



Union Street Methodist Church

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 2nd September: Service led by Roger Byard

This morning's hymns:

Singing the Faith 470; 478;501; 498; 477

Readings:

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2,6-9

Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

James 1: 17-27

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.

Notices for this week

Distribution of the Notices

From today, Laurel Townend is taking over preparing the weekly notices, and the Craft Group, which meets on Fridays, is taking over the duplication of them.

You can also find the Notices on the church website at www.usmc.org.uk

In addition, it is possible to receive a copy of the notices by email each week, so you need never miss them! If you would like to be included on the distribution list please email your request to notices@usmc.org.uk Your email address will not be shared with anyone else, when the notices are sent out.



Ride and Stride Saturday 8th September



We are planning to open the church to cyclists and walkers taking part in the Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride and Walk. Though we were too late to be included on the official list of churches for the occasion, we fully expect that some participants will drop in as they pass anyway. If you are able to help welcome and serve teas and coffees for sometime between 10 am and 4pm, please let Lin Smith know as soon as possible.



Circuit Prayer Day Thursday 6th September

The Retreat Centre, Hartlip Methodist Church ME9 7TG
10.30am for an 11.00am start till 3.00pm. Come along for all or part of the day. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided

Looking Ahead

16th September: Messy Breakfast (from 9.30 am) followed by the Pet Service (10.30 am) - do especially invite your friends with pets.

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



Future Notices

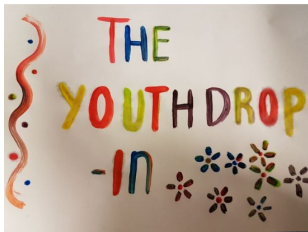
Ideas for how we can develop the notices, or items for inclusion are welcome. Please speak to Laurel, or email

notices@usmc.org.uk

Regular Events

Youth Drop In

Wednesdays from 3.30 pm in the Community Centre (enter via Brewer Street)



The Youth Drop In provides a calm and spacious area that can be used by everyone aged 8-16 years old for relaxing, getting involved in activities or even just getting on with some homework! It's a chance to meet friends, enjoy a snack and just chill out.

Find us on Facebook at **ydmaidstone** or on
www.youthdropinmaidstone.co.uk

Other Regular Events

Weekly Prayer Group

We meet on Tuesdays from 11 to 11.30 am in the Church foyer.

Our prayers are based around Bible readings, published prayers and extempore prayer on Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication.



Frontline Lunchtime Initiative



We meet on Tuesdays from 11.30 am until 1.30 pm, with a Thought for the Day slot at 1.15 pm. You are warmly invited to join us. Bring a packed lunch - we provide tea and coffee.

House Groups

Various House groups meet for Bible Study, discussion and fellowship. If you are interested in joining in, please see Richard Vincent, Eve Orry or Peter Herrin.

Ask a Steward if you need to be



Thursday Market

The Thursday Market, selling home made goods and produce, is held at our Community Centre on Thursdays from 10 am until noon. Refreshments are available

