

Upminster Methodist Church

27 October 2024

Sunday 27 October

Don't forget the clocks go back an hour!

10am - Rev Rohama Asif - including the
Sacrament of Holy Communion

7pm - Contemplative Worship

[10am Zoom
Link](#)

Sunday 3 November

10am - Rev John Chambers

7pm - Contemplative Worship

[7pm Zoom
Link](#)



Church Flowers



The Church flowers this week have been donated
by Allyson and David Hill.

UMC Mission Community Survey

Please return your completed survey forms to the
box at the back of the church
by next Sunday 4 November please.

This week let us pray for:

- teachers and children across the country, that they can relax and enjoy their half term break.
- our doctors, nurses and everyone else who works in the NHS.
- all those who work in our emergency services including the volunteers of the RNLI and Mountain Rescue who give their time so willingly to help others.

Gateway - Helpers Needed Please

The Gateway team are looking for more helpers on a Monday & Wednesday morning. Making tea, coffee, washing up etc. welcoming and talking to the visitors.

You do not have to commit to every week as there is a rota .

Anyone that is interested could talk to Carole J, Carol W, Mary, Margaret or Chris W for more details.

If you are interested please contact Carole Jenkins: cdjenkins2004@yahoo.co.uk

Communion Steward - Help Needed Please

We are in search of a new leader for the Communion Stewards please.

Michelle stepped down a couple of months ago and the current stewards are keeping things going but they are still looking for someone to lead this, eg ensure stewards are available for Communion services, creating a steward rota, purchase bread and wine as needed, wash the table cloths etc.

If you think you would be able to help with this role please speak to Rev Rohama or Anne Ling.
Thank you

All Saints Service

Friday 1st November 2024

Collier Row Methodist Church

7pm

All Welcome

If you would like the name of someone who has passed away this year to be included in this service please speak to Anne Ling or Peter Hobbs before Friday 25 October. This does not have to be a Church member, it could be a family member.

Carol Service

Please note this year's Carol Service will be held **on Sunday 22nd December at**

10am

This was decided at a recent Worship Consultation meeting, due to falling numbers attending in recent years and fewer Ministers to share around the Circuit we thought we would trial holding it in the morning this year.

Rainham Foodbank

We were very grateful for everyone's donations for the Harvest Festival but please also remember that we have a Foodbank donation box at the back of the church. Please support the Rainham foodbank by adding your donations whenever you are able.



Thank you.



Richard House
Macmillan
Stand By Me



Charity Christmas Card Sale and Coffee Morning
Saturday 9 November
10am - 12 noon



We have 7 charities being represented this year with volunteers selling Christmas cards and Gifts, please come and support the important work of all these worthy charities.

The Beavers will be serving tea, coffee and squash and raising money towards the setting up and running costs of the Christmas Tree Festival.

If anyone is able to make cakes it would be lovely to have some sweet treats to enjoy with your cup of tea.

There is a poster for this event below and attached to the newsletter email, please share on your social media feeds, by email to friends and family, or print and display - basically spread the word far and wide in the local community!



Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!!

For the Christmas Market the Dietz family are organising the chocolate tombola.

For the tombola to happen, we will need chocolate donations.

There will be a box labelled chocolate tombola donations at the back of the church.

Please could you start bringing in your donations from Sunday 3rd November (if you can't find the box, please ask one of the welcome stewards).

We will be wishing on a **magic star** for your gifts. You will be our **heroes**.

“Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get”. Tom Hanks in Forrest Gump



**Why did the chocolate go to school?
It wanted to be a smartie**





Christmas Tree Festival

Help Needed Please



Our thanks to those who have already offered to help with the Christmas Tree Festival.

Our charity will be **Saint Francis Hospice**

New Tree Festival Poster

A new poster has been designed this year, and all the children in the Uniformed organisations have been invited to colour these ready to go up around town from 11th November. If any adults or other children that attend church would like to colour a poster, they will be available from a box in the corridor near the vestry. All posters should be returned by Sunday 10th November and if you add your name to the back you will be rewarded with a small chocolate prize!

Sunday 24 November - after morning worship, prepping Church for the festival, getting boards, stands etc from the basement, putting up decorations in the Church and halls and corridor.

Hall Mead School DT department have spent all year making new stars for us!

Wednesday 27 November from 6pm - Preparing trees and moving them into the Church, putting up the large tree in the front garden - this needs lots of strong people!

Saturday 30 November - Sunday 8 December - The festival will be open Weekdays 2pm - 6pm, Saturdays 10am - 4pm, Sundays 12 noon - 4pm. The stewarding rota will soon be available if you could please consider when you could sign up to help.

There will be school choirs singing on most weekdays - stewarding will be needed for this too.

If you would like to sponsor a Christmas Tree for a donation of £30 please let us know at the email address below.

If you are able to help on any of these dates please contact us by email, our email address is monitored by several people who are co-ordinating different aspects of the festival.

email: upminstertreefest@gmail.com

Thank you!



Contact details and Further Information

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Website: upminstermethodistchurch.org

To submit event details or news for the weekly newsletter,
please send the information to
upminster.newsletter@gmail.com by Friday morning.
Thank you.

Contactless Card Machine

We have a card machine set up at the back of the Church. This allows you to donate to Church funds without having to use cash.

All you need to do is select your amount, tap your card and you can Gift Aid your donation too!

The URL for the Dona website to make gifts to UMC is:

<https://donate.mydona.com/upminster-methodist-church>

The QR code to do the same is:

