

# REGULAR MEETINGS & Activities

## MONDAY

7.15pm  
House Fellowship (*last Mon in month*)

3.00pm - 8.00pm  
Mackinnon School of Dance.

## TUESDAY

2.15pm - 8.45pm  
Mackinnon School of Dance

6.15pm - 9.00pm  
Boys Brigade

## WEDNESDAY

2.15pm - 7.30pm  
Mackinnon School of Dance

4.30pm - 9.00pm  
Encore Music School

7.30pm Trefoil Guild (*monthly*)

## THURSDAY

10.00am Friendship Club

12.15pm Lunch Club

## FRIDAY

10.30am  
Prayer Ministry in the Quiet Room

10.00am  
Coffee Morning (*lunches monthly*)

7.00pm

Arise Women's Ministry (*2nd Friday in month*)

## SATURDAY

8.30am  
Breakfast, followed by study and prayer time  
(*as arranged*)

9.00am - 2.00pm  
Mackinnon School of Dance

2.00pm  
The Jewish Messianic Church  
(*3rd Saturday each month*)

(All Mackinnon School of Dance bookings  
only take place in school term time)



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## Weekly Notices

18th - 24th February 2018

### Collect for the First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted for forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today.  
If you are new to our church we would like to stay in contact with you.

So please take a card from the welcome area and fill in your name and address, handing it to a Steward following the service.

Your Stewards today are Elaine Searle & Heather Medlock



### Foodbank Shopping List 2018

The distribution of food from our Foodbank has increased over the summer, so your continued thoughtful and generous support does make a difference to people in crisis in our local community.

**Please consider buying one or two extra items when shopping, in store or on**

### line and putting them in the Foodbank Collection Box.

*Here are our current top 10 shopping requirements :*

- Coffee-Small jars
- Rice -dried/microwaveable
- Pasta -sauce
- Tinned - meatballs, tuna, cold meats
- Tinned- custard/rice pudding /fruit
- Long life - milk and juice

*Thank you for helping transform lives.*

**Visiting our church and would like to Gift Aid your giving?** Please take a Gift Aid envelope from the table at the back of the church and simply fill in your details.

Notices for inclusion in next weeks edition should be telephoned to Tony Brown on 01795 437801, or e-mailed to him at [ajbrown1941@gmail.com](mailto:ajbrown1941@gmail.com) all by 10pm on Thursday 22nd February 2018.

### Today's Worship will be led by

10.30am Rev Dr Gary Watt

### Next Sunday's Worship will be led by

10.30am Mr Colin Waldox



### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

*Those bereaved:* Anthea Spurling and family  
*In hospital:* Ian Seggie.

*Having treatment or continuing difficulties:*  
Rosie Piper and June & Nobby Howting.

We continue to pray for everyone else who needs our prayers at this time.

### DAVID SPURLING

There will be a service of thanksgiving of David's life on Friday March 9th at 2pm (probably about 45 minutes) at Sittingbourne Methodist church, followed by a light buffet in the church hall from 3pm onwards.

Everyone is invited. It would help, but not essential to have an indication of numbers.

*Please wear something colourful if you feel able.*

### Thank you.

Last weeks collection amounted to £218.10, this does not include amounts paid by other means.



### Count Your Blessings

This Lent make the 40 days count and help to make life better for children across the UK. Pick up a copy of 'Count Your Blessings' from the church resources table or speak to Paul Skipp.



The monthly **House Fellowship Group** will meet on 26th February, 7.15 for 7.30pm at the home of Jenny and Bill Prince, 16 Marjoram Drive, Sittingbourne.



*Yes, it will soon be Easter!* The Real Easter Egg can be ordered from the Traidcraft stall.



23rd February at 10.30am.

A time for those with toddlers to have a chat over a coffee while their children enjoy some time together. Followed by soup and a roll. More information from Margaret Luxton



Please note the church is changing its Internet provider, there may be some disruption to the service between 21-28 February while the changeover takes place.

### McWatt!

Thank you to all those that took part in the McWatt evening and to Margaret for writing the script. It was certainly a fun evening enjoyed by all who attended and it raised the excellent sum of £200 for Action for Children.

### Holy Week

During Holy Week the church will be open on Tuesday 27th March, Wednesday 28th between 10.00am and 12 noon for a time of prayer and a welcome cup of tea or coffee. Come and go as you wish. If you wish to join us for this years **AGAPE Meal** (with Holy Communion) on Thursday, 29th March please place your name on the list on the resources table in the welcome area.



Work on the redecoration of the church will started and will continue for some weeks.

### Church Newsletter

The Spring Edition is planned to be published and distributed on Palm Sunday, therefore if you have any articles that you would like included please hand them Gillian Collins or Paul Skipp by Sunday 4th March at the latest.  
*Thank you.*

### Church AGM

This years Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday 3rd June after morning worship. Members are asked for nominations for officers to be appointed by the AGM, nominations to be handed to Rev Dr Gary Watt or the Church Council Secretary Derek Goodger by Sunday 20th May.



### ALPHA LENT COURSE – on Saturday Mornings

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Each session has three key things in common: Food, a talk and good conversation.

Time: 8:30am Breakfast / 9:00am course

- Week 1: Is there more to life than this? 17th Feb
- Week 2: Who is Jesus? 24th Feb
- Week 3: Why did Jesus die? 3rd Mar
- Week 4: How can I have faith? 10th Mar
- Week 5: Why and how should I pray? 17th Mar
- Week 6: Why and how should I read the Bible? 24th Mar

*For more information please speak to Rev Dr Gary Watt or Tony Brown.*



### PRAY FOR REVIVAL!

Can you set aside 30 minutes for a time of prayer on **Friday's** between 11.00 and 11.30am in the Quiet Room. Our focus is on prayer for revival in our churches and in the community. Please do come along and sit quietly and have a time of reflection and pray for each other.