

## Larkfield and East Malling Methodist Church



21st January 2018

### TODAY'S SERVICES

10.00am

**Bart Woodhouse**

Steward: Gwen Bartley  
Welcome Steward: Alan Connor  
Bible Reader: Marion Connor  
Intercessions: Sylvia Ratcliff  
Organist: Rob Wilding  
Flowers: Wendy O'Leary

4.00pm **United Service** at  
**West Malling Baptist Church**  
for all denominations

### SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

28th January 2018  
10.00am

**David Newell**  
**All Age Worship**

Steward: Marion Connor  
Welcome Steward: Mike Winsor  
Bible Reader: Richard Young  
Intercessions: Jacky Trice

3.30pm  
Service at **Heart of Kent Hospice**



**W**e welcome you all to our worship this morning. If you are a visitor, we hope to see you again. Please sign in the Visitor's Book and take a copy of the aLive, our church magazine, which is in the Welcome Area.

Tea, coffee and squash will be served after the service, in the Sycamore Tree.

Children and young people will go to their classes after the second hymn.



***Lord, as we gather here for worship, we ask that the words we use, the songs we sing and the prayers we offer may unite us all in Christ.***

## NOTICES

*"Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men".*

**Sylvia** will be preparing the on-line prayers this week. If you have a prayer request, you can contact her at: <s.ratcliff@btinternet.com>

**Monday 22nd January—Expressions Dance** from 1.30 to 3.30pm

**Monday 22nd January—Girls Brigade** meet from 5.00 to 8.30pm

**Tuesday 23rd January—Muffins & More** will be hosting a reflection led by Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee and prayer stations for Christians of other churches and denominations in the Malling area from **10.30 am** until **12 noon** in the Welcome Area. Fellowship lunch available at 12.30pm.

**Tuesday 23rd January—**The knitting and craft group will recommence at 2pm.

**Wednesday 24th January—Little Larks** meet from 1.30 to 3.30pm

**Wednesday 24th January—Boys' Brigade** meet from 6.00 to 8.45pm

**Thursday 25th January—Chuckles** meet from 2pm until 3.45pm. Do come along for an afternoon of company and games. All are welcome.

The date of the 5th **Alpha Banquet** has been changed from 11th January to **Thursday 25th January** starting at 7pm. All are welcome.

**Sunday 28th January—Hospice Service** from 3.30 to 4.00pm. If you would like to join the group of folk who go along to the Heart of Kent Hospice to lead this short service, please speak to Christine.

## CIRCUIT and OTHER NEWS

### National Holocaust Day The 70,723 Project

70,723 blocks of white fabric marked with two red crosses have been gathered and formed into quilts and wall hangings to commemorate the number of men, women and children who were considered to be "unfit" or an economic burden on Nazi society and who were exterminated between January 1940 and August 1941. The crosses stitched together send a powerful message of tolerance, community and love.

The results of this work will be displayed in Rochester, Lincoln and Durham Cathedrals during January to mark National Holocaust Day and blocks will be on display throughout the world in 100 countries. The quilts and wall hangings may be viewed in the Nave of Rochester Cathedral between Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

For more information please speak to Margaret Cox.

St. Luke's Methodist Church  
City Way, Rochester

### CONCERT with Heather Gallagher and Brian Davies

In aid of Church Building Projects

**Saturday 24th February  
7pm for 7.30pm start**

**An evening of solos, duets and a mixture of light hearted and more serious music. The evening will end with a singalong similar to The Last Night of the Proms.**

Tickets are £5 and available from Rosemary Moss on 01634 813643. Light refreshments available.

No alcohol please

## CIRCUIT and OTHER NEWS

**Circuit Walks: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month; start at 10:00am. Phone Lesley (01622 739039 or 07733046915 if any queries)**

**Thursday 15th February** - Departing from Leybourne Country Park (car parking £1), taking in Snodland and Holborough Marshes. The 5-mile route will go through Nevill Park, road walking through Snodland to the Clock Tower then footpaths around Holborough Marshes and back into the Country Park via Brooklands Lake. Led by Sue.

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*Swanscombe Methodist Church*

Invite you to join with us at our

**FUN AND FELLOWSHIP EVENING**

**On SUNDAY JANUARY 28th AT 4 - 7PM**

INCLUDING A FAITH TEA  
Quiz's Games Sketches  
Suitable for all ages

*All welcome to attend*

**New Year Celebration**

**Celebrating Diversity with One Voice**

at Eastgate, Springhead Parkway, Northfleet.  
7pm on 27th January.  
Free Entry.

