

UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH



Church Notices
15th November 2020
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WEEKLY NOTICES

- Revd. Joseph Riberio's 12.00 noon zoom service can be found on the email page.
- Ricky Bull and Stella Holland's 10.00am zoom service can be found on the email page.

To enter with the telephone landline, call "Zoom" on one of the following numbers:

0 203 481 5237
0 203 481 5240
0 131 460 1196
0 203 051 2874

You will be asked for the meeting ID. This is 848 4720 1127# (remember to include the #)

You will then be asked for the Participant code. Just enter another # to this. You should then joint the meeting.

- Revd. Jason Vinyard 7.00pm zoom service can be found on the email page.

(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.

Please note: that the Sunday morning service at 10.00am via Zoom will alternate between:

Revd. Jason Vinyard

Stella Holland

Ricky Bull and

Rachel Read

It is also planned to hold an All Age Worship once a month, which will be lead by Rachel Read – details to follow as and when

ZOOM WITH VICE PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE – COME AND JOIN US

ROMFORD CIRCUIT & FRIENDS - Sunday 15th November 2020 at 2:30pm –
Afternoon Reflection Service time together with the Vice President of the
Methodist Conference, Mrs Carolyn Lawrence via FB live here and Zoom.
Come and join us

Theme: 'Growing in God' Isaiah 43 vs 18-19 and Hebrews 5 vs 11-14.(music,
prayers, interviews, reflection and encouragements and more!).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87266224207?pwd=d2N0NytOdzhkdmUrTWxmbEFZajBVZz09> Meeting ID: 872 6622 4207 Passcode: 690170

Or Dial by your location +44 203 481 5240 or +44 203 901 7895 Meeting ID:
872 6622 4207 Passcode: 690170

Please go to the front page email to access the link

ACCREDITATION SERVICE FOR RACHEL READ

**Romford Methodist Circuit – A Service of Accreditation and Admission of
Rachel Read as a Methodist Local Preacher on Sunday 15th November at
4:30pm on Zoom**

A separate email will be sent out giving details of how to join this service, which
include a zoom link, telephone numbers and also order of service.

OFFERTORY

Although there has been the good news that a vaccine is now in its final stages of testing, it could still be many months before we are able to meet normally.

As the halls have not been able to be used for most of this year the lack of rental income has meant that we have had to rely on your generous offertory gifts, mainly by standing order, and reserves to meet our financial obligations.

Unfortunately the reserves are rapidly reducing and those of you that haven't changed your offertory giving to standing order are asked to consider this option. Those that do give via standing order, have you reviewed the amount recently?

If you are a tax payer and agree to have your giving Gift Aided, this adds 25% of your gift.

To move your giving to standing order or to make your giving claimable for Gift Aid, please contact Peter Hobbs for further details or set it up yourself from your bank as a monthly standing order quoting your envelope number (if you are already in the envelope scheme) 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.



God of all hope we call on you today.
We pray for those who are living in fear:
Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them.
May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.
For those people who are worried about attending worship.
For those needing to make decisions in order to care for other
For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.
Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that
Nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.
Help us turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen



Dial a prayer and podcast

During lockdown we heard that many people didn't have access to online services so we set up free phone lines that are updated on a Thursday with a new prayer and our podcast.

We are delighted that nearly 6000 people have used this service and would ask you to share the numbers with anyone you know who might not wish to use online services.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

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.



SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

In the past Jill Avis has organised the Shoebox appeal and has done a marvellous job of collecting and creating boxes. This year, due to the corona virus pandemic, she will not be able to undertake this.

However, you can still support this worthwhile cause by logging onto the website www.smaritans-purse.org.uk and create a box online at the cost of £20.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have had a great response to this with over 70 households registering to decorate a tree in their front garden. You still have time to register, and please do make sure you have registered to ensure you are on the trail map that is being created. Please register your interest at Christmastreefestival2020@gmail.com.

We have a supplier who is willing to provide trees at a discounted rate: 'A Nordmann Fir Tree - premium grade Christmas trees identified as having the most regular shape, the most vibrant, rich colour and bushiest foliage without any undesirable gaps between layers.'

The cost of a 4ft tree will be £30 and a 5ft tree will be £35, stands can also be purchased at a cost of £20. If you would like one of these trees please contact Sue Eyre by 21 November - Susan.louise.eyre@gmail.com. These will need to be collected from the Church on an agreed Click and Collect type arrangement following all Covid restrictions. Sue needs to know your name, address and which size tree you require, you will be invoiced by the company directly. Sue is happy to answer any other queries regarding the trees.

If you are unable to decorate a tree but would like to make a donation towards the 15ft tree that will be erected in the church garden or sponsor a tree please send donations via the Church bank account (see Offertory details) clearly marked for the Christmas Tree Festival. A Just Giving Page is also being created to raise money for our chosen charity First Step - more details of this next week.

Thank you.



TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS

On the first Sunday in December we have traditionally held our Toy Service, when the church has been transformed into an Aladdin's Cave of new and pre-loved toys, books and games for our local Salvation Army to distribute to needy families, where the children wouldn't otherwise have presents. The church family has been unfailingly generous over the years, and a lot of thought has gone into planning how we could still collect toys at the church this year, to pass to the Salvation Army, so that this could still happen.

