

Upminster Methodist Church

21 May 2023

Sunday 21 May 2023

10am - Morning Worship - Mr Gordon Wallace

10am Junior Church - David and Goliath

There will be no Contemplative Worship this week

[10am Zoom
Link](#)

Sunday 28 May 2023

10am - Morning Worship - Miss Helen Thomas

7pm - Contemplative Worship

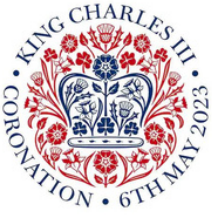
[7pm Zoom
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Church Flowers

The flowers this week have been donated by Frank and Simon Baker and Jane Finn in memory of Sylvia.

Church Gates

Two combination padlocks have now been placed on the two gates to the church premises. The gates are locked at night and opened in the morning. This is hopefully a short-term measure to try and stop people from parking who then commute to London. If you are going to park in an evening, you will possibly need the code. This is available from the stewards, Peter Hobbs and Dick Turpin



Thank you to everyone who supported the Coronation Cream Tea Afternoon last week, it was a lovely afternoon and raised £131.00 for the Christmas Tree Festival

Coffee Morning Saturday 3 June 9.30am - 12noon

Gateway will be hosting the next monthly coffee morning to which everyone is invited for tea, coffee and toasted tea cakes. Homemade cakes and a raffle.



All proceeds will be for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Donations of homemade cakes would be very welcome.



Contactless Card Machine

Some of you may have noticed that we now 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.

The machine can also be moved and set up to use at fundraising events, such as the Christmas Tree Festival.

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:





Summer Fete - Saturday 1st July

10am - 2pm



On 1st July we are having a Summer Fete at the front of the Church with lots of fun games for young and old, but we need more volunteers to help with it.

Do you have an idea of a game or activity? Would you be able to do a shift to help run a game or activity? Could you donate small items for instant prizes for the games, or larger items for a grand raffle, or something for the tombola?

We are thinking that a couple of the raffle prizes could be baskets of goodies, maybe one full of chocolate items, biscuits or similar. Donations towards this would be great.

If you can help in any way, please see or contact either Anne Ling, Rosemary Connaughton or Peter Hobbs



Thank you for your wonderful donations this month.

We have great news - our total donations have now reached:

4,014.36kg = the same weight as a HIPPO!

How wonderful! Thank you all so much for supporting the Trussell Trust Rainham Foodbank.

This week, the Foodbank are desperately asking for urgent stock of:

Tinned Tomatoes
Jars of pasta sauce
Toiletries (Shower Gel, Toothpaste, Feminine)
Juice (Squashes)

...and anything else you can spare!

**Circuit Mission Service
Sunday 11 June 4.30pm
Upminster Methodist Church**

Christine Scrutton is asking for help to provide cakes or savouries for the refreshments after this service, and help to serve these.

If you are able to help in any way please sign the list at the back of the Church.

Thank you.

Big Meeting 2

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the meeting last Sunday, the responses are being collated and will be discussed and shared soon.

For anyone who couldn't make the meeting the questionnaires from last week are available for you to complete and return. Please ask a steward.

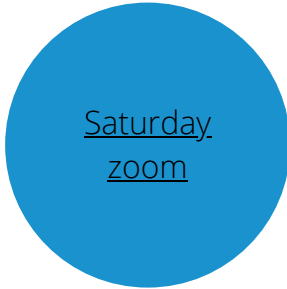
Romford Circuit Zoom Meetings

Saturday morning prayer meeting at
9:30am-10am - **no meeting this week 20 May**

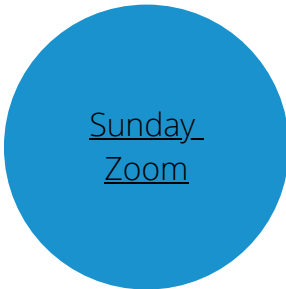
Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 932 7161 3664
Passcode: 043953

Sunday afternoon online service is at 2:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
Meeting ID: 969 7115 5424
Passcode: 358112



Saturday
zoom



Sunday
Zoom

Contact details and Further Information

Rev Rohama Asif is currently on Sabbatical until 1 June 2023.

