

Upminster Methodist Notices

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CONFERENCE AND MEETINGS

Following on from our All Age Service in June, Jason and Rachel hosted Zoom conversations - there have been insightful conversations... open minds and hearts as we explored all things 'body of the... church'. Thank you for joining us!

Methodist Conference - on the 24th June - 1st July, will be taking significant and major decisions on the future direction of the Methodist Church: God in love unites us - full inclusion for any two people and same-sex couples to have Marriages in Methodist churches; ethical investments; equality, diversity and inclusion, environmental theology, theology of safeguarding, changing patterns of ministry, trusteeship, and so much more... and therefore, this Tuesday's coming zoom conversation is postponed to give space for those who wish to attend conference on-line the time to do so. You can find the live links and agenda with timetable on the main Methodist Church UK website under Conference Programme. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-conference/conference-2021/>

The next zoom with Rachel and Jason is on Thursday 8th July 7.45 pm

Rev J C Vinyard is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Jason and Rachel invite you to zoom conversations

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89406626415?pwd=cStuMk5YTkhazNuOVFTMGITUk9iQT09>

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keygyksV4k>

SCAMMERS

We would like to draw your attention to an email scam that is currently going around. Church members have been receiving emails which appear to be from their minister, asking for help or for a favour. Replying to the email leads to a request to purchase a Google Play Card for a variety of reasons. Should you receive an email such as this please do not reply, and mark the email as spam before deleting it. If you are unsure of the genuineness of such an email please contact the sender directly by phone. For more information on this scam please www.methodistlondon.org.uk/district-news/email-scam-warning

Below is more detail about this scam...

A church member received an email which showed up as being 'from' the Minister. He had no reason to suspect that it was not from the Minister, as they have email contact about all sorts of church matters. He opened the email. It asked him if he was available, because the sender needed a favour, and was signed from the minister. Still unsuspecting he replied and then received a response asking him to go to a shop and purchase a Google Play card, claiming that the sender had forgotten their niece's birthday and it was urgent.

He became suspicious, then noticed that the grammar and punctuation were poor. He therefore did not respond, but alerted the Minister.

The email address the messages had been sent from, and it was not the Ministers. Instead it was from the email address: office .

A few days later the Minister was contacted by another Member, to ask if she had just texted her. The sender signed as the Minister. claimed to be in a meeting, but to need a favour. She replied to the first message, and was then asked to go to a shop and buy a Google Play card. But was given a different reason. She was told that the card was needed for a woman who was in hospital battling cancer.

The phone number from which the texts were sent was 07451 200598.

Both people had recently published their contact details in the church Newsletter, which is available to view on the website. It seems likely somebody is trawling the church website looking for people's contact details, and then creating email and phone accounts in the Ministers name in an attempt to scam them.

If you should receive something like this please ensure you mark the email as spam and contact the minister in question (by phone) to inform them. Don't forget to delete the email.

QUIZ UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who took part in the online quiz on 19th June for First Step and/or donated. The amount that I have received, as of 23rd June, is £110.00 plus Gift Aid .

If you would still like to donate to First Step please credit sort code 110411 account 10646962, send it to me (any cheques payable to me please) and I will then send one payment, or you can make a payment via the following link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/peter-hobbs21>

The next quiz will be on 10th June for Methodist Homes, so please put that date in your diaries and let me know at familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com if you can take part.

Thank you to everyone who has supported my quizzes and fund raising. Next quiz is on 10th July!

Peter

FAREWELL TO JASON

As you will be aware, Jason is sadly leaving us this summer and will be taking up the role of Superintendent in the Bury-St-Edmunds circuit. His last service with us will be the morning of Sunday 18th July (hopefully in the church).

We are planning a farewell lunch for him, Yvette and Jasmine after the service. If the weather is fine we can be outside but in the event of bad weather we will be able to use the Wesley Hall. We would like to propose a 'bring and share' lunch but if you are not comfortable sharing food you are welcome to bring food just for yourself. All being well, we'll be able to have a list available at the back of the church when we re-open, but if not and for those who can't be there in person, please contact the stewards via e-mail Upminster.stewards@gmail.com to let us know what you would like to bring so that we can plan the catering.

The Stewards

RICHARD HOUSE FUNDRAISING WALK

Anyone that was interested in the Richard House walk, please be aware that Richard House have taken the decision to postpone the walk to the 16th October.

Allison Winegarden

THANK YOU

Paul, Sarah, & Jane Nicholls would like to thank everybody who donated to the Whitechapel Mission in memory of their dear Mum Jean. A total of £195 was collected by B F Mulley.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Hello everyone,

We took **44.48kg** of food this week making our total weight thus far ~

2,922.32kg

...and we are edging ever so near the '3000' mark!

This week, the Foodbank have asked if we could please help with the urgent need of:

Cooking Oil
Kitchen Towel
Toilet rolls
Hand wash/soap
Laundry Detergent
Washing Up liquid
Toiletries (Shower gels, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)
Long life milk
Jam

Clothes Donations

They would also be so grateful for any donations, particularly **plus-size women & plus-size children's** clothes.

Thank you everyone!

Have a wonderful week,
Joanna - For more information on donating and delivery please contact Joanna -
joannamarieskillett@gmail.com

CIRCUIT FAREWELLS

The following details of Circuit events to say farewell to those leaving the Circuit are in addition to any celebrations arranged locally. Details of what is planned for Upminster will follow in due course.

As you will be aware, the circuit holds an annual barbecue in July each year. After everything was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, I am delighted to say that we are holding the barbecue this year on 11 July at CMOP, starting at 4.30pm. In addition, during the last year, several people have stepped down from roles and others will be leaving us this Summer. We have been unable to hold any sort of thank you service or event for them and would like to put this right by holding a farewell and thank you service on 18 July. This will be held at Harold Wood MC at 4.30pm followed by refreshments.

There has been a lot of debate about whether or not it was sensible to hold two events so close together and if it would be better to combine the two. In the end we have decided to keep the events separate. The main reason for this is the continuing uncertainty caused by the Corona virus. Everything we are planning still depends on the continuing role out of the Government's road map to reducing restrictions. Although we are hopeful that all will go well and that by 21 June all restrictions will be lifted, we are aware of the medical and central Methodist advice on not rushing into holding large gatherings.

We have had as many as 80 people at the barbecue and this might be increased by another 50 for those attending the farewell service. After much thought we have agreed to limit the attendance at both events to 50 to 60 people. Priority for the service will be given to those for whom the thank you service is being held and their families but otherwise tickets will be allocated on a first come basis. The last date to book a ticket for either event will be 4 July to allow the necessary provisions to be purchased. If anyone attending the barbecue requires vegetarian food would they please let us know when booking their ticket. Tickets can be booked by e-mailing gowletts@ntlworld.com or telephoning on 01708 508320.

COVID TESTING CENTRE

The Covid testing centre, using the church hall premises, will close at the end of June. The last day to get tested or to pick up a home testing kit will be Wednesday 30th June.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

In our devotion to the needs of others, O God, let us not neglect the wisdom of your counsel. In the midst of our work let us not lose sight of your great purposes. In our path of service let us not snatch the management of the world from your hands. Amen.

Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/upminstermethodist

Remember the facebook page has daily updates and new links

MANY THANKS AND PEACE BE WITH YOU

If you have anything you would like to include in future notices please email
upminster.newsletter@gmail.com before **Thursday morning** to be included on Fridays notices.

Thank you!