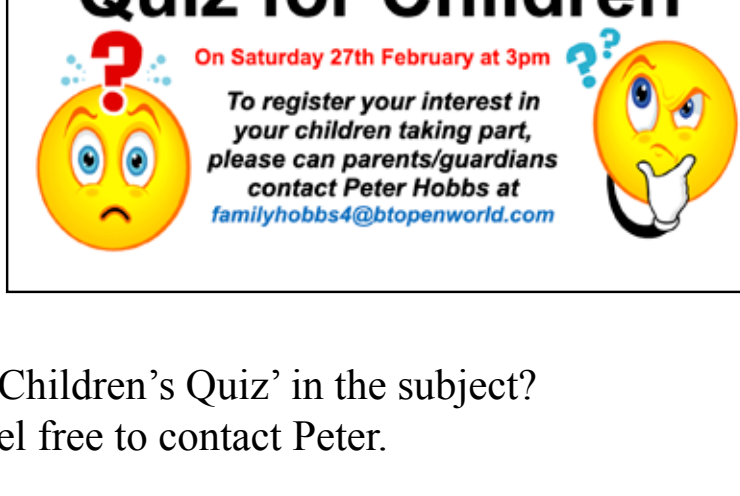


# Upminster Methodist Church Notices

## Children's Quiz

A quiz specifically for children is being held at 3pm on 27th February via Zoom and will be about an hour long.

We feel that the quiz questions will be suitable for children in the 8 to 14 years range, although this range shouldn't prohibit children just outside that range.



Please can parents/guardians register their children's interest in taking part to Peter Hobbs at familyhobbs4@btopenworld, with 'Children's Quiz' in the subject? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peter.

## Can You Help Me?

I am trying to get hold of a digital picture of the UMC cross decorated in flowers at Easter. The picture can be of the decorated cross inside or outside and for any year. Preferably the cross should be the main focus of the photo.

If you have one or more pictures, please can you email them to me at familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com.

Thank you.

Peter

## Friday 5th March Is World Day Of Prayer

formally known as Women's World Day of Prayer.

Sadly it is not possible for us to hold our usual Churches Together service this year.

However, there will be for those able to access Zoom a short service of prayer and meditation based on the theme for the day,

led by The Rev Clare Blatchford of Cranham Baptist Church

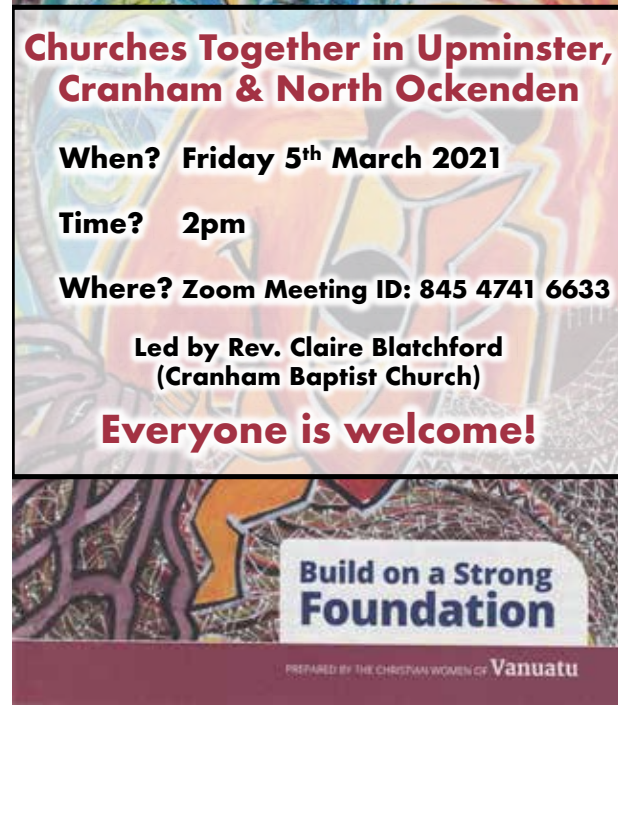
This will be held at 2.00 pm. on Friday March 5th.

Zoom ID: 845 4741 6633

It is hoped that we may be able to hold a physical service later in the year.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation and is celebrated in over 170 countries.

The theme for this year is Build on a Strong Foundation and was prepared by the women of Vanuatu ( located in the Southern Pacific).



There is no password for the meeting but if people prefer a Zoom meeting link to click on (rather than entering the Meeting ID when prompted), please use this one: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84547416633>

We look forward to seeing some familiar faces.

