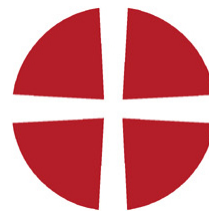


Upminster
Methodist Church



Newsletter
April 2018

About the Methodist Church



The Methodist Church is one of the largest Christian churches serving Great Britain, with nearly 209,000 members and regular contact with 800,000 people.

It has 4,812 churches in Great Britain, and also maintains links with other Methodist churches with a worldwide total membership of over 80 million.

Its activities, both alone and with ecumenical and secular partners, are based on four aims known as ***Our Calling:***

To increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love

To help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care

To be a good neighbour to people in need and to challenge injustice

To make more followers of Jesus Christ

Easter Prayer

When everything was dark
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,
your love broke through.

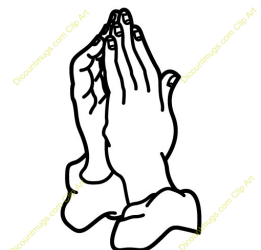
Your love was too strong,
too wide,
too deep
for death to hold.

The sparks cast by your love
dance and spread
and burst forth
with resurrection light.

Gracious God,
We praise you for the light of new life
made possible through Jesus.
We praise you for the light of new life
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.
We praise you for the light of new life
that continues to shine in our hearts today.

We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,
will live in us each day;
and that we will be bearers of that light
into the lives of others.
Amen.

This prayer has been written by the Revd Michaela Youngson.



Contemplative Worship

Upminster Methodist Church

Are you seeking to explore your spirituality and an alternative way to worship?

At Upminster Methodist church Revd. Jason Vinyard will be leading Christian Contemplative Worship on the third Sunday evening of each month from 6.30pm

This is a forty five minute Contemplative Service, with tea, coffee or hot chocolate served afterwards, for those wanting to stay and reflect



If you are interested and would like to find out more please have a look at the website www.upminstermethodistchurch.org or contact Revd. Jason Vinyard by phone 01708 223568 or by email revjcvinyard@gmail.com



Greetings!

Please do excuse my absence! I have returned. I knew I was unwell when, for seventeen days, not one cup of coffee passed my lips! A doctor said ‘Jason, listen, perhaps you need to hear something; this is the only way your body has left to ask you to slow down...’

It made sense. When I returned to work, I just kept going. Although something *has* changed. I demand less from my body, or put another way, I demand less from myself. I’m gentler. I’m still busy – if anything – busier than before, but I’m more aware of my own needs.

Two passages from scripture come to mind.

John 12:3 (NRSVA) Mary Anoints Jesus

³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus’ feet, and wiped them [his feet] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

That is beautiful. Care; dignity; gentleness; acceptance; intimacy; receiving and giving, taking time to love - all displayed in the routines of daily living and in the context about where the future may lead.

Or, how about this,

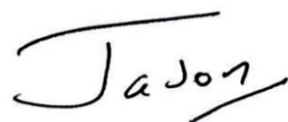
John 13 (NRSVA) Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

13 Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.... And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

That is also very beautiful. It points us to the fact that between life and death; burial and resurrection; grief and recovery and against all our expectations and demands upon each other and ourselves, we can see an image of God – God - in- us through Christ – who slows us down, takes time, is gentle, shares intimacy and loves.

In what way could you be a little less demanding of yourself? To be a bit gentler?

Together let us hope that we shall all find the time to tend to our own needs as well as show love to those around us.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line above the letters and a short horizontal line below the end of the word.

SPRING CLEANING 21st April

Its that time of the year again when the church and halls are in need of a tidy up and spring clean.

It is going to be on Saturday 21st April around 9.30am, and as they say that many hands make light work, we would be grateful to see anyone who would be willing to help even for a short while to come along as everyone will be welcome.

A cup of tea or coffee (and maybe a biscuit) will be available.

Thank You

The Stewards



**The Wesley Players
present**

**The W. I. Blues
By John Peel**

Story: The W. I. Blues is a light comedy by John Peel. Grace is hosting an unofficial W. I. meeting at her home. She has called a few friends round to discuss, prior to the forthcoming AGM, the threat to the organisation by the "wrong sort of people" in the village.

Will the evening go as smoothly as she expects?

