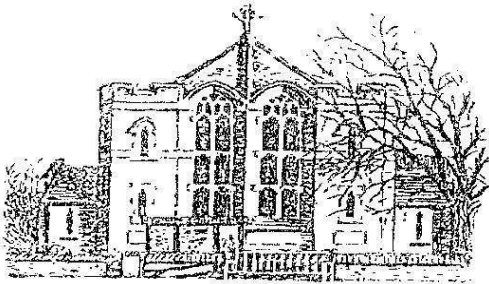


UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH



Church Notices
12th July 2020
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PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE SUNDAY SERVICE SHEET AND THE WEEKLY NOTICES

Please note: the links for the services can be found on the email for:

- Revd. Joseph Riberio's 11.00am zoom service
- Revd. Jason Vinyard 7.00pm zoom service

(if you wish to dial into Revd. Jason Vinyard's service using your telephone, please use one of the numbers below and then you will be asked to enter the meeting ID number, including hash tag)

Dial by your location

0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 816 4329 4747#

Also you can find the link for the Rainham Foodbank which includes a monetary donation section.

FROM REVD. JASON VINYARD

Churches reopening: we continue to work collaboratively with the U.K. Government (who have included the Equality and Fair Access Act 2010), Public Health England, H&S regulations, Connexional and Insurance guidance.

In all this, we keep to mind, we cannot immediately do things 'as we used to do' and accept that saying 'no', 'not yet' or 'not like this' can be positive decisions.

In our Methodist Churches across the U.K., we have such a diversity of groups. We celebrate that we are not solely a cafe, not exclusively a gym, not only an after-school club, not just a Church - we are so many things, to so many people, and often at the same time. The safety of all is paramount to how we reopen, and Methodist Churches across the U.K. will need to comply with all regulations before opening.

With this in mind, representatives from the Romford Circuit Churches are meeting on 15th July, via telephone and zoom conferencing, to share information and discuss and prepare for the possible reopening of some Romford Circuit Churches from September 2020.

We remain pastorally aware: for those who worship; for those who find their community groups home in Methodist Church premises. This is going to take time. We are re-imagining how the Church will be a place of welcome and hospitality, inclusive and healing, relevant and prophetic, leading worship and mission, and how our community premises can be used by the many groups.

I include below a reminder of the Sunday services available across the Circuit and some within the London District.

Worship Services on line – 12th July 2020

1. Brentwood MC at 10am via Zoom link <https://zoom.us/j/96325872544>
2. Havering Road MC via YouTube
10:30am <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5d1QMj4EoQAx-A36INMCiA>
3. Farmlands via Zoom link:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8584635181?pwd=Z3BjTGZzMEoyVkt6Y1E5R3YwSUtqQT09>

4. FACEBOOK LIVE: You can view and listen via F.B. Live only. 'Romford Circuit & Friends' F.B. Live on Sundays at 2:30pm
5. Sunday Zoom Service at 11am by Revd Joseph Ribeiro: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/213944267?pwd=SlpBYWNGUGNwOWVuQm4vNmI1blkvZz09>
6. Sunday Zoom Contemplative Worship at 7pm by Revd Jason Vinyard <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81643294747>
7. Methodist Central Hall Westminster Sundays
11.00 www.youtube.com/mchwevents
8. Wesley's Chapel London Sundays
11am www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA
9. Pre Recorded Sunday Sermons: Check Romford Circuit website: www.romford-circuit.org.uk

This week, I've included one image for contemplation and prayer.

Take time to gaze at the image.

What do you see?

What places, real or imaginary, does the painting remind you of?

How do you relate to this painting?

What feelings does this evoke?



John Reilly (1928-2010) Ripolin enamel on board 81 x 102 cm 1962
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Methodist Modern
 Art Collection

John 11: 41–44

Set in a typical English churchyard (the church with its tower on the left, a backdrop of trees and an array of gravestones), the raising of Lazarus is conveyed with a centrifugal vortex as Lazarus (on the left) is resurrected by Jesus (on the right). Martha and Thomas are both shown twice at the head of the grave, and the blood-red setting sun provides a powerful focus around which the scene revolves. The imagery draws on photographs taken with fish-eye wide-angle lenses and high-speed photography which shows a series of positions of a single subject.

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Responding to the questions may be engrossing, thoughtful, or perhaps painful, but can become a means of praying for oneself or for another in need of God's leading, assurance, and healing touch. See where your observation, contemplation and meditation take you ... into praise, confession, thanksgiving, intercession?

FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a **prayer**: 0808 281 2514

Listen to **news**: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon

My thoughts, Love and Prayers are with you all.

You are a 'Sacred Dwelling-place' – and will always remain. Revd J C Vinyard 12th July 2020

FAMILY NEWS

Rosemary Connaughton will be celebrating her birthday on the 16th – Happy Birthday Rosemary!

As usual we will be singing a 'virtual' Happy Birthday at 12 noon





If you know of anyone who will be celebrating a Birthday, Anniversary or Good News that you wish to share with us. Please email to upminster.newsletter@gmail.com

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - 10am on Wednesdays

We have established a weekly gathering for a bible study with morning prayer, finding support both from learning and praying together and having contact with each other. Please join us either on Zoom or through your landline on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

If you are interested in this, email ricky.bull@fmail.co.uk and he will put you on the circulation list, sending reminders on Tuesday afternoon, with all the login details, and also the study passage. Currently we are looking through some of

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the key verses in Paul's letter to the Romans, enjoying looking at the hidden metaphors in the letter.

