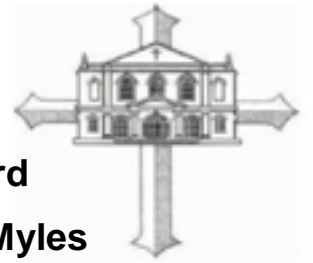


Union Street Methodist Church, Maidstone
Superintendent Minister: Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard
Sunday 12 August, 10.30am: Service led by Julian Myles



THIS MORNING'S HYMNS:		
MP 757	StF 566	StF 663
MP 411		

Pre-service hymns: StF 66 & 565

Bible readings: 1 Kings 19:4-8; John 6:35 & 41-51; Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2



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: Reg Walters, 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 away from Sunday, 12 August, to Sunday, 19 August. She'll be presenting a paper at the Oxford Institute, which is a gathering of Methodist scholars from the UK and US that meets in Oxford once every five years. *Rev Tony Graff will be on call for any emergencies requiring a minister while Bonni-Belle is away.*

Thursday 16 August, 10.00am. Circuit Walk Group: A walk from Cliffe - 4.25 miles. Starting point: the car park near Cliffe Church, Church Street, Cliffe, Rochester ME3 7QE. GR736766.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, 1 September, 10.30am, when we will be welcoming Rev Robert Zachar and his family to the Circuit. Robert will have pastoral charge for Sittingbourne and Newington, and the Welcome Service will be held at Sittingbourne.

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.

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:
Own Arrangement Service**

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

*Church Web site www.usmc.org.uk
Circuit Web site: <http://www.nkmethodists.org.uk>*