

Upminster Methodist Church

22 January 2023

Sunday 22 January 2023

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10am - Morning Worship - Rev John Chambers

10am - Junior Church

7pm - Contemplative Worship

[10am Zoom
Link](#)

[7pm Zoom
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Sunday 29 January 2023

4th Sunday of Epiphany

10am - Morning Worship - Mrs Stella Holland

7pm - Contemplative Worship

Family News

Rev Alan Barker

We are very sad to announce the news that Rev Alan Barker passed away suddenly, on Wednesday 18th January 2023.

Alan was the Minister here at Upminster from 1983 - 1992, after his retirement he and Mary returned to Upminster and we were blessed that Alan stood in as our Minister for a short time when we were between ministers. We remember Rachel, Ian, James and Anna in our prayers at this sad time.

Vera Richards

Vera Richards funeral will be held at Upminster Methodist Church on Monday 6th February 2023 at 12.00 noon.

It is hoped as many people as possible will be able to attend, to celebrate her life and rejoice in the hymns and music she so loved.



Junior Church

will be meeting this Sunday at 10am

We will be thinking about the Baptism of Jesus in this session

Please sign up by emailing
umcjuniorchurch@gmail.com



Flower Arranging

This week's flowers have been donated
by
Peter and Sue Hobbs

If anyone would like to provide flowers this year
please add your name to the list on the
noticeboard at the back of the church or have a
word with Chris Hughes. Many thanks



Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning will be held on Saturday 4th February from 9am - 11.30am.

If anyone or any group would like to run one of the coffee mornings
we still have 1 April, 1 July and 5 August uncovered.

Please let Caroline know if you can help. Thank you.



Gateway

Please note on Monday 6 February Gateway will finish at 11.30am to allow those who would like to, to attend Vera's funeral.

Sunday 5 February

We invite **EVERYONE**,
however big or small, new or old your involvement in
Upminster Methodist Church is,
to join us to discuss what UMC means to you,
what you enjoy,
and how we can develop as a Church community in the future.

The meeting will start with a short service at 10am, followed by small group
discussions over a cup of tea and biscuits.

We don't expect the meeting to last more than an hour.

Please join us if you can or share your thoughts via email
UMC100plus@gmail.com

Sheepstor Church

Last week I went to morning service at St Leonard's Church in Sheepstor, a tiny village of fifty people on the edge of Dartmoor. There was a congregation of thirteen and I was made very welcome.

As I enjoyed a very cold walk on Dartmoor afterwards I had a few thoughts which seemed relevant as we think about the future for our own church.

The church is central to the village community and supported by local people even if they are not regular attenders.

Almost everyone in the congregation is involved in some way in services and / or running of the church. Without this it could not remain open.

Everyone stayed for coffee and fellowship.



Food for thought.

Peter Caton

Small Steps for Africa (SSFA) Update

As many of you may remember I held a family games evening last year to raise funds for SSFA - it took a while for the money to be allocated to a specific project and with moving to University I have been slow in writing this message (despite Mum's many reminders!!)

With the amazing sum we raised (just over £600) this helped SSFA to be able to fund their first health worker. During director Charlotte's visit to Madagascar this summer, it became clear that the team needed support with ensuring the health of the children enrolled in Ankizy Gasy's projects - so this new scheme was brought to life.

With a qualified nurse joining the team she is able to give medical advice to the families of children, providing first aid and triage to see whether further visits to the doctors or even hospitalization are necessary. She also provides the community with health and family planning education, and crucially an annual health check to all Ankizy Gasy's supported children. She has a fully equipped office, where she can receive her patients and conduct examinations. The support she provides is continuing to grow with SSFA's healthcare fund now being one of their four main funds.

If you would like to continue to follow SSFA's journey their website is www.smallstepsforafrica.org

Thank you to everyone who supported, I know some people were interested in another games evening so maybe in the summer!!

Emily

The Wesley Players Present – 'Jack and The Beans Talk', an original Pantomime by Trevor Povey.

Poor Jack, sent to market by his wicked stepmother to sell their cow, he gets tricked into accepting a handful of beans. But what's this? He has an old lamp in his rucksack and we all know what happens if you rub an old lamp! Suddenly the beans come to life and he meets all sorts of weird and wonderful characters, Puss, The Big Bad Wolf, Cinderella, an officious policeman, and two halves of a panto horse. Can these people help him find true love and happiness? Can he help them or will his wicked stepmother track him down?

Join us for a fantastically funny and ridiculously silly pantomime suitable for the whole family!

Performances: are at 8pm on Thursday, 26th and Friday, 27th and at 1.30pm, 4.30pm & 8pm on Saturday, 28th January 2023.

Prices: on the door: £10 Adults, £8 for concessions and £6 for children (up to 16). As usual Senior Citizens are admitted free on the Thursday and Friday evening shows

COMEFly CIRCUIT EVENT
Saturday, 11 March 2023
at the Upminster Methodist Church.

COMEFly 13 hopes to build upon previous events and is an informal get together for all people from across the Circuit to meet over coffee, Worship, Workshops and lunch.

The proposed timetable for the morning is:

9.30am to 9.45am Coffee and Registration
9.45am to 10.45am Worship and Bible Study
11.00am to 12.00pm Workshops
12.15pm to 1.00pm Feedback and closing worship
1.00pm Bring & Share Lunch with an International flavour.

Workshops will comprise:

1. Made in God's image (a faith perspective on youth justice) – led by Deborah Mccarren
2. The work of the Whitechapel Mission – led by Tony Miller
3. Art in worship and faith - led by Rev Roy Jackson

For information, Deborah Mccarren has worked as a probation officer for young offenders for many years. Tony Miller is the Director at the Whitechapel Mission with years of experience of their vital work with the homeless of London. Finally, Rev Roy Jackson will need no introduction as he was our Superintendent Minister a few years ago.

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

Romford Circuit Zoom Meetings

Saturday morning prayer meeting at
9:30am-10am

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 932 7161 3664
Passcode: 043953

Sunday afternoon online service is at 2:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 969 7115 5424
Passcode: 358112

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THE WESLEY PLAYERS PRESENT

JACK AND THE BEANS TALK

A FAMILY PANTOMIME
BY TREVOR POVEY

Thursday 26th January at 20:00

Friday 27th January at 20:00

Saturday 28th January

at 13:30, 16:30 + 20:00

Ticket prices when bought in advance:

Adults £9.00 Children £5.00 Concessions £7.00

Seniors are FREE on Thursday and Friday

See the website for more information



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