

# Upminster Methodist Church

19th November 2023

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**10am** - Mrs Penny Masters

**10am** - Junior Church

**7pm** - Contemplative Service

## Sunday 26th November 2023

**10am** - A short service organised by Anne and Linda, our two current stewards helped by Rosemary and Judith. Followed by coffee and church decoration

**7pm** - Contemplative Service

[10am Zoom Link](#)

[7pm Zoom Link](#)



## CHRISTMAS TOY SERVICE

**Sunday 3rd December at 10am**



### This will also be our monthly All Age Worship and Parade Service

As we have done in recent years, we shall be collecting in support of the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, for children and families whose "festive season" would otherwise be without the treats most of us enjoy.

Last year your generosity was much appreciated - so this year, as you start your Christmas shopping, could you buy a book, game or toy for a child who would otherwise not get any presents, or a Christmas food item for a family struggling to put the basics on the table?

Presents must be new, please, not "pre-loved" - and last year we collected mince pies, chocolate biscuits, Christmas puddings etc - to provide some festive cheer  
[No alcohol, please!]



## Church Flowers

This week's flowers have been donated by Janie Thorn

### Christmas Tree Festival

**Stewards** still needed particularly for the weekends and 4-6pm weekday shifts. Please contact Anne Ling 07941838761 or sign the list at the back of the Church.



### Christmas Tree Festival

**Sunday 26 November**  
after morning worship  
Helping to get things out of the basement, the loft and putting up decorations in the Church.

### Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 2 December to  
Sunday 10 December 2023

Opening Times Saturdays  
10am - 4pm  
Sundays 12 noon - 4pm  
Monday - Friday 2pm - 6pm



### Christmas Tree Festival

**Wednesday 29 November**  
from 5pm

Getting the Christmas trees into stands and into the Church in position, please bring garden gloves, secateurs, small saw as branches will need to be removed from trees to get them into the stands.



### Christmas Tree Festival

If you would like to **sponsor a tree** at the cost of £30, or would like to have a tree at home after the festival (also at a cost of £30) please let Judith Hall know.

## Christmas Market - Saturday 2 December - 10am - 3pm



Please can you **start collecting:**

items of Bric-a-Brac

chocolate for the ever popular Chocolate tombola stall

any prizes suitable for the raffle

If anyone is able to help for an hour (or more) with the tombola or raffle stall please let Caroline know, thank you.

If you are able to help with any of the above please email us at

[upminstertreefestival@gmail.com](mailto:upminstertreefestival@gmail.com)



### Do you like to sing?



It is getting closer to our Christmas festivities, the **Carol Service** at our church will be on **Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm.**

If you are interested in singing at the Carol Service please can you email your availability for rehearsals as soon as possible to Gill Cook at [gillcook41@hotmail.com](mailto:gillcook41@hotmail.com).

Also, if anyone is interested, Gill is organising a Carol/light hearted **Christmas songs Concert**, to support the Christmas Tree Festival (100 years of Upminster Methodist Church) in aid of St Francis Hospice on **Sunday 3rd December at 6.30pm.**

The church will look beautiful with the Christmas Trees sparkling, her choir from the Golf Club will be singing various carols and Christmas songs and if anyone from the church/circuit would like to join, you are very welcome. Most of the Christmas songs you will know, there will be a few extra songs to learn but they aren't difficult.

Again if you, or you know of anyone who might be interested in singing could you let them know and again, email Gill Cook at [gillcook41@hotmail.com](mailto:gillcook41@hotmail.com) asap.

Hopefully there will also be having a Children's choir.

### Do you play a Musical Instrument?

If you would like to join the orchestra to play at the **Carol Service** at our church which will be on **Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm.**

please can you email as soon as possible to Gill Cook at [gillcook41@hotmail.com](mailto:gillcook41@hotmail.com).

## Upminster Churches Together Carol Singing in the Town Centre



Thursday 23 November at 5pm



If you would like to join Rev Mark Davison (UBC) carol singing during the light switch on event, they will be singing in the playground of Upminster Junior School at 5pm. They would welcome as many people to join them as possible.

### Contactless Card Machine

We now 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:



### Romford Circuit Zoom Meeting

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

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

[Saturday  
zoom](#)

### Contact details and Further Information

Rev Karen Bell - 01708502811  
revkarenbell@gmail.com  
or

Rev Eleanor Jackson - 01708781560  
nellie2010@virginmedia.com  
or

Penny Masters - 01708769517  
pennymasters12@aol.com

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist](https://www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist)

Website: [upminstermethodistchurch.org](https://upminstermethodistchurch.org)

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



**100 YEARS AT UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 6.30pm**  
**'QUE SERA'**  
 UPMINSTER GOLF CLUB CHOIR  
 would like you to join them  
 for an evening of  
 Christmas Music and Carols  
 to celebrate the Christmas Tree Festival  
 raising money for **St. Francis Hospice**  
**£5 a ticket available from**  
 MARGARET WILKINS – m.wilkins947@btinternet.com  
 PETER HOBBS – familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com - 07736520799



### Church Christmas Card

Instead of sending cards to all your church friends, why not sign a greeting to all in our Church card and make a donation to Methodist Homes for the Aged in the box provided.