Prices: £7 for Adults, £5.50 for Concessions and £3.50 for Children (under 16).

As usual, Senior Citizens are admitted free to the Thursday & Friday evening shows.

Tickets will be available on the door or may be booked in advance via the Box Office (text or phone) 07708 214742 or email tickets@wesley-players.co.uk.

Performances: are at 8.00pm on Thursday, 17th, Friday, 18th and Saturday, 19th May 2018.

Location: Wesley Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, 10, Hall Lane, Upminster, Essex. RM14 1AE.



Adam Woodgate: Congratulations!

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that Adam Woodgate has been awarded the Silver Acorn Award of the Scout Association.

The Silver Acorn can only be awarded on St George's Day and reflects not only more than 20 years service, but also service which can be described as 'especially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding'.

We feel that this is definitely justified in Adam's case. Many of you will know him via your contact with the Scout Group or through seeing him with the Group.

We too are indebted for all that he has done - together with our other group leaders - fitting in hours of Scout work alongside his busy professional and family life. For example, he is currently in the process of organising this year's Gambia trip.

We wish him every success in the future.
The Scout Group.



WHITECHAPEL MISSION
5p's COLLECTION

The 5p collection continues and thank you for all your previous donations, it helps a great deal with the work of the mission.

Jean Nicholls



A NEW YOUTH CLUB

Essex Boys & Girls Clubs are starting a new youth club to meet at the church on Tuesday evenings. See poster. It's hoped to start on 24th April, running from 6pm – 8pm.

Although not run by the church, we hope to have involvement both with helpers and members.

Volunteers are needed to help on club nights and some days out. The role would suit someone interested in working with all young people, in a fully inclusive environment. Helpers wouldn't be expected to attend every week. If you are interested in helping, or attending as a member, please talk to Peter Caton (peter.caton@adhtechnical.com 07770 851362) or Katie Churchill (katiec@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org 0785 6027439).

This will be an inclusive club for anyone aged 10 to 25, although depending on numbers and ages it may split into two age groups. It will be good to see our halls alive with young people on Tuesday evenings again.

Peter Caton

NEW UMC PHAB YOUTH CLUB
OPENING 24TH APRIL!

WHERE:
Uppminster Methodist Church, 2 Hall Lane, Uppminster, RM14 1AA

WHEN:
Tuesdays 6.00 - 8.00pm

ENTRY £1

Are you aged 10 to 25?

Come along and have a go at our activities including: Dodgeball, Table Cricket, Dance, Drama, Music, the chance to attend activities, residential trips and gain qualifications such as the Duke of Edinburgh Award!

Boys & Girls Clubs ESSEX

For more info:
Email: katiec@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org
Phone: 01245 264783

An inclusive youth club for disabled and non-disabled young people
www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org Charity No: 1163658



On Saturday 3rd March the 1st Upminster Senior Section Rangers (Odd Bods) made their way to Waterloo Station to participate in a Scout/Girl Guiding event – Monopoly Run.

At 10 o'clock the race began as we rushed off in an effort to get a head start towards our first property. However, the stampede of about 1500 people soon followed. The echo of shouting scouts was heard all through the station – “Go! Go! Go!” Rushing to the most expensive properties first paid off as we were able to buy both Park Lane and Mayfair. (We perhaps need to explain that the game is played using an app on our phones.) We then walked to Oxford Circus where we had to unfortunately pay rent on the surrounding properties. Later in the day we were able to buy only one more property, the jail.

Every hour a new challenge came through on our phones including us getting a photo with a police man but we only had 15 minutes to complete it. During another challenge worth £500 (game money) we climbed to the viewing platform of the Tate Modern with 4 minutes to spare before the deadline although we didn't end up winning!

Although it was rather cold, we had an enjoyable day coming 3rd out of the 7 teams in our game and 62nd out of 225 teams that took part.

We were very pleased with this result as it was our first time of taking part and hope to do it again next year.

Emily, Ella, Leah and Isobel



ROMFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT A Guide to Two Clusters (West and East) Based Team Ministry from September 2018.

Each congregation is not single minister led, but they are supported by our Circuit Presbyters and lay staff. Team ministry means each of us has a person to lean on, to be accountable to, to pray with, to be encouraged by, and with whom to share common challenges and joys.

