



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Today, Sunday 17th March:

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

Next Sunday, 24th March

10.30am Our service will be led by Mrs Karen Willing

Today's hymns are:

Singing the Faith 139, 545, 462 and Christ Be Beside Me (see
back page)

Today's scripture reading is:

Acts 16, 6-10

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

- 17th Mar** TODAY Methodist Identity Course at Gravesend Methodist Church 3 pm. Theme: Methodist Social Action
- 20th Mar** Open Circle: 'Gambian Families', with Eddie Vincent 1.30 pm
- 21st Mar** Circuit Walk from Cobham. Meet at The Public Car Park, The Street, Cobham, DA12 3BN. 10 am
- 23rd Mar** *Make it for Mum* Day & Craft Fayre 11 am - 2pm

Looking Ahead

- 27th Mar** Centrepont: A Handful of Jewels 7.45 pm
- 2nd Apr** Media and Communications Meeting 9.30 am
- 7th Apr** Sectional service @ Union Street followed by Faith & Society discussion (Theme: prisons) and bring & share lunch
- 9th Apr** Messy Church 3 pm
- 9th Apr** Church Council 7.30 pm



Church Fundraiser 'Arsenic and Old Lace' at the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone

7.30pm Wednesday 1st May 2019

Tickets (£15.00) are now on sale from Lin Smith for the Willington Players' comedy, Arsenic and Old Lace.

It's an opportunity for you, your friends, family or neighbours to have a great night out which also raises money for the church - £6.42 per ticket will go to church funds.

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* **Future Notices** *
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* Please send items for next week's notices to *
* notices@usmc.org.uk by 6pm.on Thursday 21st March. *
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Regular Events

Tuesdays 11.15 - 11.45 am Prayer Group followed at 12.00 - 1.00 pm by Frontline lunch meeting to share experiences and to chat. Thought for the Day at 12.15. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee are provided.

Wednesdays Wednesday Club: a lunch club for the elderly and housebound, organised by members of Union Street and the United Reformed Church. Please ask a steward if you would like to nominate someone to be added to the waiting list.

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

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 Wednesday of each month (as a rule): Open Circle. A sociable afternoon meeting, open to all, following the Wednesday lunch club. 1.30 onwards

Third Thursday of each month: Circuit Walk. See Lesley Hitch or *Vision* for details



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, and this week especially for the guests at the Winter Shelter, which ends on Saturday.

Easter Lilies

We shall be using lilies in the Easter Sunday Flower Arrangements again this year. Each bloom will cost £2.00. Many of you like to provide a lily in memory of a loved one. If so, I will be happy to receive your donations, preferably by 7th April.



Pat Wallis

Candle-making



If you have any old candles or candle stubs lying around, please donate them to the Youth Drop-in for their Easter candle-making project. Maxine or Bonni-Belle are happy to receive your donations.



**Christ be beside me,
Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me,
Christ be below me,
Christ be above me,
Never to part.**

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
Shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts
Thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues
Telling of me.
Christ be the vision
In eyes that see me,
In ears that hear me,
Christ ever be.

St Patrick's Breastplate,
adapted James Quinn