



Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Today, Sunday 20th January:

10.30 am. Our Messy Church service is led by Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard

Next Sunday, 27th January

Our service will be led by Julien Myles

Today's hymns are: Singing the Faith 83, 638, 476, 610

Today's scripture readings are: Proverbs 31, 10-31
Psalm 36

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

- 21st Jan** The Maidstone Churches Winter shelter will be hosted at our church overnight, and will continue on each Monday night until 18th March.
Stewards Meeting 7.30 pm
- 22nd Jan** Everyone is welcome to attend the Church Council meeting to be held in the Gordon Higgins Room starting at 7.30pm.
- 23rd Jan** Centrepoin Beetle Drive 7.45 pm
- 2nd Feb** Messy Breakfast 8.30 - 10.30 am



Looking Ahead

- 3rd Feb** Dementia Friendly Sunday service and Faith & Society discussion and bring & share lunch afterwards. Soup will be available - please bring contributions for dessert.
- 6th Feb** Media and Communications Group Meeting 6.30 pm



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.



We pray also or 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 are 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**

Thursdays 10 am - Noon Thursday Market in the Church. Refreshments available **Please note:** the Thursday Market will not be open again until **Thursday 31st January.**

Fridays 10.00 - 12 noon.. Craft Group in the Gordon Higgins Room. All are welcome.

First Saturday of each month: Messy Breakfast
8.30 - 10.30 am. Do come along.



Third Thursday of each month (as a rule):

Open Circle. A sociable afternoon meeting, open to all, following the Wednesday lunch club. 1.30 onwards

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.



From the lectionary readings for this week:

How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!

People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house;

you give them drink from your river of delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

Psalm 36 vv 7-9

***A prayer to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the
Birth of Susanna Wesley***

Living, loving God, Trinity in Unity,

We praise and thank you for the life of Susanna Wesley, Mother of Methodism.

Inspired by her regime of private prayer and meditation, may we grow in our devotion to you.

Following our conscience as she did, may we think for ourselves and dare to act on Kingdom values.

Aware of her programme of teaching her children, girls and boys alike, may we value and nurture all in our care, sensitive to individual needs.

Encouraged by her determination to build up the faith of her family and the parish of Epworth, may we lead others to follow Christ more closely.

Discerning the Holy Spirit moving powerfully in the life of the nation as she did, may we be open to new challenges and expect great things from you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ and in the power of the Spirit.

Amen.

The prayer has been written by Jenny Carpenter, Vice-Chair of Trustees at Epworth Old Rectory

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Future Notices
Please send items for next week's notices to
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