Pastoral Oversight and point of contact for the Circuit Churches:

West Cluster Oversight:

Revd. David Jebb and Revd. Karen Bell

Gidea Park, Harold Wood, Havering Road, Hornchurch, Trinity

East Cluster Oversight:

Revd. Jason Vinyard and Revd. Joseph Samuel Ribeiro

Aveley, Brentwood, Farmlands, Rainham, South Ockendon,
Upminster.

Circuit Mission Outreach Project (CMOP)

Superintendent Minister, and the Management Team (2 Ordained and 6 Lay members and a Mission Outreach Worker) will act on behalf of the Circuit to promote the Mission outreach work in Collier Row area.

Pastoral Care:

- Each church will be supported by 2 ministers and a team of pastoral visitors.
- The work of the cluster pastoral team, who will meet together for discussions, does not replace the normal work of each church in their pastoral duty of care to their congregation.
- The team works to a shared understanding of confidentiality.
- Notice Boards-Church Magazines-Weekly Notices-Websites will include the following details from September 2018: Western Cluster Ministers: Revd. David Jebb, Revd. Karen Bell
Eastern Cluster Ministers: Revd. Jason Vinyard, Revd. Joseph Ribeiro.

Ethos:

- Sharing and collaborative working, responding to each situation with their gifts and talents and the particular needs of the churches and community.
- Both Ministers will jointly facilitate meetings in churches, sharing the workload.
- There will be meetings of Cluster Stewards/Property Stewards/LP's and WL's as part of the team working together.
- Alongside the Circuit Team Ministry, worshipping together, east and west clusters, will be a visible sign of our shared leadership of the Clusters.

Circuit Lay Workers:

- There will be Circuit Lay workers and Church Lay workers, paid and voluntary, who will meet together to support one another in their mission.
- Staff, Lay and Ordained, will operate as a Circuit staff team, and this will be expressed in ways such as preaching, events, activities, worship, the use of individual gifts in the Circuit and meeting together.

Meetings:

- Circuit full Ministerial Staff Meeting once a month to reflect on the life of the clusters and consider future planning. Also for fellowship and support and prayer. Lay staff will attend this meeting once a quarter.
- Cluster Ministerial Team: East and West meet once a month to consider pastoral cases, to review pastoral work, raise concerns and undertake any joint planning of mission and ministry. Lay staff will attend this meeting once a quarter.
- Cluster Church stewards from all churches, will meet once a quarter, to communicate and discuss, problems and joys, problem solve, issues raised by churches, work in mixed church groups depending on the issues, and 2 ministers will facilitate the meeting jointly.
- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders will meet once a quarter in good time for plan dates. The style of this meeting should be collaborative, consultative and consensual.

Worship:

- Worship together, 2 clusters coming together with a tea 3 times a year. The ministers coordinate and lead, drawing on the skills of the lay team.

Administration:

- Churches will have 2 ministers, with contact details in every church in the cluster.
- Administrative duties such as general meetings, church councils and pastoral meetings will be allocated to one of the two ministers
- The ministers will delegate the chairing of some meetings to lay members.

Preaching:

- The LP Meeting will be tasked with building a team of preachers across the circuit
- Each minister delivers 26 services per quarter and with the support of LP's and WL's between 180 and 200 other appointments are filled.

Finance:

- The treasurers from both clusters will meet with the Circuit Treasurer, Senior Circuit Steward and Superintendent Minister twice a year to plan and budget and discuss future developments in accordance with CPD and District Connexional expectations.

Safeguarding:

- Circuit Safeguarding Officer will be coordinating training and other matters relating to safeguarding within each cluster or at joint meetings.

COME FLY TEAM

- Will act on behalf of the Circuit to promote, encourage and provide resources to the cluster churches to engage in mission, evangelism and ministry to all ages. Meet together twice a year. (Spring and Autumn)

Reflection:

The Circuit is to underpin and support God's work in local settings, helping individuals and churches to recognize where God is and what God is doing in the lives of their churches, and communities. The Circuit helps people engage in mission where they are, but it also has a duty to see the bigger picture. It is part of our Methodist DNA to be connected to one another in ways that help us share resources and experience amongst the weak and the strong, the small and the big, the confident and the cautious.

