# **Upminster Methodist Church**

6 October 2024

# **Sunday 6 October**

10am - Rev Roy Jackson

**10am** - Junior Church

7pm - Contemplative Worship





# Sunday 13 October Harvest Festival

**10am -** Tony Miller - Whitchapel Mission (see below for more details)

**7pm** - Contemplative Worship





# Saturday 12 October from 9am

# **Harvest Festival - help needed please**



A small group of willing volunteers will be decorating the Church for our Harvest Festival next Saturday morning 12th October from 9am and they would be very grateful for any extra help you can give - flower arranging or just distributing food, fruit and vegetable gifts to look good on the windowsills! No experience required just a willingness to help!

Suitable greenery and hydrangea heads would be very helpful too.

Thank you

# This week let us pray for:

- our farmers as they continue with the harvest and UMC as we prepare for our harvest festival next weekend.
- for those in the Circuit preparing for Come Fly next week.
- those in our Church who are sick or grieving, that they may feel your love and comfort in their healing.





# You are invited to join us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 13th October at 10 a.m. Tony Miller, Director of the Whitechapel Mission, will lead our service.

The Whitechapel Mission works with people sleeping on the streets of London. Our donations of food will go towards this work, with fresh produce being sent to St Francis Hospice.

# Imagine serving 350 breakfasts every day – but then it might even be 600 today! That's an awful lot of food!

The Whitechapel Mission needs our help to provide breakfasts for people living on London's streets (alongside their other work – providing showers, clothing, advice, skills training, etc) – this is where our harvest tins and packages will go.

Items most desperately needed at the moment include:

Tinned Fruit; Porridge; Cornflakes; Weetabix; Any cereals; Coffee; Instant Hot Chocolate; Bottled Water; Plum Tomatoes; Chopped Tomatoes; Baked Beans; Ketchup; Brown Sauce; Sugar; Honey; Chocolate Spread; Nutella; Peanut Butter; Salt; Black Ground Pepper.

See their website for more details and other items needed. https://whitechapel.org.uk





# Frank Baker - Gifts left in his Memory

Gifts received in memory of our dear friend Frank Baker totalled £475. This will be added to our church Memorial Fund and used appropriately when such opportunity arises.

Frank and Sylvia's daughter, Jane and son, Simon have asked me to thank the church family once again for everyone's support, love and kindness.

### **Romford Methodist Circuit Events**

10th October - 10th for 10 Prayer Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom
12th October - COMEFLY at Harold Wood 9.30am to 1pm
16th October - Gidea Park Prayer & Bible Study at 2pm to 3pm
23rd October - Gidea Park Prayer & Bible Study at 2pm to 3pm
26th October - Chorus and Cake At Trinity at 3pm.
30th October - Gidea Park Prayer & Bible Study at 2pm to 3pm

Everyone is welcome to attend any of these events.

Contact details and Further Information

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Website: <u>upminstermethodistchurch.org</u>

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/upminstermethodist-church

The QR code to do the same is:



### **Christmas Tree Festival**



# Help Needed Please and Dates for your Diary

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

Our theme this year will be 'The Great Outdoors' and our charity will be St Francis Hospice

# Dates for your diary when help will be needed please:

**Saturday 9 November -** help setting up and attending the Charity Christmas Card Sale and Coffee Morning. If you would like to sell Christmas cards on behalf of a charity please let us know.

From 10 November - Delivering posters to the local shops, Library etc

**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** - A couple of people to be at the church to take delivery of the trees, time to be arranged

**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!

**Thursday 28 November** - a couple of people to welcome decorators into the Church, there will be a morning and late afternoon time - still to be arranged.

**Friday 29 November -** a couple of people to welcome decorators into the Church, there will be a morning and late afternoon time - still to be arranged.

**Friday 29 November** - evening (time to be arranged) setting up halls for the Christmas Market

**Saturday 30 November - from 8.30am** - ensuring the Church is ready to open for the festival, helping stall holders set up for the market, helping at the Market on the raffle, chocolate tombola or with refreshments. The market will be open from 10am - 3pm so please let us know what time you are able to help. If you would like to run a stall at the Market please let us know asap.

**Saturday 30 November - Sunday 8 December** - stewarding, key holders to open up and close etc during opening hours of the festival and when choirs come to sing.

If you are able to help on any of these dates 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!