

Upminster Methodist Church

10 November 2024



Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday



10am - All Age Worship led by Deacon Sarah-Jane Rigby

7pm - Contemplative Worship will be led by Rev Eleanor Jackson this week

[10am Zoom Link](#)



Remembrance Day Sunday November 10th



There are **poppies** and a box for donations on the table at the back of the church.

Contributions go to the British Legion and are used to support sick and injured members of the Armed Forces and their families in times of need.
Thank you.

[7pm Zoom Link](#)

Sunday 17 November

10am - Mrs Joan Pugsley

10am - Junior Church

7pm - Contemplative Worship

Church Flowers



The Church flowers this week have been donated by
Claudette and Turplin Dixon



Please note the flower rota for 2025 is now available on the noticeboard at the back of the church

This week let us pray for:

- the amazing work of the charities being represented at the Christmas Card sale tomorrow and their volunteers.
- Saint Francis Hospice
- First Step
- Cystic Fibrosis
- British Heart Foundation
- Stand By Me
- Richard House Hospice
- Macmillan



**Church Christmas Choir
Carol Service,
Sunday 22nd December
10.00am**

We are having our first get together on Sunday 10th November, for anyone who is interested in singing in this year's Carol Service.

This is a chance to discuss music and further rehearsal dates, we hope you can join us.



Gill Cook



**Orchestra - Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December
10.00am**



We have been lucky enough in the past to have people making up an orchestra for our Carol Service and it would be lovely to carry on with this tradition.

If you would like to play this year, please let me know via, gillcook41@hotmail.com or on 07985480164 - Gill Cook



**Children's Christmas Choir
Carol Service
Sunday 22 December at 10am**



If your child would like to sing in a children's choir at our Carol Service then please also contact Gill Cook who will try and organise some rehearsals.

gillcook41@hotmail.com
or on 07985480164 - Gill Cook



Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!!

For the Christmas Market the Dietz family are organising the chocolate tombola. For the tombola to happen, we will need chocolate donations. There will be a box labelled chocolate tombola donations at the back of the church. Please could you start bringing in your donations from Sunday 3rd November (if you can't find the box, please ask one of the welcome stewards).

We will be wishing on a **magic star** for your gifts. You will be our **heroes**.

"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get". Tom Hanks in Forrest Gump



**Why did the chocolate go to school?
It wanted to be a smartie**





Christmas Tree Festival



Help Needed Please

Our thanks to those who have already offered to help with the Christmas Tree Festival.

Our charity will be **Saint Francis Hospice**

Posters for the Christmas Market and Tree Festival are now available, please display in your windows, in the local shops and on any social media sites, whats app groups your are part of.

Thank you

Sunday 24 November - after morning worship, prepping Church for the festival, getting boards, stands etc from the basement, putting up decorations in the Church and halls and corridor.

Hall Mead School DT department have spent all year making new stars for us!

Wednesday 27 November from 6pm - Preparing trees and moving them into the Church, putting up the large tree in the front garden - this needs lots of strong people!

Saturday 30 November - Sunday 8 December - The festival will be open Weekdays 2pm - 6pm, Saturdays 10am - 4pm, Sundays 12 noon - 4pm. *The stewarding rota is now available if you could please consider when you could sign up to help and speak to Anne Ling or find the rota at the back of the Church*

There will be school choirs singing on most weekdays - stewarding will be needed for this too.

If you would like to sponsor a Christmas Tree for a donation of £30 please let us know at the email address below, either donating online referencing that it is for the tree festival, using the card machine at the back of the church or giving cash to Caroline, Judith H or Anne Ling in a clearly marked envelope. Thank you

If you are able to help on any of these things please contact us by email, our email address is monitored by several people who are co-ordinating different aspects of the festival.

email: upminstertreefest@gmail.com

Thank you!



Toy Service - Salvation Army Present Appeal



Our Toy Service this year is the All Age Service on Sunday 1st December

We are launching the Present Appeal from 1st November to 30th November 2024, providing gifts and hampers to children within the looked-after system and families who may not be able to buy the items which make Christmas a special time of year.

With the help of the local community we are able to make gift parcels for 0-16-year-olds and hampers which include Christmas Puddings, Christmas biscuits and Mince Pies. If you are able to help in anyway we know that the community who receive these parcels are truly grateful.

Please help their appeal by bringing your donations (new toys only please) to the service on 1 December.

Has Anyone Seen Bo Peep? A Family Pantomime By Natasha Blaauw

Bo Peep has lost her sheep and doesn't know where to find them. Leave them alone to come home? Not her! She went on a search and now she is missing too! Boy Blue is neglecting the farm, sleeping in the haystack and Mary Contrary's garden has been ruined. The Duke of York and his men are on the case and have launched an investigation to find her, but will they ever discover where she is? What is the Pied Piper scheming to do next? Come and join us for the adventure!

Book in advance to avoid disappointment!

Times/Dates:

Thursday 30th January and Friday 31st January at 8pm

Saturday 1st February at 1pm, 3:30pm & 7pm

Tickets:

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.com

Or card/cash on the door

Need to speak to the Box Office? Text 07708 214742

Circuit Events

These events are open to everyone

9th November - Charity Christmas Card Sale at Upminster at 10am to noon.

10th November - 10th for 10 Prayer Meeting at 7.00pm on Zoom

13th November - Gidea Park Prayer & Bible Study at 11am to 12pm

20th November - Gidea Park Prayer & Bible Study at 11am to 12pm

23rd November - Havering Road's Christmas Fayre 10am to 1pm

27th November - Advent Prayer & Bible Study at Gidea Park
at 11am to 12pm

27th November - Advent Prayer & Bible Study on Zoom at 7.30pm

30th November - Upminster's Christmas Tree Festival starts (ends 8th December)

30th November - Rainham's Christmas Bazaar at 11am

30th November - New Dimensions Choir Christmas Concert at Havering Road at 7.30pm

Contact details and Further Information

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Website: upminstermethodistchurch.org

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

Contactless Card Machine

We 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:





Every Wednesday from 27th November until 18th December, Circuit Staff will lead prayers and studies on the theme 'Hush the Noise'.

Morning sessions will start at 11am at Gidea Park Methodist Church, 398 Brentwood Road, Romford, RM2 6DH

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