

# Upminster Methodist Church

Second Sunday in Advent

4 December 2022

## **Sunday 4 December Second Sunday in Advent**

10am All Age Worship -Mrs Christine Scrutton  
Our Annual Toy Service - with help from members  
of Junior Church  
(please see details below regarding donations)

Tea and Coffee will be served after the service.

7pm - Contemplative worship on Zoom

[10am  
Zoom  
Link](#)

[7pm  
Zoom Link](#)



## **Sunday 11 December Third Sunday in Advent**

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

7pm - Contemplative worship on Zoom

## **Church Flowers**

This week's flowers have been  
donated by Christine Scrutton

## **Church Family News**

We are very pleased to hear that **June** is now home from hospital and we wish her a speedy recovery.

The Funeral Service and Committal for **Julie Leadley** will be held at South East Essex Crematorium (South Chapel) at 12.40pm on Tuesday 13 December. All are welcome. Family flowers only. Please wear colourful clothing! The service will be conducted by Rev Rohama Asif

A Celebration Service for Julie's life will then be held at Upminster Methodist Church at 1.45pm led by Rev Rohama Asif

Light refreshments will be available in the Wesley Hall after the service.

## **CHRISTMAS TOY SERVICE - 4TH DECEMBER**

### **Romford Salvation Army**

As usual, we will be asking for donations of new toys and gifts (unwrapped) which will be used to make gift parcels for 0-16 year olds. Please note, we can no longer accept second-hand toys.

Romford Salvation Army will also be creating festive hampers, to support looked-after children and families locally who would otherwise struggle to have any Christmas cheer. Donations of items such as Christmas Puddings, Christmas Crackers, Tubs of Chocolates, Christmas biscuits, Mince Pies etc would also be appreciated please.

Gift tokens have to be spent to buy items before distribution -they don't go direct to the child or young person - but if you do donate in this way please choose one of the big local retail chains for this purpose.

### **Church Christmas Card**

As in previous year's Jill Avis will be creating a Christmas card for everyone to sign to leave a greeting to one another.

Please put a donation in the accompanying money box, all proceeds will be going to Methodist Homes for the Aged.

### **Regular Giving to the Church**

The financial gifts made weekly, monthly, quarterly or even annually to the church are an important and significant part of the church's income. Without these gifts we would not be able to maintain the church, halls and our work in the community, so thank you to everyone for your gifts.

However, did you know that if you are a taxpayer the church can claim Gift Aid on your gifts, which is an extra 25% at no cost to you? To enable the church to claim Gift Aid you just need to complete a very simple form and then make your gifts either by standing order (preferred) or I can provide you with a box of envelopes for cash/cheques.

If you would like more information or want to start, please come and see me or email me at [familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com](mailto:familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com).

Thank you. Peter Hobbs



## **A Festival of Stars 3 - 11 December 2022**

Is finally here...

The Church looks amazing, really beautiful and quite breathtaking in a different way to the trees.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to get the Church ready in any way, and to all those that have created the windowsill displays.

The community trail starts on Saturday so please take time to wander the streets and enjoy everyone's hard work.

### **Festival of Stars Opening Times**

Saturday 3 and Saturday 10 December 10am  
- 2pm

Sunday 4 and Sunday 11 December 12 noon -  
2pm

Time to admire the window displays and add  
to the memorial tree

Refreshments will also be served

### **Sunday 4 December - 5-8pm**

A Christmas Serenade  
A Festive Sunday of Music by JMS Music  
Students

### **Monday 5 December - 3.30-4.30pm**

Christmas Crafts and Stories  
All children must be accompanied by an adult

### **Tuesday 6 December - 4pm**

Christingle - Rev Rohama Asif  
All children must be accompanied by an  
adult

## **Kitchen Water Heater**

The kitchen water heater has generally been left on permanently, meaning that there is always instant hot water but electricity is used to keep water permanently heated that often isn't used. In order to save electricity it has been suggested that we only switch it on only when needed. Having raised this with the General Purposes Committee and spoken to a number of users, it seems that there is agreement that the heater should only be switched on when required. Smaller users can use kettles but if a larger amount of hot water is needed it will be necessary to switch the heater on about half an hour in advance.

Please therefore switch off the water heater after use, unless you are aware that another group will require hot water within the next hour or two. If this causes any issues we will of course review it.

Thanks, Peter Caton

JMA

I have received a letter of thanks from Methodist World Mission for our donation of £138 for JMA. This comprised £68 from collectors and £70 from the fish collecting receptacle at the back of the church.