Rev Eleanor Jackson - 01708 781560 - nellie2010@virginmedia.com
or

Rev Joseph Ribeiro - 01708 340906 - eboribe@yahoo.com

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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.

Study Day
Saturday, 3 June 2023
Harold Wood Methodist Church.

Revd Dr John Proctor who is a co-author of the People's Bible commentary is our speaker.

Details of the study day are as follows:

10.00-10.15 Welcome and opening worship

10.15-11.15 Matthew's Gospel - an overview
(plenary session with a brief interlude for group work)

11.15-11.35 Break for tea and coffee

11.35-12.50 Session 2: Matthew's Gospel in the lectionary and the pulpit
(plenary session with some group work)

12.50-1.00 Conclusion and closing prayer

1.00 Bring-and-Share Lunch

Rev John Proctor (the speaker) asks us to do the following THREE TASKS IN ADVANCE:

- 1) Remember to BRING A BIBLE with you.
- 2) For first short session of groupwork, think of THREE THINGS THAT YOU APPRECIATE about Matthew's Gospel – features of this gospel that attract, inspire or encourage you.
- 3) In the second longer session of groupwork, you will talk over one of the following texts.

Matthew 9:9-13 and 9:18-26 Dinners and daughters 11 June

Matthew 9:35 - 10:8 Summoning and sending 18 June

Matthew 10:24-39 Secrets, sparrows and swords 25 June

Matthew 11:16-19 and 11:25-30 Like children? 09 July

Matthew 13:24-30 and 13:36-43 Seeds and weeds 23 July

Matthew 13:31-33 and 13:44-52 Pocket parables 30 July

Please let Cathy Simmons know by 25 May 2023 if you would like to attend

Quiz Night with fish and chip supper

Rainham Methodist Church

Saturday 10 June

6.30pm ready to start the quiz at 7pm.

The food arrives at approximately 7.45pm so after 3 or 4 rounds of the questions. There are 8 rounds all together.

The cost per person is £6 and includes tea/coffee/squash on arrival, the choice of fish or chicken and chips with another drink at half time and, of course, the quiz itself.

The questions are set at a reasonable level so you do not need to be ultra clever to enjoy the evening.

We do hold a raffle during the event.

If you would like to book a place please ring Janice on 01708 508320 – I do have an answer phone so if I am out just leave me a message.

Havering Road Book Group

A small but lively group of us met on April 1st to discuss our first book - A little history of religion by Richard Holloway. I won't try and precis what was said but generally we found the book a worth while read and had plenty of comments to share on our reading of it. I hope those of you who read it but could not make the discussion have found it a blessing and will be able to join us next time.

We are trying to encourage each other to explore the Bible, theology and spirituality more deeply, but in a way that we can manage in busy or restricted lives.

It is simple: read the suggested book in your own time, making notes of what strikes you, what you like or don't like, agree or disagree with etc, (so that you remember all those things later) then join the meeting to discuss with others. The next book will then be chosen, all of a spiritual or theological nature. Books chosen will be available in audio format.

Our next book is **Pilgrimage: Journeys of meaning by Peter Stanford.**

This was recommended and has been read by one of the group. Once again it is a book in sections which means if you do not manage to read it all you could still contribute to the conversation when we meet. We are apparently a 'Pilgrim People'. What do we feel about the word and the concept. Explore it through this book.

**The Reading Group will meet on
Saturday May 28th 10.30am in
the church at Havering Road.
Refreshments available in The
Hub before or after.
Please join us if you can**

Upminster Methodist Church's

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 1st July, 10am until 2pm.

Come and join in the fun.

GAMES



BBQ & Grand Raffle (drawn at 2pm)





Every Wednesday from 7th until
28th June there will be a study of the
Book of Revelation.

Week 1: The Church then and now (chapters 1-3)

Week 2: The Triumph of the Lamb (chapters 4-5)

Week 3: Witness, Worship and Waiting (chapters 10-13)

Week 4: Heading Home (chapters 17-22)

Afternoons sessions will start at 2pm

at Gidea Park MC, 398 Brentwood Road.

Evenings sessions will start at 7.30pm on

Zoom. The Zoom link is available from

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or Eleanor at nellie2010@virginmedia.com