Change is never easy, and there is something about being human that makes us fearful of the unknown. Yet God is calling church, in every generation, to move forward under the Spirit's leadership into a future that will forever remain partially veiled. The two travellers on the Emmaus road journeyed in their fear and uncertainty unaware that the risen Christ walked with them. We are called to move forward in the knowledge that Christ is journeying with us.

Come and
join us for:



Tuesday 10th April

10.00am-12.30pm

For children

AND parents/carers

Please sign up if possible

01708 222278

J.M.A. COFFEE AND PLANT SALE

SATURDAY 12TH MAY

10.00AM – 12 NOON

We will be holding a sale on the 12th May from 10.00am until 12 noon.

Any donations of bric-a-brac, cakes, books or plants would be appreciated.

Thank you for supporting J.M.A.

Jenny Smy

J.M.A. Co-ordinator



Romford Methodist Circuit

COME FLY

DIARY DATES OF CIRCUIT EVENTS 2018

MAY

Sunday 6th - 4.30pm Circuit Easter Dedication service at the Circuit Mission Outreach Centre, Collier Row led by the COMEFly Team

JUNE

Saturday 23rd - 7.30am Circuit Prayer Walk starting at Farmlands, Doddinghurst and finishing at Rainham with light refreshments and an act of worship at 7.30pm

Sunday 24th – 4.30pm Circuit Mission Celebration service in Aid of Mission in Britain at Circuit Mission Outreach Centre, Collier Row. Speaker Revd. Ashley Cooper, Principal of Cliff College

JULY

Sunday 29th – 4.30pm Circuit BBQ + Summer Praise at Revd. David Jebb's, 12 Oaklands Avenue, Romford RM1 4DB. Collection for the Circuit Mission Outreach work.

More dates to follow in future editions



Newsletter – *The next newsletter will be the May issue. Please forward material to Allyson Hill by the 15th April .*

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upminster.newsletter@gmail.com

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Weekly Notices - Items for the weekly Notices sheet should be sent to upmethodistchurch@btinternet.com or pass to Allyson Hill

If you would like the weekly Notice sheet emailed please email Allyson Hill

METHODIST BLOG

If you wish to read the President and Vice President's blog on a regular basis, please go to the Methodist Church website at www.methodist.org.uk and there you will be able to follow the links on a regular basis.

You may find other articles of interest too on a weekly/ monthly basis.





FLOWER ROTA

Very many thanks to both providers and arrangers:

	Provider	Arranged by
April 1 st	Chris Hughes	Sheila Toon
8 th	Julie & Ian Leadley	June Dutton
15 th	Joyce Harris	Jenny Smy
22 nd	The Kinders	Caroline Kinder
29 th	-	Judith Hall



Upminster Methodist Church Weekly Activities

If you have a date or activity you wish to add, please let the editor know at upminster.newsletter@gmail.com



Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.00am – 11.00am



Gateway Tea, coffee and chat

Monday and Wednesday 10.00am – 12 noon



Choir and Band Practice

Fridays and Saturdays as announced
7.30pm

Adult Badminton

Thursdays 8pm – 9.30pm

All abilities welcome



Wesley Players

Mondays 8.00pm



Patchwork Group

Mondays 1pm





Tots and Co

Tuesdays in term time
9.30am – 11.30am

Uniformed Groups

Mondays	5.00pm	Rainbows
	6.15pm	Brownies
	7.15pm	Guides and Rangers
Wednesdays	6.30pm	Cub Scouts
Thursdays	6.00pm	Beaver Scouts
Fridays	7.30pm	Scouts



SUNDAY WORSHIP

APRIL 2018

1st EASTER SUNDAY

- 8.00am: Revd. Jason Vinyard - Holy Communion
10.00am: Revd. Judith Maizel-Long – All Age Worship
6.30pm: Revd. Jason Vinyard – Holy Communion

8th

- 10.00am: Revd. Jason Vinyard – All Age Worship
and Parade

15th

- 10.00am: Mrs Lyn Scott
6.30pm: Revd. Jason Vinyard – Contemplative Service

22nd

- 10.00am: Revd. Jason Vinyard – Holy Communion

29th

- 10.00am: Mr Malcolm Richardson