*Thank you on behalf of the Methodist Church for your generous donation of £138 from Upminster Methodist Church Council towards the World Mission Fund.*

*This fund enables the Methodist Church to encourage, build and maintain long-term mission partnerships with Methodist Churches across the world. It provides support to those partners to spread the good news through engaging in mission, evangelism, multi-faith relationships, church growth, education and advocacy. The work continues the amazing history of Methodist mission overseas that stretches over more than two centuries.*

*As well as general support for church development, the fund makes grants for the training of local staff, the employment of nationals in mission appointments, and for emergency responses to natural disasters. We also continue to send mission partners to various parts of the world at the request of the Churches there.*

*We hope you will want to find out more about the way that donations to the Connexional Funds are used to support Our Calling and help the Church live out its discipleship in worship and mission. A good starting point is to sign up to receive One Mission Matters magazine, or one of our other newsletters, which you can do here: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/signup/>.*

Peter Caton

## **Romford Circuit Advent Bible Study**

based on the Methodist Church  
Advent and Christmas campaign 2022: There is Room

The bible study will be led by members of the circuit staff  
on Wednesdays 30 November, and 7, 14 and 21 December 2022

2 – 3 pm in-person at Gidea Park Methodist Church  
398 Brentwood Road, Romford, RM2 6DH

7.30 – 8.30 pm on Zoom (streamed on Facebook)

(Zoom link will be shared via the Circuit Office, please register with the Circuit Administrator,  
Peter Hobbs via email: romfordcircuit.adm@gmail.com or by telephone on 07736520799 to  
receive the link)

Themes for each week

Wednesday 30 November There is room for you and me

Wednesday 7 December There is room for difference

Wednesday 14 December There is room for all of nature

Wednesday 21 December There is room for all ages and genders

## **Warm Spaces Circuit Meeting**

The next meeting regarding the Warm Spaces initiative will be on Sunday 4th December at  
5pm and it will be via Zoom. Please advertise it in your newsletter and/or at services.

All those that have previously attended and anyone else who is interested are very welcome  
to attend.

At the meeting it would be great to have an update from churches that are planning to  
participate or have already started.

Please could details of what your church is doing with regards to the Warm Spaces initiative  
be sent to Eleanor and me so that we have a central list and can pass details on from the  
Romford Circuit to the District, the London Borough of Havering and the national Warm  
Spaces website?

The link for the meeting can be obtained from Revd Karen Bell, Deacon Sarah Jane Rigby or  
me. The link and Zoom details must not be published in newsletters or put on websites.

## **St Joseph's Winter Warm Space**

Due to the current cost of living crisis, this December and January St Joseph's Catholic Church in Upminster will be hosting a community warm space initiative in the St Joseph's Social Centre at 117 St Mary's Lane, Upminster.

We will be opening our doors specifically for this purpose, every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening from 6pm–7.30pm and all members of the community are welcome to attend.

Our ambition is to also offer free warm drinks and food which will be served between 6.30pm–7.30pm.

Furthermore, this is a community event, where people can come to socialise and meet new people during what is, for many, a challenging time of year without the addition of the current cost of living crisis. This is an inclusive project, and we want any person or family from the Upminster community to be able to come along and feel welcomed, forget their worries for a couple of hours and build friendships that will last beyond the winter months. You do not need to be part of the St Joseph's community to attend.

We are writing to you to ask if you would be able to offer any support for this local project as we need donations to allow this event to be a success. Contributions to our larder or any financial assistance to allow us to purchase ingredients for the nightly meals would be gratefully received.

If you are able to assist, please let David Leech know through the contact details listed below.

Finally, if you know of anyone who would like to come long, please spread the word. If anyone would like to attend but is unable to get themselves to the Social Centre, please let David Leech know via email at [stjoscc@gmail.com](mailto:stjoscc@gmail.com) and we will endeavour to provide transport to and from the centre.

Thank you for your support.

**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**  
 ANGEL WAY Romford RM1 1JH

**'Christmas At Home'**  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec  
 11.30 – 4PM  
 Cost £7.00



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



ROMFORD CIRCUIT

**NEW  
 YEAR'S SOCIAL**  
 SATURDAY 7 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.



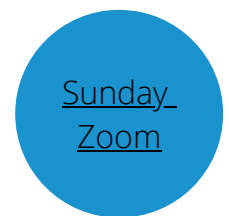

**Romford Circuit Zoom Meetings**

Saturday morning prayer meeting at 9:30am.

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



Contact details and Further Information

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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.

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HALL LANE, RM14 4AE  
CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL

3 - 11 December 2022

Festival of Stars,  
Church Opening times

Saturday 3 and 10 December 10am - 2pm

Sunday 4 and 11 December 2pm - 4pm

Sunday 4 December - JMS Concert 5pm - 8pm

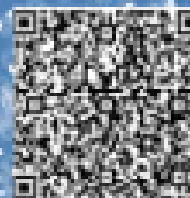
Monday 5 December - Stories and Crafts 3.30pm

Tuesday 6 December - Christingle - 4pm

Follow the tree trail  
around Cranham and

Upminster, more details at  
[Christmastrail2022@gmail.com](mailto:Christmastrail2022@gmail.com)

All Proceeds to  
Rainham Foodbank







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Francis  
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# Christmas Voices 2022

A Concert of Christmas Music for Choirs  
and Audience

Featuring  
St. Andrew's Church Choir  
Sound Company  
Saint Francis Hospice Choir  
Children from  
St. Edward's Primary School

Saturday 10th December


St Andrew's Church

High Street, Hornchurch

7pm start

Doors open 6.30pm

Admission £5.00  
at the door  
(children free)



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