Sadly, the current restrictions have made such a collection unworkable. However, there are other ways in which we can give, so that children can wake up to presents on Christmas morning:-

- Romford Salvation Army will be accepting online cash donations via a JustGiving page which they will spend on new toys to distribute. It is usually possible to Gift Aid such donations to increase their value.

We have received the following message from them:

"We understand the difficulties the new restrictions have placed on holding any church services and the impact this has on church communities. We thank you for still considering ways in which your congregation would be able to support the present appeal for the cared for children of Havering and are grateful that we will still be able to facilitate this within guidelines.

If you wish to make a donation please go to the following address:

The address

is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/romford-corps-the-salvation-army>

Please ensure that you mark your donation for the 'Toy Appeal' in the comments section of the justgiving page.

Once again thank you for your continued support."



Toy Appeal

Could you bring some joy and happiness to children supported by Rainham Foodbank this Christmas? We are reaching out to our community and supporters to ask for donations for children and young people. This Christmas will be very different for all of us and many families in Havering will struggle.

We would really appreciate donations such as:

**Dolls • Toy Cars/Trucks • Books • Sweets/Chocolate • Toiletry
Sets for Teenage Boys & Girls • Makeup • Perfume/After Shave •
Gift Vouchers for Teenagers • Board Games**

**All gifts will need to be new and in packages and sealed with original tags to
comply with our Covid-19 policies**

Please call ahead on **01708 397484** or **07367 335970** to confirm your drop off time, so we can adhere to social distancing and Covid-19 policies. Please also feel free to order directly on Amazon and mail to the Foodbank with a mention of Toy Appeal.

We gratefully ask to receive all donations **before 3rd December** to ensure time for quarantine before giving to our families. Please contact Allison Winegarden at **allisonwinegarden@rainham.foodbank.org.uk** or **07905 094983** for further information/queries and to arrange your drop off. Please drop off to:

Rainham Foodbank, Units 3-4, Mick Fury House, Lowen Road, Rainham, Essex,

For UMC Gifts, donations can be dropped off to Allison Winegarden –

27 Rosebank Avenue, Hornchurch, RM12 5QX

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Please continue to remember those children for whom a Christmas present is longed-for, but not expected, and support those who are bringing some of the love and joy of Christmas into the lives of families for whom it will be a particularly difficult time.

FAMILY NEWS

- June and Colin Weaver are delighted to announce the arrival on 12th November of their 6th grandchild (all of whom are girls!) with a daughter - Olivia Phoenix - for Matthew and Chloe and sister for Alexa.”



- Please remember Peter Ager, one of our Scout leaders, and his family as they mourn the loss of Peters father Alan who died on 5 November.

Don't forget, if you have any news of any kind that you wish to share with the congregations, please send an email to: upminster.newsletter@gmail.com

NEXT QUIZ

Everyone is invited to take part in the next quiz on Zoom on **Saturday 21st November at 3pm** for **Saint Francis Hospice**, so please put the date in your diary.

If you are interested in taking part in the quiz, 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

SHOUT

Shout will not be meeting this week. Details of the next meeting will be sent out shortly. If you have any questions please contact gordonmreed@gmail.com

FOODBANK – NOTE FROM JOANNA SKILLETT

Hello everyone,

What a fantastic week it's been once again - thank you for your generosity and support of our "Pay it Forward Friday" campaign.

We have also had wonderful donations from the local community, including your neighbours and attendees of 'Sunnyside Up Breakfast Club' who have given heartily to our cause. It was so exciting to give the Foodbank a full car of so much food, beautiful Christmas goodies and clothes to them today.

This week, we delivered **120.52kg** to Rainham FoodBank.

What an achievement! It was another fabulous Friday that's for sure!

For those keeping check at the Arc door, we now welcome a total weight of **1,717.32kg** - a friendly walrus!

For those wanting to donate this week, the Foodbank would kindly welcome anything you could spare :-)

Thank you to everyone for making our 2nd week of "Pay it Forward" initiative so brilliant,

Best Wishes to all,

Joanna

The address to deliver the donations to is:
8 Hurst Park Avenue, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 6DJ



Pay it Forward Fridays



Take part in our **Pay it Forward Fridays** initiative throughout the next lockdown and please donate any items you can to help those struggling during the Coronavirus crisis



Throughout the week, put items you can donate and supply in a box ready for the Foodbank every Friday



Tinned Goods (Fish, Meat, Vegetables, Soups)

Cooking Sauces, Sugar, Rice, Pasta

Long Life Desserts (Rice Pudding, Custard, Jelly powder)

Sponge Puddings

Jams & Spreads

Biscuits, Sweets & Chocolate

Long Life Juices

Tea Bags, Coffee & Hot Chocolate

Toilet Roll

Kitchen Towel

Antibacterial Gel & Cleaning supplies

Toiletries – Female, Male & Children (inc. nappies for all ages)

Christmas Items (e.g.- crackers, decorations, napkins)

 **For more information on donating and delivery,**
please **contact Joanna on 07932 416 102**

