

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 23rd September: Julien Myles

Today's hymns are:

STF 24; STF 483; MP 272; STF 437; MP 151; MP456

Today's readings are:

Proverbs 31 v 10-31

James 3 v 13- 4 v 3, 7-8a



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.

Notices for this week

Fundraising: The following contributions are needed for stalls at our Christmas Fayre: Christmas wrapping paper, used toys in good condition, unwanted Christmas gifts, and costume jewellery. We could also use a few more volunteers to man the tables. Contact Maureen Harris for more information.

Community Garden: A "seed' has been planted -- the idea of turning a part of the front lawn of the church into a small community garden. In our dream, the 'garden' would be raised beds for growing vegetables in the area near the church across from the small memorial garden we set up last year. It might even have paving stones alongside to make it wheelchair accessible. This would be an opportunity to get involved more



with our community, offering a space where people could volunteer their time and energy to set up, plant, weed, harvest – enjoy! Pete Smith is starting to plan the construction of the raised beds in the next few months. If you have wooden planks, soil, or paving stones to contribute, please contact Pete or Lin.



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

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

29th Sept: First Aid Training at Union Street—contact Circuit Office for more details

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

6th Oct: Messy Breakfast 8.30 - 10 am

7th Oct: Harvest lunch, after the Harvest Festival service

details overleaf

10th Oct: Centrepoint Meeting 7.45: A trip down Memory Lane

Pastoral Committee 7.30 pm

16th Oct: Church Council 7.30 pm

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 coordinator.

Prayers



Let us remember especially in our prayers:

Any friends in the congregation experiencing bereavement.

Any of our members and friends who are suffering from health problems, and we think especially of Bill and Eve Orry as Bill recovers from a broken hip in Hull.

We continue to pray also for any friends in residential homes.

Grant to those who seek you, O Lord, the gift of your kingdom, the comfort of your grace and the *vision of your glory; for your own name's sake. * Amen.



* Book of Common Order (1562)



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

