

# Upminster Methodist Church

Mothering Sunday

19 March 2023

## **Sunday 19 March 2023**

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
Mothering Sunday

10am - Morning Worship including the Sacrament of Holy Communion  
- Rev Karen Bell

7pm - Contemplative Worship

## **Sunday 26 March 2023**

Passion Sunday

10am - Morning Worship - Rev Eleanor Jackson

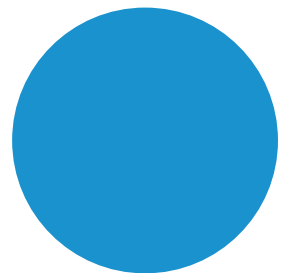
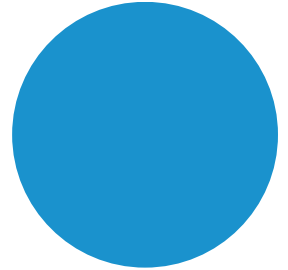
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## **Church Anniversary - Thank you**

Thank you to everyone that helped with our Church Anniversary last Sunday, particularly to Chris and her team for the lovely lunch.

Also to Peter Hobbs and his team that helped sort the vast amount of historical information we had and for decorating the Church and the Wesley Halls.

Jason said that he had a great time catching up and sharing with us.



## **Rev Alan Barker**

Alan's funeral will be held on Friday 24 March 2023

11am Service at South Essex Crematorium,  
12 noon A service of Thanksgiving at Upminster Methodist Church

If you are unable to attend but would like to join on zoom

the zoom link for the church service is

Meeting ID: 870 3103 3820

Passcode: 060817

Dial by your location

+44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom

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Family Flowers only, should you wish donations can be made in Alan's memory to  
Macmillan Cancer Support

Refreshments will be served in the Wesley Hall after the service, all are welcome  
Rachel asks that if you have any photos of Alan that you bring them along to add to a display  
board she will put up in the hall.

## **Car Parking**

Please be aware that there will be funerals at the Church on  
Friday 24 March and Wednesday 29 March

Please do not park your cars at the front of the church on these dates.

Thank you.



## **Junior Church**

Our next Junior Church Meeting will be on

Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday

All 3 - 11 year olds are very welcome

For more information please email: [umcjuniorchurch@gmail.com](mailto:umcjuniorchurch@gmail.com)



## **Prayer Book and Prayer Group**

A new prayer book is now available on the table at the back of the Church for you to write in any prayer requests. Please ensure you have permission from the person to include their name and any details. This will be given to the preacher during the service to be included in the prayers.

Christine Scrutton would like to start a phone prayer group. Anyone who would like to join Christine should contact her at [singagain98@gmail.com](mailto:singagain98@gmail.com) and she will then give you details of how you can join the prayer group. Prayer requests can also be given to Christine in this way.

## **Family Prayer Requests**

Peter Caton asks that you continue to pray for his father Michael who is currently very unwell, and being cared for at the care home where he now lives.

David and Caroline thank you for your prayers and cards for Valerie following her fall last week, she is making slow but good progress in getting mobile again. Val will be moving to King George's Hospital in the next few days for some rehabilitation before returning to Freshfields.



## **Church Flowers**

Thank you to Eileen Larrington for providing the flowers this week in memory of her Mother.



## **Big Meeting 2**

**Sunday 14 May**  
**following Morning Worship**

Thank you to all who attended the Big Meeting in February and who completed the questionnaires provided following the meeting. Discussions have started to take place and we would like to feed back our findings and discuss how we can move forward with some of the suggestions made.

Please put the date in your diaries and join us if you are able.

## Coffee Mornings - April 2023

**Saturday 1 April - 9.30am - 11.30am**

in aid of the Christmas Tree Festival



Tea, Coffee and cakes will be available, donations of cakes would be most welcome, please speak to Jill Avis if you would like to donate some cakes.

**Saturday 15 April - 10am - 12noon**

In aid of The Mission in Britain Fund

which supports Evangelism and Growth, Environment and Climate Change, Social Justice, Chaplaincy, Methodist Schools and JMA.

Christine Scrutton is asking for donations for a raffle and cakes please.



### King Charles III Coronation

Saturday 6 May 2023

If you are interested in watching the coronation with other Church friends please sign the list at the back of the church, also indicating whether you would like to stay for refreshments afterwards.

There are no timings available yet.



**Save the Date**

**Summer Fete**

**Saturday 1st July**

it is hoped to have stalls and refreshments. Ideas for stalls would be welcome or if anyone would like to run a stall

Please let Rosemary, Anne or Peter know.

**The Wesley Players present  
Our Country's Good  
by Timberlake Wertenbaker  
18 - 20 May 2023 - 8pm**

"Our Country's Good" is both a comedy and a powerful drama which shows us how we can escape the chains that bind us.

In 1787, ships each with over 700 convicts on board sailed on an 8 month voyage to Australia. When they arrived their survival was by no means certain. The supplies ran out; the convicts stole food or tried to escape; and the guards threatened mutiny.

"Our Country's Good" tells the extraordinary true story of a group of convicts and a young officer who rehearse and perform a play - Australia's first theatrical production. With opposition from the officers and a leading lady who may be hanged, the odds are stacked against them.

Performances: 8pm on Thursday 18th May, Friday 19th May and Saturday 20th May

Prices: On the door: £10 adults, £8 for concessions & £6 (u16).

Book online: £9 for adults, £7 for concessions & £5 (u16)

Senior Citizens are admitted FREE on the Thursday and Friday shows.

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

Pay by card/cash on the door or book in advance at

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

Alternatively tickets can be reserved by text to Box Office on 07708 214 742

We look forward to seeing you!

Contact details and Further Information

Rev Rohama Asif is currently on Sabbatical until 15 May 2023.

Rev Eleanor Jackson - 01708 781560 -  
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or

Rev Joseph Ribeiro - 01708 340906 -  
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Website: [upminstermethodistchurch.org](http://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.

**Romford Circuit Zoom Meetings**

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

Sunday afternoon online service is at 2:30pm

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Stella Holland and Christine Scrutton invite you to join them for a Maundy Thursday Love Feast on Thursday 6 April at 7.30pm on zoom.

You are asked to have something small to eat and drink and if possible a candle.

For zoom details please contact Peter Hobbs or Eleanor Jackson



There will be a Communion service on Maundy Thursday, on 6th April, at 7.30pm at Rainham Methodist Church, Wennington Road, Rainham, RM13 9DE.

All are welcome.

*Phil*  
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**MAKING MUSIC**  
A LIVE PERFORMANCE OF CONTEMPORARY  
FOLK MUSIC ALONG THE JOURNEY OF FAITH

**SATURDAY 22 APRIL 2023**  
Doors open at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm  
Hornchurch Methodist Church, 11 Boscome Avenue,  
Hornchurch, RM11 1JQ  
✉ philipenglish@gmail.com ☎ 07973 342 274

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