



## **Church Notices**

### **Superintendent Minister:**

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January:**

10.30 am. Covenant Service and Holy Communion,  
led by Rev Bonnie-Belle Pickard

### **Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January**

Our service will be led by Irene Shepherd

### **Today's hymns are:**

StF: 545; 544; 618; MW: 287; StF: 513; 564

### **Today's scripture readings are:**

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Romans 12: 1-2; Mark 14: 22-25

## **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***

**7<sup>th</sup> Jan** The Maidstone Churches Winter shelter will be hosted at our church overnight, and will continue on each Monday night until 18<sup>th</sup> March.



## ***Looking Ahead***

**9<sup>th</sup> Jan** Centrepint: The work of the Starkey Hearing Foundation in Armenia 7.45 pm

**15<sup>th</sup> Jan** Funeral of Betty Free: Short service of committal at the Crematorium at 11.45am (for family only) followed by a service to celebrate Betty's life, at 12.30pm at Union Street Church. Refreshments will be served in the community centre afterwards.

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan** Circuit Walk Meeting at Knole, Sevenoaks (TN15 0RP) car park for a winter park walk of about 4.5 miles



## ***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.



In particular, we pray for the family and friends of Betty Free. We pray also for the Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter as they welcome guests for the coldest weeks of the year.

## ***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 **Please note:** the Thursday Market will not be open again until **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

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.



When the carols have been stilled;  
When the star-topped tree is taken down;  
When family and friends are gone home;  
When we are back to our schedules;  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To welcome the refugee;  
To heal a broken planet;  
To feed the hungry;  
To build bridges of trust, not walls of fear;  
To share our gifts;  
To seek justice and peace for all people;  
To bring Christ's light to the world.

**Amen**



## ***The Methodist Covenant Prayer***

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing,  
put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you,  
or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you,  
or brought low for you;  
let me be full,  
let me be empty,  
let me have all things,  
let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.  
And now, glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in  
heaven.'

### **Future Notices**

Please send items for next week's notices to  
[notices@usmc.org.uk](mailto:notices@usmc.org.uk) by 6pm.on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January.