

Upminster Methodist Church

17 November 2024

Sunday 17 November

10am - Mrs Joan Pugsley

10am - Junior Church

7pm - Contemplative Worship

[10am Zoom
Link](#)

Sunday 24 November

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

7pm - Contemplative Worship

[7pm Zoom
Link](#)

Retiring Collection - Gaza Appeal

There will be a retiring collection this Sunday 17th and next
Sunday 24th for the Christian Aid appeal for Gaza.

Please place your gifts on the plate in the Welcome Area at the
rear of Church.

Church Flowers



The Church flowers this week have been donated
by
Christine Jollye



Please note the flower rota for 2025 is now available on the
noticeboard at the back of the church

This week let us pray for:

- the Anglican Church and the choice of a new Archbishop of Canterbury.
- volunteers to step forward to help with the Christmas Tree Festival from 30th November
- thankfulness for the successful Christmas Card sale and coffee morning last weekend.



**Church Christmas Choir
Carol Service,
Sunday 22nd December
10.00am**



We are having our first get together on Sunday 10th November, for anyone who is interested in singing in this year's Carol Service.

This is a chance to discuss music and further rehearsal dates, we hope you can join us.



Gill Cook



**Orchestra - Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December
10.00am**



We have been lucky enough in the past to have people making up an orchestra for our Carol Service and it would be lovely to carry on with this tradition.

If you would like to play this year, please let me know via, gillcook41@hotmail.com or on 07985480164 - Gill Cook



**Children's Christmas Choir
Carol Service
Sunday 22 December at 10am**



If your child would like to sing in a children's choir at our Carol Service then please also contact Gill Cook who will try and organise some rehearsals.

gillcook41@hotmail.com
or on 07985480164 - Gill Cook



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



Only 2 weeks to go!!

Posters for the Christmas Market and Tree Festival are now available, please display in your windows, in the local shops and on any social media sites, what's app groups your are part of.

Thank you

Sunday 24 November - Please join us to prepare the Church for the festival, from 11.30am.

Wednesday 27 November from 6pm - Moving trees into the Church and getting the large tree up

Saturday 30 November - Sunday 8 December - The festival will be open Weekdays 2pm - 6pm, Saturdays 10am - 4pm, Sundays 12 noon - 4pm. **The stewarding rota is now available if you could please consider when you could sign up to help and speak to Anne Ling or find the rota at the back of the Church**

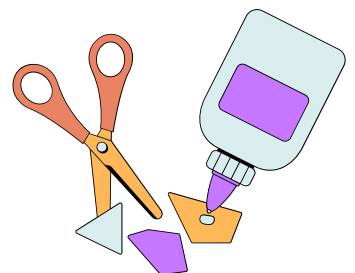
There will be school choirs singing on most weekday mornings - stewarding will be needed for this too.

email: upminstertreefest@gmail.com

Thank you!



Upminster Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival



Come and join us for

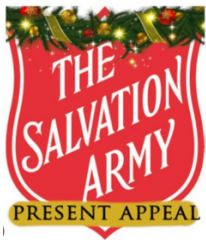
Stories and Crafts under the Christmas Tree!

Monday 2 December
3.30pm - 4.30pm
in the church



Please note: Children must be accompanied by an adult





Toy Service - Salvation Army Present Appeal



Our Toy Service this year is the All Age Service on Sunday 1st December

We are launching the Present Appeal from 1st November to 30th November 2024, providing gifts and hampers to children within the looked-after system and families who may not be able to buy the items which make Christmas a special time of year.

With the help of the local community we are able to make gift parcels for 0-16-year-olds and hampers which include Christmas Puddings, Christmas biscuits and Mince Pies. If you are able to help in anyway we know that the community who receive these parcels are truly grateful.

Please help their appeal by bringing your donations (new toys only please) to the service on 1 December.

Has Anyone Seen Bo Peep? A Family Pantomime By Natasha Blaauw

Bo Peep has lost her sheep and doesn't know where to find them. Leave them alone to come home? Not her! She went on a search and now she is missing too! Boy Blue is neglecting the farm, sleeping in the haystack and Mary Contrary's garden has been ruined. The Duke of York and his men are on the case and have launched an investigation to find her, but will they ever discover where she is? What is the Pied Piper scheming to do next? Come and join us for the adventure!

Book in advance to avoid disappointment!

Times/Dates:

Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January at 8pm

Saturday 1st February at 1pm, 3:30pm & 7pm

Tickets:

Online: £9 Adults (16+), £7 Conc and £5 Children

On door: £10 Adults (16+), £8 Conc and £6 Children

Senior Citizens FREE on Thursday and Friday Shows

Location:

Upminster Methodist Church, 10 Hall Lane, Upminster, RM14 1AE

Book in advance at www.wesley-players.com

Or card/cash on the door

Need to speak to the Box Office? Text 07708 214742

Circuit Events

These events are open to everyone

20th November - Gidea Park Prayer & Bible Study at 11am to 12pm

23rd November - Havering Road's Christmas Fayre 10am to 1pm

27th November - Advent Prayer & Bible Study at Gidea Park
at 11am to 12pm

27th November - Advent Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom at 7.30pm

30th November - Upminster's Christmas Tree Festival starts (ends 8th December)

30th November - Rainham's Christmas Bazaar at 11am

30th November - New Dimensions Choir Christmas Concert at Havering Road at 7.30pm

Contact details and Further Information

Rev Rohama Asif - 01708 788783
revrohama@yahoo.com

or

Penny Masters - 01708 769517
pennymasters12@aol.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist

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:





Every Wednesday from 27th November until
18th December, Circuit Staff will
lead prayers and studies on the theme
'Hush the Noise'.

Morning sessions will start at 11am
at Gidea Park Methodist Church,
398 Brentwood Road, Romford, RM2 6DH

Evenings sessions will start at 7.30pm on
Zoom. The Zoom link is available from Peter
at romfordcircuit.adm@gmail.com or
Eleanor at nellie2010@virginmedia.com