### Rainham Methodist Church

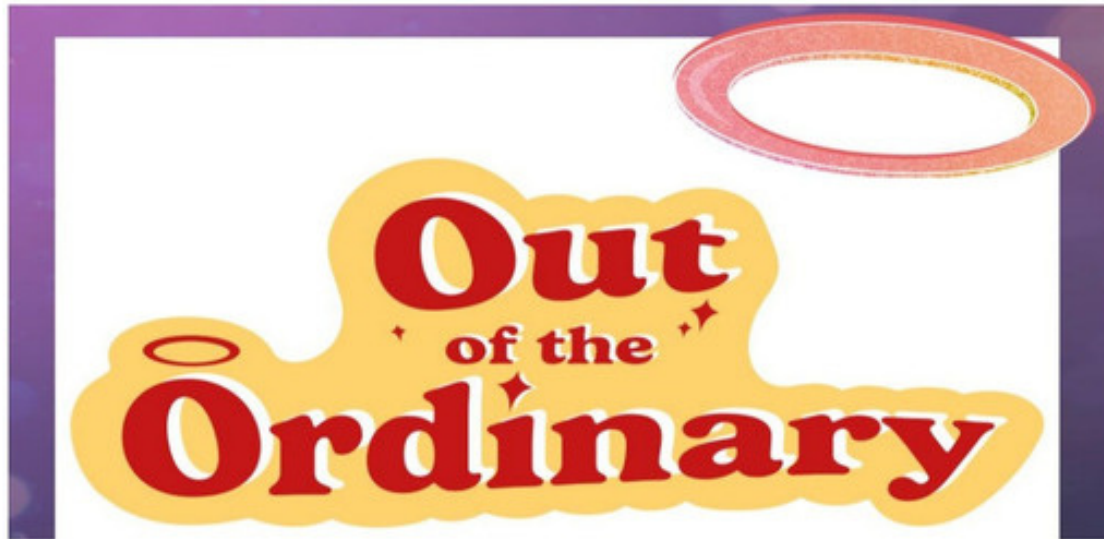
Christmas Bazaar  
 Saturday 25th November.

10.30am - 1.00pm

There will be various stalls – toys, toiletries, books and bric-a-brac – games and refreshments.



## Advent Bible Study



Every Wednesday from 29<sup>th</sup> November until 20<sup>th</sup> December, Circuit Staff will lead the studies on the theme 'Out of the Ordinary'.

Afternoons sessions will start at 2pm at Trinity Methodist Church, Angel Way, Romford, RM1 1JH

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

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Havering Road Methodist Church

Moray Way - Opposite the Shops

Saturday 25th November 2023

10:00am - 1:00pm Entry £1 Children free

On the 103 & 499 bus routes

*Please note cash only*

\* Father Christmas

\* Refreshments

\* Crafts

\* Tombola

\* Homeware

Toys \*

\* Homemade cakes

\* Win a hamper

Books \*

Nativity Scene \*

The Emporium \*

Chocolate Tombola \*

Model railway \*

And Much More \*



A lovely selection of festive music + audience participation carols

# New Dimension Choir Christmas Concerts 2023

**Friday 1st  
December**

Harold Wood  
Methodist Church  
1 The Drive, Harold  
Wood RM3 0DU

**Sunday 3rd  
December**

All Saints Church  
80 Ardleigh Green  
Road, Hornchurch  
RM11 2LU

**Saturday 9th  
December**

Havering Road  
Methodist Church  
Hall, Moray Way  
Romford RM1 4YD



**Doors Open at 7:00 pm**

Concert Starts at 7:30 pm for approx. 2 hours

**£7.50 (cash only)**

Tickets available on the door - includes refreshments. Under 16's FREE.



We are a proud member of the Havering Arts Council

[www.newdimensionchoir.com](http://www.newdimensionchoir.com)



**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**

**ANGEL WAY Romford RM1 1JH**

**'Christmas At Home'**

**Friday 1st Dec**

**11.30 – 4PM**

**Cost £7.00**



Come and join us for Christmas Lunch with pudding and mince pies, activities and tea

If you are interested in coming please fill in the form and return ASAP thank you

**For any further information contact:**

**Penny 01708 769517 or [pennymasters12@aol.com](mailto:pennymasters12@aol.com)**

**The Wesley Players present**

**UPMONSTRA  
A Family Pantomime.**

**By Ken and Jon Holland**

Long ago, many monsters roamed the lands, some had black hearts but some wished to live their lives peacefully. Heroes, Villagers, Kings and Queens vanquished evil monsters and this became the stuff of legend and Fairy tales.  
Very little is told about the good hearted monsters and what became of them.

This is one of those tales.  
Can Roland rescue them, from the evil Circus Dark? Who is the mysterious Marvo?  
Will Professor Googlethorpe and DW40 help in time? Or will the Circus Mistress and her evil Ginn sell the Monsters to the highest bidder?

To find out come and see UPMONSTRA !!!

BOOK IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPOINTMENT!

Performances:

Thursday 25th January & Friday 26th January at 8PM

Saturday 27th January at 1PM, 3:30PM & 7PM

Prices:

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.co.uk](http://www.wesley-players.co.uk)

Or card/cash on the door  
Need to speak to the Box Office? Text 07708 214742



ROMFORD CIRCUIT



**NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL**  
**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**  
**4.30 – 7.30PM**

**HAROLD WOOD METHODIST**  
**CHURCH, THE DRIVE**  
**RM3 0DU**



**COME AND JOIN THE EVENING FOR**  
**FUN, GAMES, FELLOWSHIP**  
**BRING AND SHARE MEAL**

**CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME HOWEVER,**  
**THEY WILL REMAIN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THEIR PARENTS**  
**DURING THE EVENT.**