Thanks.... Ricky, 07736 184234

OFFERTORY

It is with much regret that we have had to temporarily suspend all meetings on our premises which most unfortunately includes Sunday worship.

A number of you already give your offertory via standing order and at this time I would ask those of you who don't to consider pursuing this option should you wish to continue your regular giving, please contact Peter Hobbs for further details or set it up yourself from your bank as a monthly standing order quoting your envelope number as the payer reference.

The bank account details are; sort code 20-72-89 account number 73858618 in the name of Upminster Methodist Church Council.

SHOUT

Shout, the group for young people of secondary school age, is having virtual meetings during the crisis. If you would like details please contact Gordon on gordonmreed@gmail.com

PRAYERS, HYMNS AND SERVICES

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England have set up a freephone telephone number called 'Daily Hope'.

When you ring the number they have a very good easy press button system for the caller to listen to hymns, prayers, services etc. Some of the items are updated daily and people can call the line at any time of the day, how often they want, completely free. It is very easy to use for anyone who may not have any technology devices or are fearful of technology.

The number is: 0800 804 8044.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part in my fourth online quiz on 27th June for Whitechapel Mission and/or made donations.

I have today sent them £425 to help with the work they do.



QUIZ TODAY AT 3PM

Don't forget that you are invited to take part in the next quiz on Zoom on [Saturday 11th July at 3pm](#).

It is free to take part, but I would appreciate donations being made to Methodist Homes for the Aged. Donations can be made through JustGiving (link below), credited to sort code 110411 account 10646962 or sent to me (any cheques payable to me please).

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-hobbs6>

If you are interested in taking part please email me at familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com as soon as possible and I will send you details and the link to join.

I hope you can take part.

Peter

A BIG THANK YOU FROM RAINHAM FOODBANK

We have received a message from Rainham Foodbank thanking everyone at Upminster Methodist Church, and Community, for their generous food and monetary donations during this period of lockdown and since lockdown has been relaxed.

It has aided many families who otherwise would have gone without essential food supplies.

They have been overwhelmed by such generosity from the Upminster area, thank you so much.

FOOD BANK : WEEK 12 – THE 3 MONTH MARK

Good Morning everyone!

I was asked by The Trussell Trust Rainham FoodBank to write an article for their newsletter and I thought it might be a nice way of marking 3 months since our Food Deliveries started. Please see below my article

“Food, Glorious Food!”

by Joanna Marie Skillett

Three months ago, the COVID-19 lockdown was inflicted upon our Nation to keep us all safe.

With everything and everyone closing up and staying inside, it was more important than ever to reach out to those who needed it most.


Upminster Methodist Church has long provided FoodBank donations to The Trussell Trust to support its local community. When lockdown hit, many of our members were forced to self isolate and shield – meaning that many food donations from our regular Church congregation could neither be donated or delivered.

Just before the lockdown began, I popped into a Coffee Morning to offer my support however I could. I'm glad I did stop that day, as that was to be the last one they would be able to hold.

During my visit, Keith Nichols, a wonderful one-man-machine at UMC, expressed his concern that the Foodbank may not be able to continue amidst these restrictions and whether I could help with this area at all. So I volunteered along with the fabulous Peter Caton to make sure that the kind donations of our friends could be delivered to the Rainham Food Bank every week.

Since March, we have been delivering the Foodbank donations and have formed a great friendship with the superb Rainham team, with the weekly “weigh-ins” becoming a bit of a sociable challenge!

Each week, I write to the Church congregation in their Newsletter and compare the weekly total to the same weight as an Animal...and we add that Animal to

our Ark  This way, people of all ages can reflect on just how much they

have helped, and we can hopefully provide a little smile from all the goodwill being sent week on week.

To give you all a little idea, after Week 3 of deliveries we had donated a running total of
247.96kg – allowing the first animal to board our Ark ...an Adult Male Lion!

The head of the pack was quickly followed each week by a new compatriot:

Giant Grizzly Bear 282.62kg

Adult Sperm Whale 390.42kg

Fully Grown Camel 497.53kg

Bison 592.51kg

Six Baby Elephants 638.05kg

Buffalo 699.43.kg

Giraffe 746.75kg

...as you can see, we are gaining momentum - and the need for more beds on board!

The mathematicians amongst you may argue our cumulative skills, but in the interest of sharing a few smiles, we prefer to stay on the side of imagination.

This week, as we approach our 12th week and 3-month mark, who knows what animal will be joining our crew?

One thing's for sure, we'll keep donating! So Noah needs to start expanding that Ark of his and find some room for our friends as they come in two by two...

“Hurrah” for Community. “Hurrah” for Hope.

Dear Church Council

Disaster. Murder.

This afternoon The Sluggard called in to see us on his way back from visiting the seagulls. He emptied the bucket under your leaking roof and once again being a clumsy Sluggard, spilled some water on the floor. Despite his cursory mopping efforts there was plenty left to quench the thirst of your church ants.

Then he came to visit us – but I was the only ant. And this is why. An ant trap has been planted on the floor of the Wesley Hall.



We feel betrayed. Well I feel betrayed, the rest of the ants feel deceased.

We have cared for your premises, fended off the aardvark, kept you entertained and given you the benefit of our great wisdom, yet someone wants us dead.

There is little doubt who is behind this. The Masked Men. One of our number had already met his demise beneath the boot of a Masked Man but now they have come for us all.

It transpires that these men are members of your church. Perhaps your need for ants to guard the buildings has passed. Ants are no longer wanted here but we are welcome in the pub.

It seems there will be no choice but to move on.

With best wishes, possibly for the final time

The Last Ant