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**Saturday 3rd February**

**2-5pm**

**Every Praise - Dance ... Dance Dance**

Venue:  
Holy Family Church Hall, Parkwood,  
ME15 9PS

*Learn a dance in an afternoon. Invite a friend.*

*Have fun learning a community dance set to an upbeat gospel song.*

Info. Christine: 01622 299038 or email:  
Dance@waypointmaidstone.org.uk

## NOTICES

**Tuesday evening 30 January** at 7.30pm at Tonbridge Road Methodist Church, Maidstone, there will be a showing of the film **"The Shack"**. The book is a very moving spiritual account of a grieving father's journey. Anyone wanting a lift ask Valerie or Alan Connor.

The next **prayer meeting** will be on **Wednesday 31st January** 2018 at 10am at the Manse.

Sylvia is extending a welcome to anyone who would like to join the church singing group.

### Wanted...

...Somebody who would be willing to publicise our events in the local media such as the Kent Messenger, the Oracle or any of the free newspapers, etc. so that we can advertise and share things like our poppies on the fence. It just involves a few emails occasionally.

Please contact Sylvia for details.

**Thursday 15th February— Praise before Lunch for Lent**

The next meeting of the **Church Council** will be held on **Thursday 22nd February 2018** at 7.30pm in the Church.

Now that you have your new 2018 diaries, please **SAVE THE DATE of Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March** at 7pm, when Helen Warren (daughter of John and Valerie) will teach us line dancing and some Latin American and Ballroom moves. You do not need to come with a ready-made partner! This informal social evening was a Promise from our Auction Evening. There will be a Bring and Share Supper.

The **week of Prayer for Christian Unity** offers opportunities for us all to worship and pray together with Christians of other churches and denominations in our Malling area. You are all welcome to join in as many as you can. Talk to Valerie if you would like to go, but need a lift.

For further details of dates and services, see notice overleaf.

## PASTORAL AND FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday to **Sylvia Ratcliff** today and  
**Rhiannon Morgan** on 24th January

We ask God's blessing on:

- ◆ Bart Woodhouse as he leads our service this morning;
- ◆ Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee, our Minister;
- ◆ Christine, Rob and Monica's daughter, as she continues with hospital treatment;
- ◆ Folk living in: Addison Close, Auden Road, Austen Way, Barrie Drive and Beech Road;
- ◆ Our church for growth, in faith and numbers;
- ◆ For those known to us who are anxious about their health;
- ◆ For those known to us, recently bereaved that we might be supportive and invitational towards them;
- ◆ We also ask God's blessing on each and everyone of us during this new year, that we might fulfil our calling to be the people of God working for Him in this place.

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**Church Notices** to Christine— Tel. 01732 842647 or email her at: cvmalins@gmail.com

**Church Website**—www.larkfieldchurch.co.uk

**Facebook**—www.facebook.com/groups/larkfield

**Church, Hall and Sycamore Tree Bookings** contact David Raven at: dclive@aol.com Tel. 01622 721433 or 07867 884043

## CIRCUIT and OTHER NEWS

The funeral of **Rose Smith**, one of our circuit local preachers, will take place on **Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a short committal at Medway crematorium at 10.30am. Then a service of thanksgiving at Gillingham Methodist Church at 11.30am followed by refreshments. Rose has requested that rather than bring flowers people may give donations to be shared between Hartlip Methodist Church and an animal sanctuary in Angus. She asks that those going to her funeral wear bright colours, she does not want this to be an occasion when people feel miserable.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Thursday January 18<sup>th</sup> until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Sunday 21 January **United service** will be held at **West Malling Baptist Church**, in Swan Street at **4pm**.

Monday 22 January at **St Thomas More Roman Catholic Church**, West Malling - a **7.15pm** service.

Tuesday 23 January at **Larkfield Methodist Church**, New Hythe Lane – a reflection and prayer stations from **10.30 am** until **12 noon**. Fellowship lunch available at 12.30pm.

Wednesday 24 January at **Aylesford Parish Church** at **10am**.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at **Larkfield Community Church** at the Dorcas Centre, beside Brookfield Infants School in Swallow Road at **7.30pm**.