## Union Street Methodist Church, Maidstone Superintendent Minister: Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard Sunday 5 August, 10.30am: Service, with Holy Communion, led by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard

THIS MORNING'S HYMNS: all from Singing the Faith		
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Bible reading: Ephesians 2 vv11 – 22

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

USMC has a new Communications Team which is looking at coordinating many of the ways we communicate with our congregation and the outside community. This includes the weekly notices, magazine, website, fliers, banners, social media, etc. We've realised we really need a photographer who is able and eager to keep a photo bank of events, people, etc updated. If you're interested, please contact Bonni-Belle or Alan Townend.

**Spring Clean for the Kitchen on Wednesday 8 August** - we would welcome help for this annual job to get the Kitchen set up for September, starting at 9.30am. Tea and coffee (cold drink, if weather still hot) will be provided. Thanks, Norma.

Barn Dance, 24 August, 7.00-10.00pm. Venue: Boughton Monchelsea Village Hall, Church Street. Bring & Share food and drink. Tickets on the door or from the Church or Church Office. Caller: Rev Phil Goodey. Proceeds to The Princess Project and St Peter's Church.

**Wanted: a representative on a Waypoint steering group for Maidstone's Older People's Forum.** The Forum takes place 3 times a year offering older people (80+) the opportunity to get out, meet others, engage with interesting speakers/activities and have their voice heard. A small steering group plans the forums and the group is looking to widen its perspective and interest. The role will require attendance at the forums (3 times/year) and attendance at the planning shaping meetings (6 times/year).

This is an opportunity for the church to engage with the community, working alongside other volunteer organisations to improve the wellbeing of older people who are increasingly isolated. The ideal person for this volunteer role will be someone who is confident to share their opinions and experiences; it will need to be someone who is happy to work as part of a team who may have very different beliefs and views to their own. Please do consider whether there is someone in your church who might enjoy serving our community in this way, and let us know by emailing us their contact details (with consent (!)) via: admin@waypointmaidstone.org.uk.

## We are suggesting a deadline of Wednesday 15th August for nominations.

Service Next Sunday, 10.30am: led by David Newell

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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