



# Union Street Methodist Church

## Church Notices

### Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November:

**Messy Church service led by our minister, Rev Bonni-Belle  
Pickard**

*Next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, our service will be led by Geoff  
Harris*

**Today's hymns are :** Singing the Faith: 536, 619 and 611

### Today's readings are:

Psalm 67

Acts 17: 16 - 28



## 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.

Do join us at any of the events and meetings listed in this notice sheet. We look forward to seeing you again.



## **Notices for this week**

**Hartlip: Circuit Service**

**Today: Sunday 18th November: 4pm**

**Ken George Farewell Service**

Ken is leaving the Circuit after years of service as a prison chaplain.

Join us at Hartlip to say farewell.

Refreshments after.

*Hartlip Methodist Church*

*The Street, Hartlip, Sittingbourne, ME9 7TG*



**Christmas Fayre Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**10 am - 2pm**

This week is the final chance to bring into church any items for sale before the Christmas Fayre next Saturday morning.

There will be a labelled box in front of the piano in the church for any items for sale.

For everyone helping at the Fayre please stay behind after church today for a brief meeting - sorry for the short notice.



### **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, and those in hospital. We continue to pray also for any friends in residential homes.



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**Future Notices**

Please send items for next week's notices to  
[notices@usmc.org.uk](mailto:notices@usmc.org.uk) by 6pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## ***Looking Ahead***

- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** Centrepoint: A Glimpse into the Magistrates Court
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov** Maidstone Interfaith Network at the Christian Science Reading Room
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** Faith & Society Bring & Share cold lunch after the church service (see details on the back page)  
Churches Together in Maidstone AGM and Advent Service at St Paul's, Boxley Road 6pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Music afternoon 4 - 6 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** Living Nativity at Kent Life Museum 3pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** Worship Advisory Group - all welcome! 7.30 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** Centrepoint Christmas Party 7.45 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** Messy Church Christmas Party 3—5.30 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** Union Street Carol Service 4 pm (morning service as usual)
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** Circuit Christmas Walk from East Malling Research Centre car park, followed by lunch at The Orchards Café - see Lesley for details.



## ***Regular Events***

- Tuesdays** 12.00 - 1.00 pm Frontline lunch meeting to share experiences and to chat. Thought for the Day and prayer is at 12.30. 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](http://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.

## ***Winter Shelter: Help needed***

I am looking for volunteers to wash one or more sleeping bags following each of our Monday night winter shelters at Union Street.

If you can help please add your details to the list you'll find pinned up on the Notice board in the lobby.

Thanks.

*Jan Hinchliffe*



## ***Faith and Society Lunch Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December***

Our next Faith and Society lunch and short discussion will take place after the service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The subject on this occasion will be Homelessness. We do hope lots of you will stay to share ideas about an issue which is very much in our minds as we prepare to open up our premises as a winter shelter one night a week for 12 weeks from 31<sup>st</sup> December.

On this occasion, we are planning a bring and share cold lunch. Please do bring something to contribute to our lunch. We will provide hot drinks.

*Laurel Townend*

## ***End Hunger UK Petition***

18,378 people signed the recent petition asking Theresa May to fix Universal Credit, which was delivered to 10, Downing Street. Thank you to those from Union Street who added their names or raised awareness of it with others.

***Maidstone Choral Union Xmas Concert***  
***Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm***  
***All Saints Church, Mill Street, Maidstone***  
Carols for Choir and Audience  
The Messiah Part 1  
Hallelujah Chorus

Tickets on the door £12 (half price for students and children)