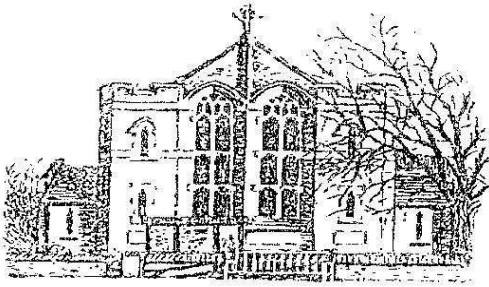


UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH



Church Notices
19th July 2020
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PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS THE SUNDAY SERVICE SHEET AND THE WEEKLY NOTICES

Please note: the links for the services can be found on the email for:

- Revd. Joseph Riberio's 11.00am zoom service
- Revd. Jason Vinyard 7.00pm zoom service

(if you wish to dial into Revd. Jason Vinyard's service using your telephone, please use one of the numbers below and then you will be asked to enter the meeting ID number, including hash tag)

Dial by your location

0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

0203 481 5240 United Kingdom

0131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 816 4329 4747#

Also you can find the link for the Rainham Foodbank which includes a monetary donation section.

From Revd. Jason Vinyard

In our Methodist Churches across the U.K., we have a dynamic mix of people and community groups. We celebrate that we are not solely a cafe, not exclusively a gym, not only an after-school club, not just a church congregation - we are all these, and many other groups, and often at the same time.

We continue to work collaboratively with the U.K. Government, the Equality and Fair Access Act 2010, Public Health England, Health & Safety regulations, Connexional, District, Circuit and Insurance guidance. Once again, there have been many meetings this week: Superintendents and District Chairs; property representatives from the Romford Circuit Churches, Ministers with Local Preachers and Worship Leaders – all via telephone and zoom conferencing- to share information, discuss and prepare for the possible reopening of some Romford Circuit Churches and premises from September 2020. The COVID-19 Committee of Upminster Methodist meet this coming week, and there will follow a meeting of Church Council.

In all this, we keep to mind, we cannot 'assume' to immediately do things 'as we used to do' and accept that saying 'no', 'not yet' or 'not like this' can be positive decisions. We remain pastorally aware: for those who worship; for those who find their community groups home in Methodist Church premises. This is going to take time. We are re-imagining how the Church will be a place of welcome and hospitality, inclusive and healing, relevant and prophetic, leading worship and mission, and how our community premises can welcome the many community groups again.

Methodist Modern ✚ Art Collection

This week, I've included one image for contemplation and prayer.
Take time to gaze at the image.

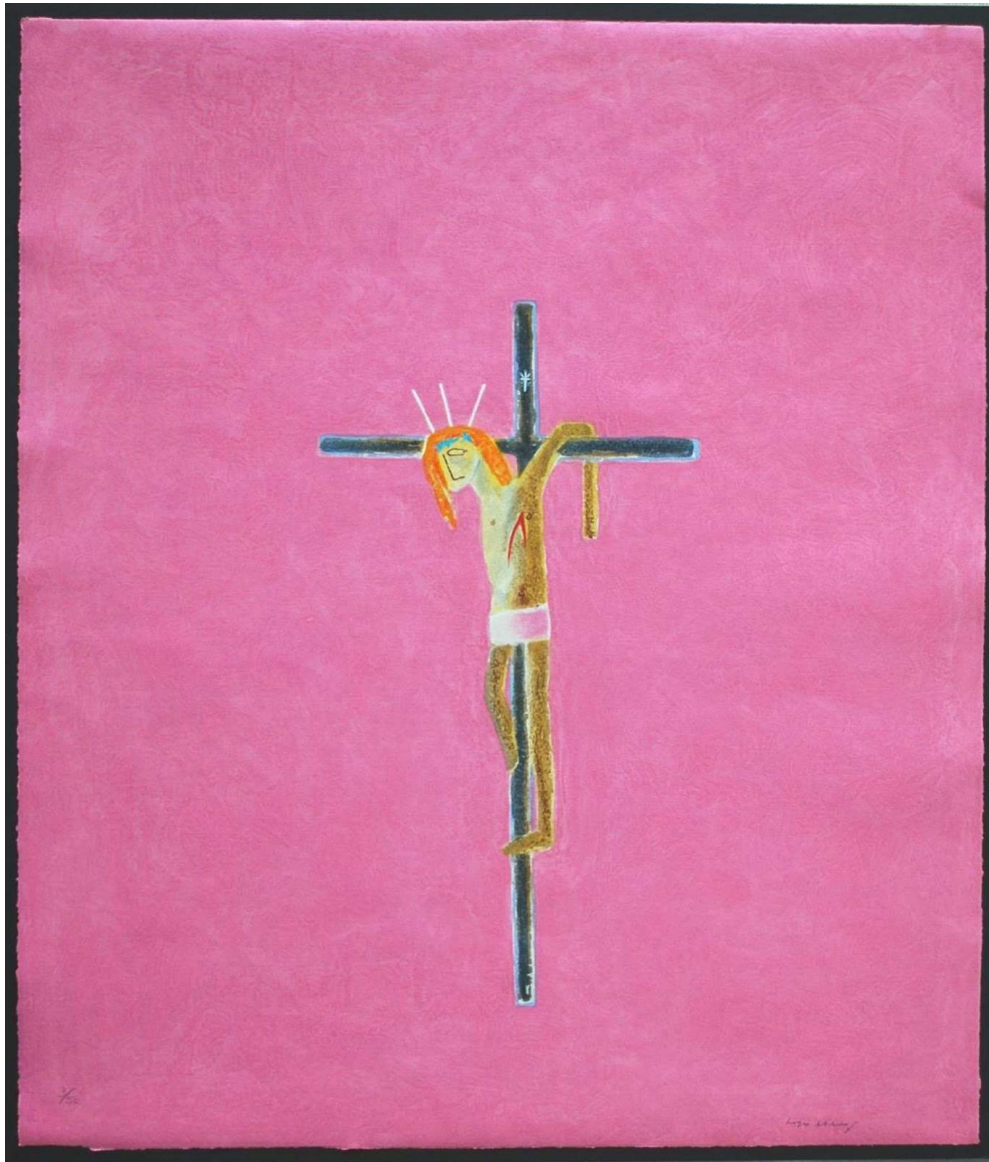
What do you see?