## Shout

Shout will be having our next online meeting for young people of secondary school age on Sunday 21 February at 11 am. Details will be sent out to all the regular members but if you dont get one or would like to know more please email [gordonmreed@gmail.com](mailto:gordonmreed@gmail.com)

## Foodbank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has got in touch and donated to the Foodbank this week - we had quite the car-full which was glorious!

This week, we donated **122.47kg** of much needed supplies to Rainham Foodbank. As I arrived, they had just run out of Toilet Paper and were so delighted to see us!

They kindly shared with me that donations have been much lower in this lockdown, but demand has sadly grown. This week, the same things are desperately needed if you are able to help support our delivery;

Jams  
Toiletries (Shower gels, toothpaste, shampoo)  
Toilet Paper  
Sugar  
Long life Milk  
Juice (squash)  
Detergent

So far, we have donated -

**2,409.47kg** which has given us a beautiful short finned pilot whale for our Ark



Thank you very much for your continued support,

Joanna

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

## Flat Roof Donations

On behalf of the church I would like to thank the many members and friends who have made very generous donations towards the cost of the flat roof repair.

An incredible total of £25,075 was donated. With the unexpected expenditure on the essential roof repair and loss of rental and other income due to Covid, we are extremely grateful to all those who have given so generously. Jason will be writing to everyone to express his thanks shortly.

The roof repair has now been completed, although there is one small issue still to resolve. Hopefully we will be able to return to some sort of normality before too long, but until then the church will continue to run at a financial deficit. We also have to be aware of the likely further expenditure that will be required to maintain the building.

We are very grateful for the continued generosity of members and friends, both through regular giving and the roof appeal, which are enabling the church to continue to function, to pay our commitments to the Circuit and to be ready to serve the community through our premises as soon as we are able to reopen them.

Peter Caton - Church Treasurer

## Elvis Gospel Poll - Keep Voting!

We are nearing the end of Week 4 of the vote for your favourite Elvis gospel song, with another 2 Weeks ahead.

Then finally, in week 7, we will pit the highest and second highest voted gospels from the previous 6 weeks against each other in an attempt to find your overall number one.

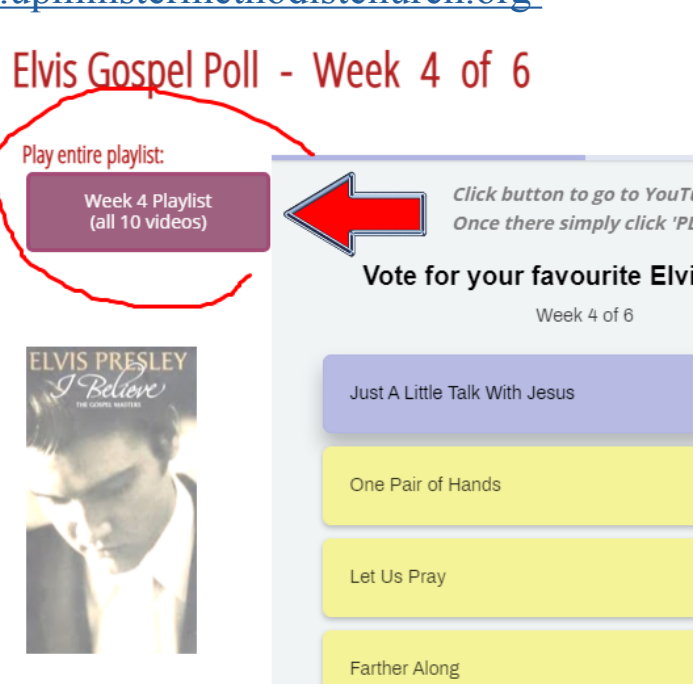
Hopefully, you are finding it entertaining to listen to a new Gospel playlist each week - after all the purpose of this poll was to bring a little cheer to our winter lockdown days.

