



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Sunday 25th November:

Preacher: Geoff Harris

Theme: Women Against Violence

Next Sunday, our service will include Holy Communion and be led by Bonni-Belle Pickard. The service will be followed by a bring and share cold lunch and our Faith & Society discussion on Homelessness

Today's hymns are:

Singing the Faith: 175, 481, 687, 693 and 413

Today's readings are:

Daniel 7, 9-10, 13-14

John 18, 13-37



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



Notices for this week

Thank you to everyone who supported or helped in any way with yesterday's Christmas Fayre in aid of Church funds.

28th Nov Centrepont: A Glimpse into the Magistrates Court
7.45 pm

29th Nov Maidstone Interfaith Network at the Christian Science
Reading Room 7.30 pm

2nd Dec Faith & Society Bring & Share cold lunch after the
church service

Churches Together in Maidstone AGM and Advent
Service at St Paul's, Boxley Road 6 pm



Christmas Flowers

This year our colour scheme for the Christmas flower arrangements in the Church will be red and gold. **Red Carnations** will be used in all the floral decorations for our Christmas Services. Would you like to donate a carnation to be used in one of the flower arrangements? Each bloom will cost £1.50. If you would like to provide one, I will be happy to receive your donation.

Pat Wallis



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.



"Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."

3 John, 2

Looking Ahead

- 8th Dec** Christmas Music afternoon 4 - 6 pm
9th Dec Living Nativity at Kent Life Museum 3 pm
10th Dec Worship Advisory Group - all welcome! 7.30 pm
12th Dec Centrepoin Christmas Party 7.45 pm
15th Dec Messy Church Christmas Party 3 - 5.30 pm
16th Dec Union Street Carol Service 4 pm (morning service as usual)
20th Dec Circuit Christmas Walk from East Malling
Research Centre car park, followed by lunch at The Orchards Café - see Lesley for details.

Future Notices

Please send items for next week's notices to
notices@usmc.org.uk by 6pm.on Thursday 29th November.

Regular Events

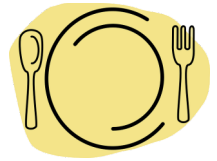
- Tuesdays** 12.00 - 1.00 pm Frontline lunch meeting to share experiences and to chat. Thought for the Day and prayer is at 12.30. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.
- Wednesdays** 3.30 onwards. Youth Drop In in the Church Centre
Find us on Facebook at **ydimairstone** or on **www.youthdropinmairstone.co.uk**
- 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.

Winter Shelter: Help needed

Donations of winter coats and jumpers will be much appreciated, along with **new** socks and underwear.

It will also be much appreciated if anyone can prepare a dessert or a vegetarian meal for one of the nights. (The meat dishes have already been arranged.) Do see me to discuss exactly what is needed, if you think you may be able to help in this way.



Finally, cash donations are always welcome, and will be put to very good use in making sure that the Shelter can offer as much support as possible to this year's guests.

Jan Hinchliffe



Faith and Society Lunch Sunday 2nd December

Our next Faith and Society lunch and short discussion will take place after the service on Sunday 2nd 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 31st 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

Maidstone Choral Union Xmas Concert
Saturday 8th 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)