



Union Street Methodist Church

Church Notices

Superintendent Minister:

Rev Dr Bonni-Belle Pickard (07590 564477)

Today, Sunday 16th June:

10.30 am Our service is led by Rev Dr B-B Pickard

Next Sunday, 23rd June

10.30 am Our service will be led by Mandy Harris

Today's hymns are: *Singing the Faith*: 526, 645, 527, 519 & 715

Today's scripture readings are: Psalm 107
Proverbs 4, 10 - 18
Matthew 9, 35 - 38



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.



Don't forget: Homecoming Service, Sunday 14th July

All are welcome. Please get the message out to anyone who used to attend Union Street but has now moved away. More details on back page.



Notices for this week

20th June Circuit Walk: (Please note the slightly later start time; it's a fair distance away). Park near St Botolph's Church, Chevening (Map ref: TQ489577, church post code TN14 6GH) for a 4.5-mile circular walk in the North Downs around the attractive parkland of Chevening.

Looking Ahead

24th June Worship Advisory Group Meeting 2 pm

30th June HearSay Annual Garden Party at The Grange, Marden, TN12 9AG (the home of Debbie and Jonathan Fenn) Entry £5, children under 8 free 3 - 5 pm

6th July Medway Walk for Peace: This event, led by Medway Inter Faith Action, provides an opportunity to meet with others of different faiths and to visit various places of worship. See the leaflets on the boards in the vestibule and the church centre for further details,

7th July Faith & Society Lunch after the morning service (with Holy Communion), with a representative of Maidstone CAST (Christians and Schools Together). Soup will be provided; please bring cake or desserts.



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.

Please only add names into the intercessions book, if you have the permission of the named person to do so.

If you would like to be included in the intercessions prayers, please let a steward know.



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 am - 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** *
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* Please send items for next week's notices to *
* notices@usmc.org.uk by 6pm on Thursday 20th June. *
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Error in Gift Aid letters of thanks

It has been brought to my attention that my letters issued on 1st June 2019 made reference to donations made during the financial year 2017-2018. I apologise for my failure to update the year in our otherwise standard letter. The donations listed are for the financial year 2018-2019. If anyone needs a corrected statement for discussions with HMRC or their accountant, who may be filing their tax return, please contact me and I will reissue the letter.

Murray Gibson - Gift Aid Secretary



Homecoming Service 14th July 2019

Please circulate invitations to our Homecoming Service to anyone you know who has moved away, especially those who used to be members of the Sunday School / Junior Church. Printed invitations are available in the vestibule, or from Laurel Townend or David Hitch. Alternatively, we have a digital version that can be sent by email: please let David or Laurel know if you would like one to pass on.



Prayer of Adoration

Lord God, we love and adore you.
Gazing at the splendour of a sunset,
we are transported to a vision of the glory of heaven.
Everything in heaven is yours.

Standing on the mountain top,
we are in awe of your creation spread before us.
Everything on earth is yours.

Hearing the sound of beautiful music,
you lift us up above our cares.
In your hands are all strength and comfort.

Marvelling at the sight of springtime buds and blossom,
you give us renewed hope.
You alone are the source of new life.

Lord God, we love and adore you. Amen.

Christine Fox, minister, Nottingham Trent Valley Circuit