

UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH



Church Notices
15th December 2019
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10.00am: Revd. Jason Vinyard will lead our Holy Communion service

6.30pm: Revd. Jason Vinyard will lead our Lection Divina service

Morning Stewards: Judith Reed and Rosemary Connaughton

Communion Stewards: (Leader) Michelle Dubar (Assistants) Bob Avis and Dee Alagbe

Evening Steward: Peter Hobbs

Tea and coffee will be served after the morning service, in the Parlour.

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

NEXT SUNDAY – 22nd December 2019

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

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

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Monday 16th December

10.00am: Gateway – all are welcome

Wednesday 18th December

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10.00am: Fellowship and Holy Communion meeting

BENEVOLENT FUND

There will be a retiring collection after the morning service. Collection plates can be found at the back of the Church.

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

CAROLS IN THE BARN AT THAMES CHASE - TODAY

The annual event will start at 3.30 pm today, please come and join in with the other local Churches.

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.

God in Love Unites US

The Methodist Conference has asked that every Church in the Connexion should 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.

There is a short video presentation that introduces the work undertaken by the Marriage & Relationships Task Group. This video has been seen by the Church Council which has recommended that it be shown to all in our Church community at Upminster. It is proposed that this will be shown this coming **Sunday, 15th December**, when Revd Jason will be leading our worship. It may be shown during worship or possibly at the close of worship. The purpose of this notice is to let you know about this and to invite you to be prepared to remain for about **15 minutes** at the close of worship **if that is necessary**.

Please note that it is **not** intended that there should be a discussion about the video or the report (God in Love Unites us) this Sunday.....full opportunity for discussion and expression of views will be given at the meeting on **19th January**. The video to be shown this Sunday will **only** be to give the background to the way in which the Task Group approached this very important subject.

Please make every effort to read the documentation that will be available in the next few weeks and contribute to the open discussion at Upminster in January, whilst respecting the variety of views that will be expressed within our Church Community. Thank You.

POPPY APPEAL TOTAL

We have just received a thank you from the Poppy Appeal organisers for the £26.10 contributed in the box this year.