

# Upminster Methodist Church Notices

## The Easter Cross

We remember how at Christmas, in spite of our church being closed for worship, we had a large Christmas tree outside as always, decorated with the emblems of the Tree Festival, in order to demonstrate to the community that we were still an active witness to the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As the greatest day of the Christian Year approaches, we felt it was important to share this, too, with our neighbours in Upminster. It has become our tradition during Easter Sunday morning worship for the congregation to decorate the Cross with flowers. This year we have no physical opportunity to do this, but on Easter Day and hopefully for a period afterwards, the Cross, dressed in spring flowers, will be outside the front of the church to bring a message of joy, hope and Resurrection to the community we serve. Look out for it, as you pass [but sadly, please don't add any flowers yourself this time.

Happy Easter, from the Church Stewards!

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## Quiz tomorrow!

A reminder that there is a quiz on Saturday 3rd April at 3pm for Richard House. If you are interested in taking part in the quiz, please email me at [familyhobbs4@bopenworld.com](mailto:familyhobbs4@bopenworld.com) as soon as possible.

The quiz is free to take part but, if you would like to donate to Richard House, please credit sort code 110411 account 10646962, or send it to me (any cheques payable to me please) and I will then send one payment, or donate using the JustGiving link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-hobbs19>

I hope you can take part. Peter

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## Give Up An Egg

Saturday's quiz is raising money for Richard House but you don't need to take part in the quiz to help them. This year they are asking people to 'Give Up An Egg' and put a smile on a child's face.

While Richard House will never like to say no to the generosity of the community, they definitely have enough chocolate now. Many of the children are unable to eat the chocolate due to their complex dietary needs, and they would benefit far more from a cash donation this Easter.

That's why they are asking supporters to #GiveUpAnEgg and donate the value instead! They have set up a dedication page where you can help put a smile on the children's face this year. Just follow these three steps:

Head to #GiveUpAnEgg dedication page at <https://richardhouse.light-up-a-life.org/giveupanegg>

Write a 'Happy Easter' message to the children. You can also post a photo to spread some Easter cheer – whether that be an Easter drawing you've done, a Spring nature photograph you're proud of or just a silly selfie!

If you can spare it, donate the cost of an egg. Just £7.50 could pay for treats that meet the seriously ill children's often complex dietary needs while they're with Richard House.



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## All Age worship readings

Sunday April 11th will be All Age Worship. Rachel is looking for readers for the service.

If any children would like to be involved by doing a reading (whether you have done one before or not!), please email the newsletter so I can pass onto Rachel [upminster.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:upminster.newsletter@gmail.com)

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## Easter Offering Dedication Service

As churches are still closed under the current covid restrictions, we cannot meet in person but would like to celebrate the Methodist world mission influenced by our risen Lord at an online Easter Offering Dedication Service on 9 May 2021 at 4:15 pm for 4:30.

This year's theme is 'Into all the world' which was inspired by 2020 being the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower to America. It is also the 260th anniversary of Methodist mission, which began in the Caribbean. We shall hear stories of people throughout the world and through time who have made journeys out of obedience to God's call or because they had no other choice. As we reflect on them, we pray that we will consider our own journeys, whether physical or spiritual, and have the courage to follow God's purpose for our own lives.

We greatly appreciate donations towards the Methodist World Mission fund, where to send donations will be advised at a later date.

Hope you can join us, Cathy Simmons

EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE LINK

Time: Sunday, May 9, 2021, 04:30 PM London ( ZOOM WILL BE OPENED AT 4:15 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82847875145?pwd=bkxsQzROaTN1OU9xKzUzeVVXV0ZkQT09>

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## Foodbank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has continued to support us through the 'lockdown lifting map'.

The return of schools has been a busy time, but we are so grateful for your support still and generous donations!

This week, we delivered: **95.73kg**

which added to our growing total brings us to - **2,709.92kg**

We are continuing to log the weight for fun, but also to set our goal of equalling the heaviest mammal on Earth (or, sea really) = the blue whale, weighing in at a whopping 20,000kg.

Currently, we are the same weight as the blue whale's tongue! A blue whale's tongue is about the size and weight of a fully grown elephant.

...I hope that had you all smiling today!

This week, the Foodbank would be so grateful for any of the following items as they are in low supply;

Sugar  
Jams  
Toiletries (Shower gels,  
toothpaste, shampoo)

Toilet Paper

Long life milk

Juice (squash)

Detergent



Have a wonderful week,

Joanna - For more information on donating and delivery please contact Joanna on 07932 416102

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## Birthdays

Belated Carole Jenkins who celebrated her birthday this week. Happy birthday to Chantel Kirk and Peter Hobbs also celebrating their birthdays soon. All three missed out on properly celebrating their birthdays (all with a zero at the end) last year and sadly still won't be able to this year



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## Family news

'Congratulations to Christine and Roger Jollye on the arrival of their fourth grandchild, Harry James, a second son for Clare and Marcus and brother for Thomas'.

Congratulations to Julie and Ian Leadley who are planning to celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary with a tea party in Anne's garden. Julie recalls travelling by train across snow-bound North York Moors following their wedding in Whitby 60 years ago!

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## Prayer of the week

Gracious God, let the light of your face shine upon us; your peace rule in our hearts and your strength be our song. By the gift of your grace let us take up the cross and follow in the steps of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Matthew Henry (1662-1714)

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## Facebook

[www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist](https://www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist)

Remember the facebook page has daily updates and new links

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*Many Thanks and Peace be with you*

If you have anything you would like to include in future notices please email [upminster.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:upminster.newsletter@gmail.com) by **Thursday morning** to be included on

Fridays notices. Thank you!