



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Today, Sunday 7th April:

10.30 am Sectional Service for Union Street and Bearsted led by
Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard, followed by a Bring & Share lunch

Next Sunday, 14th April

10.30 am Irene Shepherd

Today's hymns are:

Singing the Faith 642, 245, 489 and 566

Today's scripture reading is:

John 12, 1-8

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

- 7th Apr** **TODAY** Please stay after the service for our Bring & Share lunch (Theme: prison ministries) with our guest, Rev Geoffrey Burns, Chaplain of HMP Maidstone. Don't worry if you haven't brought food - there will be plenty.
- 9th Apr** Messy Church 3 pm
- 9th Apr** Church Council 7.30 pm
- 10th Apr** Centrepoint: Through the Decades - Peter & Barbara Herrin 7.45 pm

Looking Ahead

- 17th Apr** Open Circle—speaker Nathan from Porchlight 1.30 pm
- 18th Apr** Circuit Walk from Challock - details in *Vision*. Meet at 10am.
- 21st Apr** 5.30 am Easter Sunrise Service on Bluebell Hill followed by refreshments at St Alban's Church, Robin Hood Lane
- 21st Apr** 10.30 am Russian Style Easter service at Union Street
- 24th Apr** Centrepoint: Easter Theme: Breakfast on the Beach - Sheena Strachan 7.45 pm
- 27th Apr** Dementia-Friendly workshop 10 am - 12 noon, soup lunch followed by Black Sack Challenge Bring & Buy Sale 1- 3 pm



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.

As we become more aware of the importance of giving consent for information to be shared, it has been agreed that we should not name individuals and their circumstances in our Intercessions book and prayers unless we have their consent to do so. Obviously we can – and will - all continue to pray privately for those known to us.

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.

Tuesday evenings (fortnightly) House Group - please contact Richard Vincent if you are interested in joining.

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.

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Future Notices

Please send items for next week's notices to notices@usmc.org.uk by 6pm.on Thursday 11th April.

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 today



Pat Wallis



Wednesday Club: Drivers Needed

The organiser of the Wednesday Club, Anne Wates, is very keen to hear from anyone who may be able to help chauffeur attendees to and from the weekly Wednesday Club lunches. Anne operates a rota of drivers. The number of available drivers needs to increase owing to sickness amongst current drivers as well as an increase in the number of attendees who are unable to get to meetings independently. Ideally volunteers would be able to provide transport at least once a month. All volunteers will need to undertake a DBS (criminal records) check.

If anyone thinks they may be able to offer assistance, please contact Murray Gibson who will try to answer any questions and put you in contact with Anne.



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.

See the Fundraising team for details