

Union Street Methodist Church, Maidstone
Superintendent Minister: Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
Sunday 15 July, 10.30am: Messy Visioning Service
led by Rev Bonni-Belle-Pickard



THIS MORNING'S HYMNS: all from Singing the Faith		
StF 471	StF 489	StF 465
StF 447	UMH 707	StF 489
StF 477	StF 487	

*Bible readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Psalm 60:1-3,5; Psalm 85:4-13;
Jeremiah 29:11; Isaiah 65: 17*



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

Open Circle. Wednesday 18 July, 1.30pm, following on from Wednesday Lunch Club. Musical afternoon with Keith and Anne Shave.

Circuit Walk Group, Thursday 19 July, 10.00am. Meet at the Pepperbox Inn, Windmill Hill, Harrietsham, for a 5-mile walk. Short sections on the Greensand Way, lovely views of the Weald and the North Down. Plenty of shady sections.

There is to be a meeting of the Welcome Stewards next Sunday, 23 July, at noon at the church. Apologies for the late notice. If you are a Welcome Steward, please let Bonni-Belle or Anna Herrin know whether you are able to attend. Bonni-Belle.

New Church Website

Union Street Methodist Church has a new website: www.usmc.org.uk

Our website has two main purposes:

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

Try the new website out and tell me what you think.

Alan Townend (admin@usmc.org.uk)

Fundraising Trustee – voluntary role within Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter.

MCWS is a coalition of churches and volunteers from across the community, supported by Maidstone Borough Council, Kent County Council and local agencies to offer evening hospitality and overnight shelter to homeless people in the coldest months. Further aims of the project are: to support homeless people to find long-term

accommodation, resisting dependency on the shelter; and to work in partnership with other agencies providing support for homeless people.

This is a challenging and fulfilling opportunity; experience of fundraising for other charities or similar organisations is important for this role. A knowledge and understanding of the background and circumstances of homeless and vulnerable people and a knowledge of the services available to homeless people is an advantage.

You will need to have the ability and enthusiasm to research funding opportunities for the charity and to submit applications when prospects are identified. Experience of fundraising for other charities or similar organisations is important for this role. A knowledge and understanding of the background and circumstances of homeless and vulnerable people and a knowledge of the services available to homeless people is an advantage.

To register your interest and to arrange an informal discussion with a current Trustee please contact us by email at: mcwsoffice@maidstoneshelter.org.uk, by post at MCWS, 6 Buckland Road, Maidstone ME16 0SL, or call the office on 01622 296 450.

Interfaith Events

A new interfaith group has started up in Maidstone. The next meeting will be at Union Street Methodist Church, Tuesday, 17 July, at 7.30pm. Bonni-Belle will be giving a short talk on Methodism for the group. This is a good opportunity to begin to meet with local people from other faith traditions; all are welcome to attend.

Medway Interfaith Association is hosting its third Walk for Peace event on Saturday, 21 July to promote peace and unity for people of different cultures, race and faith in Medway. The walk begins at 10.15am outside the Tai Won Mein restaurant in Gillingham and continues to the Chatham Naval War Memorial and then on to Chatham where there will be visits to the Turkish Community Centre and the Chatham Memorial Synagogue. Proceeding then to the Rochester War Memorial for speeches by local dignitaries and dances by various cultural groups. Ends at 3.00pm. Food and hospitality provided along the way!

Service Next Sunday, 10.30am:

Service led by Don Brand

*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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