

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*)

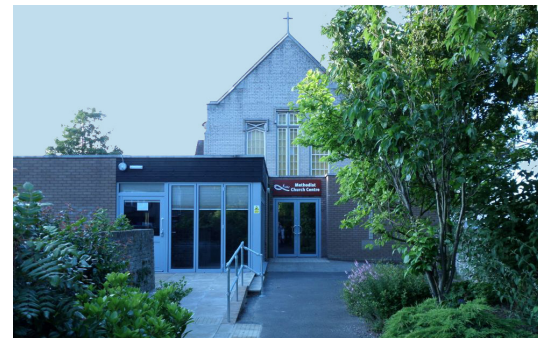
SATURDAY

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 March 2018

Collect for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 Derek Goodger & Heather Medlock

Today's Worship will be led by

10.30am Rev Dr Gary Watt – *including Holy Communion*

Next Sunday's Worship will be led by

10.30am Mr Tony Brown



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

*The Bereaved: Anthea Spurling and the family
And those having treatment or with continuing difficulties*



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 all by 10pm on Thursday 22nd March 2018.

Good Friday 30th March 2018

This annual procession of Christian Witness is supported by many of the Christian Churches in Sittingbourne. Its aim is to remind people that Good Friday is about the death of Jesus on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the way to eternal life.

9:45am : We meet outside the cinema junction of Bell Road-High Street.
10am : The parade starts walking slowly up the High Street, behind the cross.
The March finishes at Wilko's Store with a short open air service, followed by refreshments and a Communion Service at the Baptist Church at 11.30am

The monthly House Fellowship Group

will meet on 26th March, 7.15 for 7.30pm at the home of Jenny and Bill Prince, 16 Marjoram Drive, Sittingbourne.

Please note that the lounge and the church will be being used by Trinity College for their Music Exams throughout the day on the 22nd and 23rd of March, so please respect their privacy. *Thank you.*

Thank you.

Last weeks collection amounted to £456.73, this does not include amounts paid by other means.



Methodist Women in Britain South East District Day

Saturday 24th March
at Tonbridge Methodist Church
Higham Lane, Tonbridge TN10 4JT
10.30 am for 11.00 am to 3.30 pm
Bring a packed lunch
Speaker is Mrs Sandra Goodwin
National President of MWiB
Title: Tiffers, Tatties and Toilets -
Life in Bolivia, a land of contrasts.



A big Thank You to the Christian Aid collectors who have agreed to collect again this year. We are very grateful to you.

Unfortunately for different reasons we are short of collectors this year. If you are able, and free during the week of May 13th to 19th, would you please let us know?

It would be a shame not to cover the roads allocated to the Methodist Church this year.

The roads that we need collectors for this year are Ufton Lane (two collectors essentially) and Victoria Rd and Wellwinch Rd's. It involves popping the envelopes through the doors at the beginning of the week, and then collecting them a couple of evenings or Saturday at the end of the week. If interested would you please let us know. Thank you.

Richard and Eileen Wade.



Yes, it will soon be Easter! We have a couple of the Real

Easter Eggs that can be purchased from the Traidcraft stall.

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.

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.

Congratulations -

to those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and other important events. May you be richly blessed.

Alpha

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 4: How can I have faith? 24th Mar

Week 5: Why and how should I pray?

Week 6: Why and how should I read the Bible?

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.