry.

Murray Gibson

Our next couple of walks are:

19th July: .Meet at the Pepperbox Inn, Windmill Hill, Harrietsham (OS137 TQ858501) for a 5-mile walk. There are a couple of short sections of the Greensand Way along the Ridge, with good views across the Weald. Then we loop round via Liverton Street to view the North Downs. We shall be parking in the pub car park so please park tidily at the back of the car park. It would be good if some of us could manage a pint afterwards! Led by Lesley.

16th August: A walk from Cliffe - 4.25 miles. Starting point: the car park near Cliffe Church, Church Street, Cliffe, Rochester ME3 7QE. GR736766. Led by Sue who says, *'The walk is mainly flat, on rough-surfaced tracks and paths. It has one low stile. If anyone is interested in birds or ships it is well worth taking binoculars'*



Lesley Hitch

***Union Street and the Circuit say
żegnaj, adeus, and farewell to...***

Agnes (our cleaner), Gary, Luzia & Isabella Watt and Deacon Pru who are all moving on.

We wish them blessings in all that lies ahead and will miss them.



Circuit Farewell Service

The farewell service of celebration and thanksgiving for Deacon Pru, Rev Dr Gary Watt and Luzia Watt will take place on **Sunday 8th July, 6pm at Sittingbourne Methodist Church.**

There will be refreshments following the service. All are welcome.

GARDEN PARTY
SATURDAY 14TH JULY
2PM – 5PM



You are invited to our next fundraising event at Union Street Church.

Weather permitting, we will be on the front grass, but indoors if not.

Come and relax and enjoy tea, sandwiches and cakes.

There will be games to amuse the children, (and the adults if they wish!)

We will also have some stalls selling crafts, plants and cakes.

DO COME AND JOIN US!



Visioning Day Sunday 15th July, 10.30 am – 3 pm

**Where are we going?
How do we get there?**



Please be part of the journey with us to begin thinking about the possibilities for church renovations and mission at our Visioning Day as we approach the 200th anniversary of the church in 2023.

Let us pray for a day of rich discussion and prayerful discernment of the way forward for Union Street.

Plans for the Day

10.30 Messy Church –
let the Visioning begin

11.30 Tea and Coffee

12 noon Bring-and-Share Lunch

3pm Finish

Please bring a contribution for lunch, and a willingness to join in our “visioning” in whatever way you can.



Children's Pages

Bible Story

Elijah challenges Baal

(Based on versions from The Illustrated Children's Bible and other accounts found on the internet)

The water shortage had been going on for over two years when God told Elijah to visit King Ahab. When Ahab heard that the prophet was on his way, he went to meet him. "At last I'm face to face with you," said the king when he reached the prophet. "You have brought nothing but trouble to Israel".

Elijah relied in a firm voice, "No, your majesty. You, and your father before you, have caused the trouble by ignoring the laws of the Lord our God and by following the false god Baal. I am going to show you that there is only one God and you should worship only Him."

"Oh, and how are you going to do that?" asked the incredulous king.

"I'll show you", said Elijah. "You must ask all the people to meet me at Mount Carmel. And, more importantly, make sure that all the priests of Baal and the prophets of Jezebel are with them".

Surprisingly, Ahab agreed to do what Elijah had asked. Not long after this encounter thousands of people gathered at the mountain to see what would happen. Elijah was not afraid even though he was the only one in the great mass of people who had remained faithful to the Lord God.

Elijah shouted out his challenge to them all. "It is time that you stop keep changing your minds. If the Lord is God, follow Him; if Baal is God, then follow him".

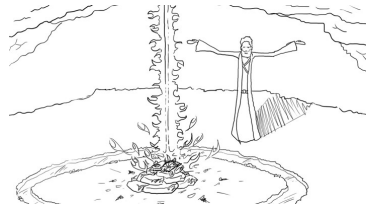
The crowd was totally silent and so Elijah continued. "Let us see whether Baal has any power. Bring two bulls here to be killed. The Priests of Baal must build an altar, pile wood on to it and then place the animal they prefer on top of the wood. Don't set light to it. I will also build an altar in the same way. The priests of Baal must then call upon your god to send down fire to burn your sacrifice. Afterwards I will call my God to send fire for mine. Whichever answers, then that one is the true God".

The people were very happy with this arrangement and shouted out their agreement. So the priests of Baal prepared their sacrifice and from morning to midday they danced around their altar and cried out to Baal to light their fire. Nothing happened! Elijah joked that perhaps their god was asleep or had gone away for a while! The priests carried on dancing and making their appeals to Baal until, in the middle of the afternoon, they gave up.

Elijah called all the people to his altar. This altar had already been damaged by the priests of Baal and so it was rebuilt with a trench around it. Having put the wood and the sacrificial bull on the altar, Elijah asked for twelve jars of water to be poured over the altar and bull. This made the people laugh because they thought that a fire could not be started now as the altar was soaking wet.

Elijah prayed out loud in front of all the people, saying, "Lord God, let it be known today that you are the only God in Israel. Show these people your power".

As Elijah finished speaking, fire flashed from the sky, burning up the bull, the wood, the stone altar and also drying up the water in the trench! The crowd was amazed and the people began to chant, "The Lord is God! The Lord is the real God".



Knowing that they had failed, the priests of Baal tried to run away but Elijah ordered the people to chase after them and catch them. When all the priests had been caught, they were put to death.

Following this a little cloud appeared in the sky and it grew very fast. Soon the sky was full of black clouds and the long-awaited rain came down in torrents bringing an end to the famine.

Jan Hinchliffe

*Whoops!...the eagle-eyed among you may have noticed that this story should have preceded last month's instalment. It was my mistake, not Jan's! She kindly prepared two months' worth of stories before going on holiday, which I did not realise when I included the first one I downloaded from my email. Alas, I opened the wrong email first! Apologies, and I hope it hasn't left anyone too confused! **Ed***

1918-2018

100 Years since the end of the First World War

We are planning to have a display of poppies in our Church to mark this important event BUT the poppies need to be made! Please could you knit or crochet one. Poppies come in different sizes and various shades of red so it doesn't matter what size needles or crochet hook you choose or what ply of wool. The patterns are below. We don't need to have the poppies until October so there is plenty of time. I hope you will be interested to join in this venture.

Crochet Pattern

You will need some red wool and a black button

Three petal crochet poppy with
4.5mm hook

Ch 3, join with slst to form circle. Ch 3, work 9 dc into the centre of the circle and join with slst. Work the three petals separately.

Petal 1. Ch 3, work 1st dc into the same st, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts. ch 1 work 2 sc into each st, tie off.

Petal 2. Work 2 dc into last dc of previous petal, work 2 dc into each of the next 3 sts. ch 1 work 2 sc into each st, tie off.

Work petal 3 as 2.

Sew all ends in and attach button in the centre.

Pat Wallis

Tel: 01622 746025

Knitting Pattern

Cast on 120 stitches

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch

Knit 3 together across whole row

Knit 4 rows of garter stitch

Knit 2 together across whole row

Knit 4 rows garter stitch

Knit 2 together across whole row

Cast off

Join side seam and sew black button in centre (or make a tiny black wool pompom)



Crochet stitch explanation

ch = chain	rep = repeat
dc = double crochet	rnd = round
htr = half treble crochet	slst = slip stitch
r = row	tr = treble crochet
st(s) = stitch (es)	

Thursday Market

The Thursday Market, selling home-made produce, is held at our community centre at Union Street Church on Thursdays. It opens from 10.00 am until 12.00 pm.



Lin Smith

Safeguarding Checks

As you have probably seen in the Church Notices recently, it is now a requirement that all Messy Church helpers and Pastoral Visitors have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check. I will be contacting those of you in these roles who have not yet had a check over the next few weeks, to organise completing the online form for the checks. If you have any queries about what DBS checks are for, and what they entail, please get in touch.

Laurel Townend

Congratulations!

to Christine Richards, one of our Stewards, who was awarded an MBE in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list for her services to cancer patients. Christine has been a radiographer for 46 years, spending the last 28 years at MTW NHS Trust.

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Date

July 1st
July 8th
July 15th
July 22nd
July 29th

Vestry Steward

Lin Smith
Ian Jenkins
Lin Smith
Lin Smith
Sectional Service @TR

Door Steward

July 1st
July 8th
July 15th
July 22nd
July 29th

Jean Martin
Beryl Gibson
Alan Wilson
Eve Orry
Sectional Service @TR

Projection

July 1st
July 8th
July 15th
July 22nd
July 29th

Richard Vincent
Paul Smith
Richard Vincent
Paul Smith
Sectional Service @TR

Reader 1

July 1st
July 8th
July 15th
July 22nd
July 29th

Conference service
Janice Hinchliffe
Jean Martin
Gillian Starkey
Sectional Service @TR

Intercessions

July 1st
July 8th
July 15th
July 22nd
July 29th

Conference service

Iris Pring
Bill Wallis
Sectional Service @TR

Communion Stewards

July 1st

Eddie Vincent, Jean Martin & Peter Herrin

Pastoral Steward

Bill Orry
Lin Smith
Christine Richard
Ian Jenkins



Hymn Books

Ada Allwright
Laurel Townend
Freda Wilson
Betty Free



Sound

Ernie Munn
Ernie Munn
Ernie Munn

Reader 2

Ian Dunkley
Laurel Townend
Alan Townend

Organist

David Hitch
David Hitch
Jenifer Horbury

“For I know I have plans for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” ***Jeremiah 29, v 11***

New Church Website

Union Street Methodist Church has a new website:

www.usmc.org.uk



Our website has two main purposes:

- ◇ To allow us to communicate better within the church
- ◇ To let people from outside the church get a glimpse of what we offer and forge links – outreach!

It all looks a bit different from the old site, so please try the new one out and tell me what you think. I am really keen to take on new ideas. I'm happy to take ideas by email to admin@usmc.org.uk or on paper via the Church noticeboard.

Alan Townend

Material Needed for the September Edition of Vision!

Please send copy for the September edition of *Vision* to the Editor by Wednesday 15th August, by email to

vision@usmc.org.uk

or by leaving any items on the Church noticeboard.

(Please label emails and letters "for *Vision*")

Dennis Makowski

Please note change of email address