Here is an overview of where we stand at the moment:

	Numbers	First Place	Second
<b>Week 1</b>	Nr. of visits: 73. Total votes: 19	How Great Thou Art, 32%	I Believe in the Man in the Sky, 19%
<b>Week 2</b>	Nr. of visits: 85. Total votes: 21	Where Could I Go But to the Lord, 23.8%	Working on the Building, 23.8%
<b>Week 3</b>	Nr. of visits: 74. Total votes: 20	Reach out to Jesus, 35%	Why Me, Lord, 25%
<b>Week 4 (so far)</b>	Nr. of visits: 51. Total votes: 13	Just a Little Talk with Jesus, 30.8%	One Pair of Hands, 23.1%

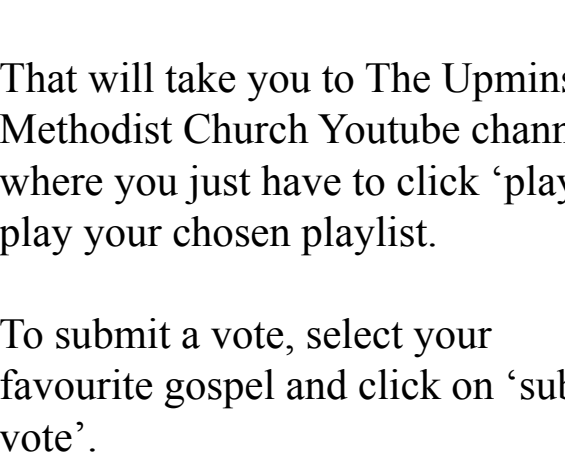
To vote, please go to our website: [www.upminstermethodistchurch.org](http://www.upminstermethodistchurch.org)

To play the week's current playlist, click on the button next to the red arrow:

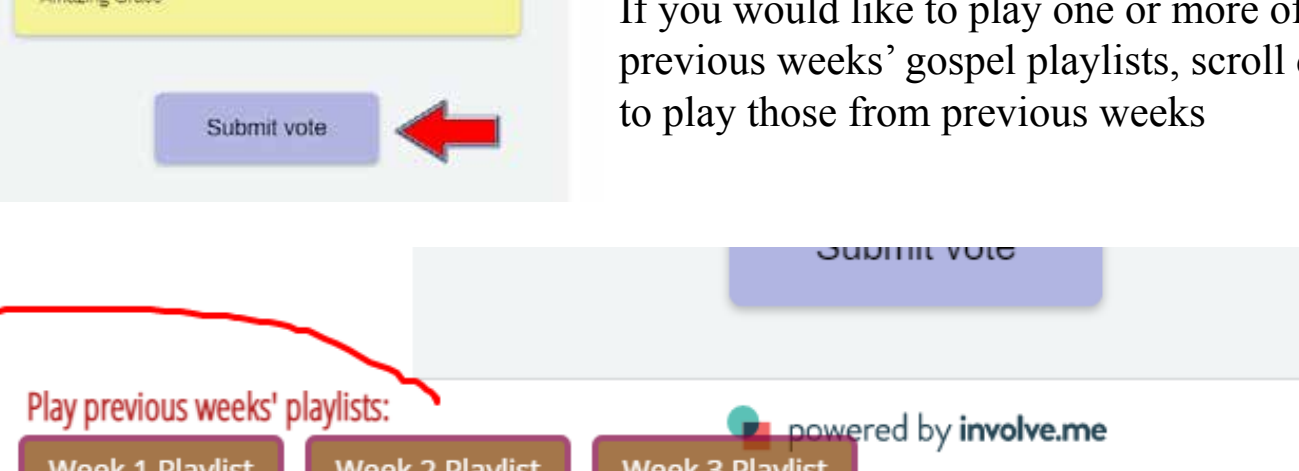


That will take you to The Upminster Methodist Church Youtube channel, where you just have to click 'play' to play your chosen playlist.

To submit a vote, select your favourite gospel and click on 'submit vote'.



If you would like to play one or more of the previous weeks' gospel playlists, scroll down to play those from previous weeks



Our warm wishes to you all, and see you on Sunday,

Anya Dutton

## John Gowlett

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of our dear friend John Gowlett (Member and a lead Church Steward of Rainham MC, Circuit Manse Steward, Member of Circuit Meeting, member of CMOP Management Team and a member of Transformational Leadership Learning Community + COMEFLY volunteer team) has passed away earlier this morning. I was told by his wife Janice Gowlett that John had a heart attack in his sleep and didn't wake up. Please do uphold Janice and their daughters and the families in your prayers. We are so devastated to hear this sad news.

The details of the funeral arrangements will be notified later.

With prayers The Revd David Jebb

## Prayer of the week

Come to us, O Christ, as the wind that blows the autumn leaves, as the song that soothes the troubled child, as the melody that lifts the anxious spirit. Fill us with affection for you that is unbounded, desire for you that is unrestrained and a yearning for you that throws caution to the winds, and this for your own love's sake. Amen.

Richard Rolle (c.1300-1349)

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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!