



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 4th November: Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard

Holy Communion

Next Sunday, 11th November, our service will be a Local Arrangements service, including a silence to commemorate Armistice Day.

Today's hymns are all from Singing the Faith:

117, 485, 249 and 588

Today's readings are:

Psalm 146

Ruth 1, 1-18



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.

Soup lunch/Faith and Society – TODAY! We will be sharing a soup lunch with MICC after this morning's service in the Gordon Higgins room as a fundraiser for the Centrepont Project which helps young people who are homeless (not to be confused with our Union Street social club!) Following that lunch, we will have our second Faith and Society discussion for about 30-45 minutes. The topic for the discussion will be Universal Credit.

Notices for this week

The Property Committee has nearly completed the installation of the dishwasher in the kitchen but needs the skills of a carpenter to finish off the job. If you or someone you know could help, please contact Ian Harris or Dave Hitch.

Remembering Service – the annual Remembering Service for those who have been bereaved was held at Union Street last Sunday afternoon, but the date was incorrectly listed as 4th Nov in this month's *Vision*. Those who consequently missed the service are most welcome to go to Bearsted Methodist Church today (4th Nov, 4 pm) when the same service will take place and your loved ones can be remembered.

Lift needed – Reg Walters would like to resume attending Sunday services but needs a lift from his home in Tovil as he is not able to drive. Please contact Reg if you are able to help.

Minister away – Bonni-Belle will be attending the Women Ministers' Annual Gathering this week, Mon-Thurs, in Scarborough. In case of emergency, please contact one of the stewards.

Interfaith week, 12th - 18th November

“Open Doors” events – Union Street Methodist Church will be opening its doors to the community on Thursday, 15th November, as part of the larger Open Doors Interfaith week activities. Different faith communities across Kent will be hosting events during the week, and you are encouraged to attend one or more of these to experience something of interfaith activities for yourself. See *Vision* for more details.

Interfaith Story telling at the Library – Saturday, 17th November -- Bonni-Belle and others will be telling stories from various faith traditions. All are welcome.

Christmas Fayre If you can help with the Christmas Fayre on 24th November, please speak to Lin, Maxine, Dianne or Maureen. The fundraising team are currently collecting donations of costume jewellery, Christmas gifts, wrapping paper, cakes and preserves in particular..



Looking Ahead

- 14th Nov** Centrepont: Through the Decades 7.45 pm
- 15th Nov** Circuit Walk 10 am from Penenden Heath car park.
Find more details in *Vision*
- 24th Nov** Christmas Fayre 10 am - 2 pm
- 28th Nov** Centrepont: A Glimpse into the
Magistrates Court 7.45 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.



Prayer

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



A Prayer from the Methodist Connexion

Gracious God, from you everything flows and in you all things have their being. Forgive us for spoiling your gift of creation, so wonderfully crafted and freely given: for the times when we have forgotten your imprint on creation and have abused it; for the times when we have caused needless waste and damage; for the times when we have chosen momentary pleasure over long-term necessity. Grant that we may thank you for your gift of creation by conserving natural resources and by using only that which we need. May our stewardship of your world be a true example of Christian care. Amen.

Andy Fyall, Superintendent Minister, Stamford Circuit



Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

Psalm 146, 1 –2

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Future Notices

Please send items for next week's notices to
notices@usmc.org.uk by 6 pm.on Thursday 8th November.