



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 28th October: Karen Willing

Next Sunday, 4th November, our service will include Holy Communion, and be led by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard

Today's hymns are all from Singing the Faith except 687 which is from Hymns & Psalms:

82, 687, 451, 20, 72

Today's readings are:

Hebrews 7, 23 - 28

Mark 10, 46 - 52



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 and coffee and a chat.

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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 1st November. *
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Notices for this week

A Remembering Service will be held at the church today at 4 pm.

Help Needed for the Christmas Fayre

We need more stall helpers please for the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 24th November, and also helpers to set up and take down tables.

Items needed for the Fayre include costume jewellery, Christmas gifts, wrapping paper, cakes and preserves. These items can be bought in every week from now until the event.

Please speak to Lin, Maxine, Dianne or Maureen and your items can be stored in the Community Centre for you.

Many thanks

The Fundraising Team



Remembering the Armistice

The Heart of Kent Hospice are hosting an evening commemoration of 100 years since the end of World War One on at Invicta Grammar School on Saturday 10th November, from 7 - 9.30 pm.

The evening will include authentic soldier recruitment by TV and film consultant Richard Knight (Downton Abbey) and other demonstrations followed by poetry, a World War One singalong, refreshments (including trench cake and other items made by WI members from original recipes of the era) and period memorabilia.

Tickets cost £10 each (£5 for children) with a 10% discount for parties of 10 or more. Find more information, including how to book tickets, at <https://www.hokh.org/events/detail/remembering-the-armistice>

Looking Ahead

- 7th Nov** The Ghost Train at the Hazlitt Theatre. Jan Hinchliffe is selling tickets for that evening's performance in aid of the Winter Shelter. Tickets are £14 each, of which £5.90 goes to the Shelter.
- 14th Nov** Centrepint: Through the Decades 7.45 pm
- 24th Nov** Christmas Fayre 10 am - 2 pm
- 8th Dec** Christmas Music afternoon 4 - 6 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 **ydimairstone** or on **www.youthdropinmairstone.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, along with any of our members and friends who are suffering from health problems, We continue to pray also for any friends in residential homes.



Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter (MCWS)

As many of you will be aware, a decision was taken at Church Council last week, that Union Street will join other Maidstone Churches in providing accommodation one night per week for the Winter Shelter for the Homeless. This will entail the kitchen, the Hall, the Gordon Higgins Room and the Church Parlour being used for the Shelter on Monday evenings through to early Tuesday mornings from Monday 31st December until 23rd March.

Up to 15 guests will be accommodated on each evening, looked after by a team of volunteers, who will serve them refreshments, including a hot evening meal, and a chance to socialise and sleep in a safe, warm environment during the coldest weeks of the year.

MCWS staff and trustees put in place all the plans for providing camp beds etc., and recruit the team of volunteers, but the venue lead, overseeing the arrangements at our premises will be Union Street member, Jan Hinchliffe. She has been involved with the Winter Shelter at other venues for several years, so do talk to her to find out more about the arrangements for this year, and what help we can provide to ensure the smooth running of the shelter at Union Street, and a warm and welcoming experience for our homeless guests.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me.....whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” **Matthew 25, vv 35 and 40**

We wish our minister, Bonni-Belle, all the very best as she recovers from minor injuries sustained in a car accident earlier this week.

