



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 7th October: Rev. Bonni-Belle Pickard

Harvest Festival

Today's hymns are:

STF: 124 693 125 109 266

Today's readings are:

Isaiah 58: 6-12 (The Message translation)

Matthew 25: 34-36



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 followed by our Harvest lunch and a *Faith and Society* discussion on Food Poverty.

Thank you, too, for the harvest gifts brought this morning. You can find out more about how they will be used on the final page of these notices.



Notices for this week

Bonni-Belle will be attending a Superintendents' Residential on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. In case of emergency, please contact one of the stewards.

The closing worship service of **Sutton-at-Hone Methodist Church** will be held on Saturday, 13th October, at 5 pm at the Sutton church. All are welcome to attend this commemoration of the work and worship shared throughout the years at Sutton.

Maidstone Street Pastors celebrates their 10th year in existence in Maidstone on Sunday, 14th October at 4 pm at the Vine church, ME15 9QF. Ample parking is available.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, 16th October, 7.30 pm in the Gordon Higgins Room. The future of the Union Street church property will be discussed. All Church Council officers are urged to attend. Others are welcome to attend (without vote).

Kent & Medway NHS Trust invite those who are interested to meet the Chaplaincy Team on Tuesday 23rd October, 12pm - 2pm at the Lakeside Lounge, Kent & Medway Social Care Partnership Trust, Hermitage Lane, Maidstone ME19 9PH. This event affords the chance to learn about how the Chaplaincy team seeks to support those with mental illnesses before they return to their home communities. For more information contact kmptchaplaincy@nhs.net / 01622 723215 or see their poster on our church website. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend.

The Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter are seeking **volunteers** to help with the overnight shelter which runs from 21st December until 23rd March. Roles include welcoming guests, managing the overnight stay, cooking meals and helping clear up in the morning, as the guests leave for the day

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.

They are also advertising for **part time Project Workers** to work between 26th November and 29th March. The closing date for applications is Friday 12th October. You can find the full advert on Union Street's website www.usmc.org.uk.

Looking Ahead

- 10th Oct:** Centrepoint Meeting 7.45 pm A trip down Memory Lane
- 11th Oct** Pastoral Committee 7.30 pm
- 16th Oct:** Church Council 7.30 pm
- 18th Oct:** Circuit Walk leaving from Bluebell Hill at 10 am.
Details in *Vision*
- 20th Oct:** Table Top Sale 1- 3 pm
- 24th Oct:** Centrepoint AGM at 7.45 pm followed by coffee, cake and chat

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 **ydimairstone** 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.

Any of our members and friends who are suffering from health problems, and we think especially of Bill and Eve Orry as Bill recovers at home from his breaking his hip, and Reg Walters who is now recuperating at home, and Betty Free also back home after a spell in hospital

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



Food for Thought

Our Harvest gifts will be collected by *Food for Thought*, the foodbank which is run from Maidstone Day Centre for the Homeless.

At the Day Centre food donations are sorted into type and date then distributed to day centres for elderly or disabled people, hostels and school breakfast clubs.

Emergency food parcels are made up for individuals or families who would otherwise go hungry. The food, particularly fresh produce, is also used in our kitchen at Maidstone Day Centre to provide delicious and nourishing meals for our clients; it is noticeable that the health of long term rough sleepers improves considerably after a few weeks of good food.

The success of *Food for Thought* is largely due to the fact that we are a small, independent charity with no red tape so help is virtually immediate. Each food parcel is made up to suit the needs of the individuals and could contain baby food, nappies, cat food, toilet rolls, rice pudding or gluten free bread.

 * **Future Notices** *
 * Please send items for next week's notices to *
 * notices@usmc.org.uk by 6pm.on Thursday 11th October. *
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