

# UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH



Church Notices  
22nd December 2019  
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am: Revd. David Jebb will lead our morning service

6.30pm: Revd. Jason Vinyard and the Worship team will lead our Carol service

Morning Stewards: Judith Evans and David Kinder

Evening Steward: Andy Shotton

***As the Carol Service takes place later on, we will not be serving coffee this morning.***

***The January rota is now available to sign if you are able to help out with coffee one morning.***

## NEXT SUNDAY – 29th December 2019

10.00am: Join us to continue celebrating Christmas, beginning in church with a short service of worship, and continuing in the Parlour for a time of informal fellowship, where tea and coffee will be served

***No 6.30pm service***

## THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Gateway will be open on Monday 23rd December, closed December 25th, December 30th, and January 1st and will reopen again on Monday January 6th 2020.

There will be no Holy Communion and Fellowship until Wednesday 8th January 2020

## SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday 22nd 6.30pm - Carol Service lead by Revd. Jason Vinyard and The Worship Team

Monday 23rd 2.30pm - Christingle Service with Messy Church

Tuesday 24th 11.30pm - Midnight Service lead by Revd. Jason Vinyard

Wednesday 25th 10.00am – Short Christmas morning service

## CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

After the tree dismantling on Monday I have ended up with an extra set of tree lights, if anyone has some missing then please let me know. Thanks Caroline Kinder.

## **CHRISTMAS CARD**

The large Card on which we send greetings to the Church Family will be, as usual, at the rear of the church as soon as the Tree Festival is over. Please support it as the money raised goes to Mission in Britain. Thank you, Jill Avis

## **2020 FLOWER LIST**

The Flower List for next year is now on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. If you would like to dedicate a particular date for any special event, please sign your name on the list. Donations for the dedication should be given to the person who is designing the displays or to Chris Hughes. It always is lovely to see fresh flowers in the Church and your donations help enormously. The flowers are distributed, after the Sunday service, to Church members who maybe unwell or need cheering up. Thank you for your support.

## **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2020**

The boxes of offertory envelopes for 2020 are at the back of the Church for members to collect. If you are giving by standing order and no longer need envelopes please let me know, although you could always have them for 'extras'.

Should you want to find out more about joining the envelope scheme, giving by standing order or Gift Aid please come and have a chat with me. Thank you, Peter Hobbs

## **God in Love Unites US**

The Methodist Conference has asked that every Church in the Connexion consider the report "God in Love Unites Us" produced by the Marriage & Relationships Task Group. An open meeting will be held on **Sunday 19th January 2020 at 4 pm** to which all individuals who are part of the Upminster Church Community are invited. Please note this date in your diary.

Please make every effort to read the report that is available in the church. There are also many resources available on the Methodist Church in Britain main website including the video that was shown during the morning service on the 15th December.

## **NEW YEARS DAY WALK AND LUNCH**

You are all invited to join us for our annual New Year's Day walk and lunch. We will be meeting at Caroline and David's home this year, 1 Oak Avenue at 10.30am. We will complete a walk, with various points to continue or return depending on how far you wish to walk, around the Hornchurch Country Park area. You are then invited to lunch, please bring something savoury or sweet to add to the buffet table. If you are unable to walk but wish to join us for lunch you would also be very welcome, please come after 12.30pm. We look forward to welcoming in the New Year with you.