What places, real or imaginary, does the painting remind you of?

How do you relate to this painting?

What feelings does this evoke?

Craigie Aitchison (1926-2009) Etching on paper, made from four plates
78.7 x 67.5 cm 2004 *used with permission*. www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection
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Matthew 27: 35–36 ³⁵And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶then they sat down there and kept watch over him.

This seemingly simple image is in fact a very sophisticated construct of space and colour. The unflinching identification of Christ's pain does not wholly negate the image's immediate playfulness. The artist referred to the crucifixion as 'the most horrific story I have ever heard' and so there was no need to highlight the suffering: any depiction was enough to recall all its mystery, terror and wonder.

A Bedlington terrier dog was originally shown at the foot of the cross. A printer trying to help finish the work added a tiny detail to the dog's head but, on seeing it, the artist erased the dog completely. However, its ghostly outline is still visible to the bottom left hand side of the cross.

Responding to the questions may be engrossing, thoughtful, or perhaps painful, but can become a means of praying for oneself or for another in need of God's leading, assurance, and healing touch.

See where your observation, contemplation and meditation take you ... you may wish to repeat ³ ...*sat down there and kept watch...*

What do you see?

What do you feel?

Take time...

Can you turn to prayer?

To praise, or confession, perhaps thanksgiving, or intercession for another?

FREE phone lines for prayers and news from the Methodist Church

Listen to a **prayer**: 0808 281 2514

Listen to **news**: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday afternoon

My thoughts, Love and Prayers are with you all.

You are a 'Sacred Dwelling-place' – and will always remain.

Revd J C Vinyard 19th July 2020



FAMILY NEWS

We write in shock, and sadness, our dear friend David Holland died suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday.

Please uphold Stella and their daughters, Carol and Jennifer, the grandchildren, and their families, in your prayers.

David, you have been so faithful in the tasks God called you.

Rest in peace and rise to joy David, and the city of God be your eternal dwelling. Amen.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY - 10am on Wednesdays

We have established a weekly gathering for a bible study with morning prayer, finding support both from learning and praying together and having contact with

each other. Please join us either on Zoom or through your landline on Wednesday mornings at 10 a.m.

If you are interested in this, email ricky.bull@fmail.co.uk and he will put you on the circulation list, sending reminders on Tuesday afternoon, with all the login details, and also the study passage. Currently we are looking through some of the key verses in Paul's letter to the Romans, enjoying looking at the hidden metaphors in the letter.

Thanks.... Ricky, 07736 184234

OFFERTORY

It is with much regret that we have had to temporarily suspend all meetings on our premises which most unfortunately includes Sunday worship.

A number of you already give your offertory via standing order and at this time I would ask those of you who don't to consider pursuing this option should you wish to continue your regular giving, please contact Peter Hobbs for further

details or set it up yourself from your bank as a monthly standing order quoting your envelope number as the payer reference.

The bank account details are; sort code 20-72-89 account number 73858618 in the name of Upminster Methodist Church Council.

SHOUT

Shout, the group for young people of secondary school age, is having virtual meetings during the crisis. If you would like details please contact Gordon on gordonmreed@gmail.com

PRAYERS, HYMNS AND SERVICES

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Church of England have set up a freephone telephone number called 'Daily Hope'.

When you ring the number they have a very good easy press button system for the caller to listen to hymns, prayers, services etc. Some of the items are updated daily and people can call the line at any time of the day, how often they want, completely free. It is very easy to use for anyone who may not have any technology devices or are fearful of technology.

The number is: 0800 804 8044.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part in my fifth online quiz on 11th July for Methodist Homes for the Aged and/or made donations.

The amount raised as at 15th July was £375.00 plus Gift Aid.

If you would still like to donate please use this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-hobbs6> , credit sort code

110411 account 10646962 or send it to me (any cheques payable to me please) and I will then send one payment to MHA.



NEXT QUIZ

Everyone is invited to take part in the next quiz on Zoom on **Saturday 25th July at 3pm**, so please put the date in your diary.

It is free to take part, but I would appreciate donations being made to Richard House. Donations for this quiz can be made through JustGiving (link below), credited to sort code 110411 account 10646962 or sent to me (any cheques payable to me please).

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-hobbs7>

If you are interested in taking part please email me at familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com and I will send you details and the link to join nearer the time.

I hope you can take part.

Peter

