

Upminster Methodist Notices

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CIRCUIT FAREWELLS

The following details of Circuit events to say farewell to those leaving the Circuit are in addition to any celebrations arranged locally. Details of what is planned for Upminster will follow in due course.

As you will be aware, the circuit holds an annual barbecue in July each year. After everything was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, I am delighted to say that we are holding the barbecue this year on 11 July at CMOP, starting at 4.30pm. In addition, during the last year, several people have stepped down from roles and others will be leaving us this Summer. We have been unable to hold any sort of thank you service or event for them and would like to put this right by holding a farewell and thank you service on 18 July. This will be held at Harold Wood MC at 4.30pm followed by refreshments.

There has been a lot of debate about whether or not it was sensible to hold two events so close together and if it would be better to combine the two. In the end we have decided to keep the events separate. The main reason for this is the continuing uncertainty caused by the Corona virus. Everything we are planning still depends on the continuing role out of the Government's road map to reducing restrictions. Although we are hopeful that all will go well and that by 21 June all restrictions will be lifted, we are aware of the medical and central Methodist advice on not rushing into holding large gatherings.

We have had as many as 80 people at the barbecue and this might be increased by another 50 for those attending the farewell service. After much thought we have agreed to limit the attendance at both events to 50 to 60 people. Priority for the service will be given to those for whom the thank you service is being held and their families but otherwise tickets will be allocated on a first come basis. The last date to book a ticket for either event will be 4 July to allow the necessary provisions to be purchased. If anyone attending the barbecue requires vegetarian food would they please let us know when booking their ticket. Tickets can be booked by e-mailing gowletts@ntlworld.com or telephoning on 01708 508320.

SHOUT THIS SUNDAY

Shout will be meeting informally for young people by zoom at 11 am on Sunday. All members should have received an invitation but if you have not, or if anyone else wants to know more, please contact gordonmreed@gmail.com

ROMFORD CIRCUIT LP STUDY DAY - THIS SATURDAY

Circuit event to be held on Saturday, 15 May 2021 between 9:30 am 12:20 pm.

It will be led by Bob Bartindale from the Connexion Team on "Our Story and God's Story - hear testimony in worship". Please find attached a copy of the programme for the morning.

Thank you for those who have already registered to attend the event. If you have not registered, please reserve the date in your diary and join us.

This event is open to everybody and will be useful to learn how to tell our stories to our audience. Please invite your congregations to join us to explore the topic and have fellowship together.

Details of the Zoom link are as follows:

Topic: LPs & WLs Day with Bob Bartindale

Time: May 15, 2021 09:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/86264015451?pwd=bXR1eWVGWHo1cEkyQmJSQ2djMzMzd09>

Meeting ID: 862 6401 5451 Passcode: 664225

CONDOLENCES

Our dear friend Jean Nicholls recently passed away. We will miss her greatly, and send our love and prayers to her family at this time.

The funeral for Jean Nicholls will take place at South Essex Crematorium on Monday 17th May at 10.40am and leaving 39 Sycamore Avenue, Upminster at 10.20am.

Due to Covid restrictions numbers at the crematorium will be limited so anyone wishing to pay their respects may wish to consider doing so at the above address.

There will be family flowers only but if you wish to make a donation in memory of Jean they will be gratefully received for Whitechapel Mission and can be done so through BF Mulley & Son Upminster

QUIZ UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the online quiz on 8th May for Whitechapel Mission and/or donated.

I know that some have donated direct to Whitechapel Mission but I am not aware of all of the amounts. The amount that I have received or been advised about, as of 12th May, is £400.00 plus Gift Aid .

If you would still like to donate to Whitechapel Mission please credit sort code 110411 account 10646962, send it to me (any cheques payable to me please) and I will then send one payment, or you can make a payment via the following link:

[MyGivingHub](#)

I will be sending what I have received to Whitechapel Mission in memory of Jean Nicholls.

The next quiz will be on 29th May for Macmillan, so please put that date in your diaries and let me know at familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com if you can take part.

Thank you to everyone who has supported my quizzes and fund raising.

Peter

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you for your kind donations this week which has meant our grand total has risen to - 2,801.40kg

the same weight as a beautiful African Forest elephant!

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

COVID TESTING CENTRE

The church council have agreed that the Havering Health Team can use the Minor Hall at the church as a Covid (Rapid -Lateral Flow) testing centre, starting next Wednesday (5th) until 9th July.

It will be open 7 days a week, from 7am - 6pm weekdays, and from 9-6 at weekends. Home testing kits will also be available from the centre. It will be well staffed and the centre will be deep-cleaned each night. Every thing is being done to keep the building 'Covid Secure.'

This should be a great benefit to the Upminster community.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lift up our souls, O God, to the glory of your presence; our minds to the beauty of your being and our hearts to the purity of your love; now and for ever. Amen.

Edward Bouverie Pusey (1800-1882)

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist

Remember the facebook page has daily updates and new links

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 before **Thursday morning** to be included on Fridays notices.

Thank you!