



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 16th September: Pet Service led by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard

This morning's hymns:

Morning Has Broken

If I Were a Butterfly;

All Things Bright and Beautiful


For the Beauty of the Earth




Welcome

A very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today, and especially to those who are visitors. We hope you will stay and join us at the back of the church for tea/coffee and a chat after the service.

There is a children's "Footsteps" group which meets during the service, in an upstairs room in the Church Centre. Do ask a steward if you have a child with you who would like to join with them today.



 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **Genesis 1: 21**





Notices for this week

The Maidstone Interfaith Network meets this Tuesday, 18th September, at the Unitarian Church in the Market Buildings, 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Are you a First Aider? We need to have a list of First Aiders on file so that we can ensure we have the required persons available for the various events we are planning. If you have a valid First Aid certificate, please inform Lin Smith or Bonni-Belle. If you are interested in becoming certified (or updating your certification), the Circuit is putting on a First Aid training course at Union Street on Saturday, 29th September. Contact the Circuit Office for more details.

The Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter will run from Friday 21st December 2018 until 23rd March 2019.

It will be opening this year's Volunteer Application period on Sunday the 16th September and closing it on the 23rd November to enable rotas to be developed and communicated in plenty of time before the shelter opens.

The shelter could not operate without the wonderful efforts of its volunteers and hopes that it continue to receive the same support as in previous years.

Volunteers' applications are best made through the shelter website at <http://www.maidstoneshelter.org.uk> as this reduces admin costs, but paper application forms are available by contacting the shelter office on 01622 296450.



Room Hire:

We have a number of rooms on our premises which can be hired out.

For more information please contact Dianne Holland
Tel: 07596 169326 email: lettings@usmc.org.uk

Looking Ahead

20th September: Circuit Walk from Lenham 10 am – see September edition of *Vision* for details, or speak to Lesley

22nd September: Quiz Night 6 pm for 6.30, to raise money for the premises.

26th September: Centrepont Meeting 7.45 pm : Postcards of the early 1900s - details in *Vision*, or speak to Peter Herrin

4th October: Safeguarding Training (Foundation Module and Refresher Training) at Larkfield Methodist Church 7.15 - 9.30 pm

7th October: Harvest lunch, after the Harvest Festival service – details overleaf

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* **Future Notices** *
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* Please send items for next week's notices to *
* notices@usmc.org.uk by 6pm.on Thursday 20th September. *
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Regular Events

Tuesdays: 11 - 11.30 am Prayer Group in the Foyer
11.30 am - 1.30 pm Frontline Meeting –with Thought for the day at 1.15. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee are provided

Wednesdays 3.30 onwards Youth Drop In in the Church Centre
Find us on Facebook at **ydimaidstone** or on **www.youthdropinmaidstone.co.uk**

Thursdays 10 am - Noon Thursday Market in the Church. Refreshments available

There are also House Groups which meet regularly. For details speak to Richard Vincent, Eve Orry or Peter Herrin. Ask a Steward if you need to be introduced to a House Group co-ordinator.

Prayers

Let us remember especially in our prayers:

Any friends in the congregation experiencing bereavement, including the 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.



Harvest Lunch Sunday 7th October

Join us for lunch after the Harvest Service.
The main course will be provided, but please bring some salad or dessert to share.

After lunch you are invited to stay for a *Faith and Society* session, where we will be sharing our thoughts about Food Poverty

