

# Upminster Methodist Notices

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## COMEFLY

### **Romford Methodist Circuit**

**Invite you to**

**COME FLY (10)**

**C = Circuit / Children; O = Outreach;**

**M = Mission & Ministries; E = Evangelism;**

**F = Families; L = Lunch; Y = Youth**

**At Harold Wood Methodist Church, The Drive Harold Wood, RM3 0DU  
on Saturday 16 October 2021**

**with guest speakers Revd Paul Wood and**

**Revd Ian Worsfold**

**9.30am to 1.00pm followed by lunch**

What is it? An informal get together for all people from across the Circuit to meet together over Coffee, Worship, Workshops and lunch (with an international flavour) to share, discuss, plan and then return to their churches better equipped and encouraged in order to initiate ideas with regards to mission.

If you plan to attend please complete and return the reply slip (leaflet attached) to either your Church Stewards forwarding on, or direct to Lois Enwo by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

For further information please contact Janice Gowlett at [gowletts@ntlworld.com](mailto:gowletts@ntlworld.com) or Rev David Jebb at [djebb2003@gmail.com](mailto:djebb2003@gmail.com)

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## REPORTING POSITIVE COVID CASES

With lots of the services resuming online rather than just zoom We would also be grateful if you could inform the Church Stewards via email [Upminster.Stewards@gmail.com](mailto:Upminster.Stewards@gmail.com) if you have tested positive within 72 hours of attending church so that people can be made aware of a positive case. This information will be treated in confidence. Just wanting to keep everyone safe

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This year's tree festival is back in the Church!

We are delighted and very excited to let you know that the Christmas Tree Festival will be held from Saturday 4 December until Sunday 12 December, with the theme: 'This is what Christmas means to us.'

We are delighted to have had lots of offers of help so far, but will need lots more volunteers from those who have helped before and those who are looking forward to being involved for the first time.

Our first request for help will be on Sunday 28 November after the morning service to get out all the boarding for the trees, get out the decorations and start putting them up in the Church, threading stars etc, there will be plenty of tasks for all ages and abilities!

Keep watching this space for other ways in which you could be involved or speak to Caroline Kinder, Michelle DeVido or Judith Hall with offers of help. Email: [upminstertreefest@gmail.com](mailto:upminstertreefest@gmail.com)

Thank you

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### **HELP !!!!! [please!]**

Now that we have at last been able to reopen our church, and look forward to resuming all the activities we have shared, we are inviting you to join us in making this possible.

We are a community of different talents and gifts, who come together to serve God and our neighbours; but we have reached a point where some of us are no longer able to continue in the ways they have done this, often over a long period.

We offer our heartfelt thanks for all the ways they have enriched our church life together.

Now we urgently need others who can join us, in any way – however large or small - to continue to support each other and the people around us, by giving a little of their skills and time.

Please consider whether any of these might apply to you:

I could offer a bit of DIY/decorating know-how to a group helping to maintain the church premises

I am into technology and social media, and could help those working on the church's ongoing communication with the community, and delivering online worship

I enjoy meeting people, and I'd like to take turns in helping to welcome people coming to Sunday worship, or to our Gateway community

I'm not sure where I'd fit in, but I'd like to help, and I have a bit of time I could offer, on a regular or occasional basis

If any of these might include you, please contact [upminster.stewards@gmail.com](mailto:upminster.stewards@gmail.com) or speak to any of us in church on a Sunday morning, and we can put you in contact with the right people.

Please give this some thought and prayer: the more, the merrier, and whatever you are able to offer will be most welcome!

Thank you!

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## **CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER**

Dear All

I am working on the next newsletter covering Dec/Jan which will be produced at the beginning of November. Please could you let me have any information for inclusion ASAP.

Are you having any Christmas events - Concerts, Tree festival, etc. Advent courses, holiday clubs sheep trails that you would like advertised or would like peoples attention drawn to. Don't worry if details aren't finalised just an event and date will be helpful and help people prepare

How have you felt since lockdown has eased and we have returned to our churches or not in some cases. how are your church members dealing with the changes? Have you any thoughts you would like to share or experiences that have helped.

