

THE BRENT

We are holding a Lent Course at The Brent. It will be a five week study of The Lord's Prayer on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 16th February—Ian Sturt

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name

Tuesday 23rd February—Tony & Val Coates

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven

Tuesday 1st March—Deacon Jane Paine

Give us this day our daily bread

Tuesday 8th March—Simon Pooley

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us

Tuesday 15th March—Rev Velma Campbell

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

Each session will last approximately forty-five minutes to an hour and everybody is very welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



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CIRCUIT NEWS SPRING 2016



HEXTABLE

Rev Velma Campbell turned what was a Lent Course into an Advent course as we studied “The Kings Speech” together and hope to follow another course about the same time this year. As a Church we are moving into Lent with several of our members hosting and participating in the Ecumenical Lent courses run through our local Churches Together. This year we are following the course by Bill Hybels “Building Relationships within God’s Family” which we are told looks at community. Having groups made up of different denominations has proved very enjoyable and thought provoking in the past.

We are pleased to see many old friends at our services over the Christmas period and a good congregation on Christmas day. The New Year started with an LA service run by our young people which focussed on their experience at the youth event 3Generate which was good for the church to hear.

Over the last year we have been blessed with a few new members who have transferred having moved into the area and a number of new faces in our morning congregation and would welcome anyone from the Circuit who may wish to join us for our evening services, as some occasionally do, as there are few who hold a service in the evening in the Circuit.

Our regular weekly and monthly meetings can be found on www.hextablemethodist.org.uk—church groups

Future dates:-

4 March 8pm Women’s World Day of Prayer—Holy Apostles Church Swanley

5 March 1030-12noon Jumble Sale

25 March 1215pm Open Air Witness outside Asda in Swanley

7 May 11-1pm Plant and Book Sale

TONBRIDGE ROAD

For the third year we are one of seven churches in Maidstone providing accommodation for the Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter. For twelve Sundays between 20th December and 6th March we welcome up to fifteen homeless people on to the premises. They are given a hot meal (usually a roast), a chance to chat and play board games, a bed for the night and a light breakfast.

The shelter is a registered charity and has a small staff. However, the seven locations are run by volunteers who come from the host church and elsewhere. At Tonbridge Road our volunteers range in age from fourteen to late seventies. It is an ideal opportunity to meet with a mix of people from other church traditions and none.

The volunteers fall into three groups—those who set up, welcome and feed our guests, those who are on the premises overnight (there are always two awake) and a morning group who prepare breakfast, clear the equipment and clean up.

The charity endeavours to find permanent accommodation and jobs for the guests. One of the volunteers who stays overnight at Tonbridge Road was a guest two years ago. He now has a responsible job, a flat and attends one of the churches in town.

ECCLES

Our Good Friday walkers are to join with the Brownies on an Item Hunt around the Village. They will return to the Church Hall to join the Non Walkers for a Bring and Share lunch.

We hope to hold a Flower Festival in April on St Georges Day with the title “Saints and People who have inspired us”.

May 7th “Fiddle and Faff” have promised us a concert, we shall have our usual refreshments during the evening and will have a warm welcome for visitors. Tickets £5 each.

May 15th to 21st being Christian Aid Week, members and friends will be out with the usual envelopes and would welcome assistance if anyone can spare time to get to know their neighbours and help others in the world.