Remember this is YOUR newsletter so if you want things included you need to give them to me! Don't forget to ask your members for any information

hope to hear from you soon

best wishes

Penny

Sent on behalf of Revd David Jebb

The Superintendent – Romford Circuit

by Penny Masters Circuit Administrator [admin.romfordcircuit@btconnect.com](mailto:admin.romfordcircuit@btconnect.com)

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## **CHURCH KEYS**

For safeguarding and security reasons it is important that the number of church keys in circulation is limited to only those who need them for specific roles within the church. Please can anyone who has been issued with a key but no longer undertakes the role for which it was issued, return the key and fob to me. Please also note that keys should not be passed from one person to another without informing me and completing the required forms, so that we know who has keys and that our safeguarding records are accurate.

Thank you Peter Caton 'Keeper of the Keys'

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## **CHURCH FLOWERS**

After many months of lockdown it's so lovely to be back in Church although I know for some it will be a while before we can all be together again.

We would love to get the Sanctuary pedestal arrangement up and running again; we know it brings pleasure to the congregation and those watching on zoom.

I've put a list of dates on the notice board at the back of the church for people to add their name for donating money for the flowers or you can always speak with me in church or call me. It may be a special anniversary, a memorable date you would like to mark or just to give for the joy of the flowers. One of our small team of ladies will happily arrange them for you or maybe you would like to have a go yourself? Perhaps you would like to join our team, you would be very welcome.

Please consider donating for the flowers, we would be most grateful. Thank you.

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## **FOODBANK DONATIONS**

Dear everyone,

Thank you once again for your incredible support this month. We delivered a car full of donations this morning to the Foodbank of much needed supplies... some of which they had just run out of yesterday!

This week, we donated **61.56kg** and our total climbs to **3,161.72kg**.

Visiting this morning, the team have asked for our help as they are especially running out of;

Shower Gels

Toothpaste

Toiletries

Anything you can spare and donate is greatly appreciated;

\* Tinned Goods (Fish, Meat, Vegetables, Soups)

\*Cooking Sauces, Sugar, Rice, Pasta

\*Long Life Desserts (Rice Pudding, Custard, Jelly powder)

\*Sponge Puddings

\*Jams & Spreads

\*Biscuits, Sweets & Chocolate  
\*Long Life Juices  
\*Long Life Milk  
\*Tea Bags, Coffee & Hot Chocolate  
\*Toilet Roll  
\*Kitchen Towel

Thank you,

Best,

Joanna

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## **REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS**

We are now able to welcome back a little more normality to our services than we have over the last few weeks, and we look forward to more being able to join us within the Church.

If you enjoy singing this is now permitted and you will be able to mix and engage, if they are willing, with other members of the congregation.

However, we are mindful that not everyone is 100% comfortable with 'no restrictions' so we will be trying to accommodate those that are embracing the removal of restrictions and those that want to take things a bit slower.

We intend to do the following to help with the changes:

Our welcome/door stewards will continue to wear masks to greet you

Hand sanitiser will continue to be available at the door

You are asked to continue to scan the QR code or record your details on the forms provided

The windows and doors will continue to be open to provide ventilation

Those not wishing to wear masks and wanting to sing will be asked to sit in the front pews, leaving the first two rows unoccupied

Those wishing to wear masks and/or maintain social distance will be asked to sit in the rear pews

There will currently be no distribution of hymn books or an offertory collection, please continue to give online

At the end of services those at the rear of the Church will be offered to leave first

We want you to feel safe and relaxed, so please let a steward know if there is anything else they can do for you to achieve this when you are in the Church.  
While we would love to see you in person, you can continue to join the services via Zoom.

## THE STEWARDS

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### **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

O eternal and glorious Trinity, deeper than the deepest sea, and the abyss of love for whom we thirst and long; let us forever desire your light, forever seek your face and forever wrap ourselves in the robe of your glory; world without end. Amen.

*Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)*

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### **FACEBOOK**

[www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist](http://www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist)

Remember the facebook page has daily updates and new links

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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) before **Wednesday morning** to be included on that weeks  
notices. Thank you!