Upminster Methodist Church

August 2025

August Services

10am - Morning Worship

3rd August - led by Rev Rohama Asif includes the Sacrament of Holy Communion

10 August - Rev John Chambers

17 August - Mr M Jerera

24 August - Mr T Banks

31 August - Local Arrangement

7pm - Contemplative Worship

10am Zoom Link

7pm Zoom Link

Local Arrangement Service - Sunday 31st August

The Stewards would like to invite the congregation to take part in the service by choosing and introducing their favourite hymns, readings either from the bible or a favourite poem. Prayers would also be welcome.

Please let the stewards know if you wish to participate in the service.

This week let us pray for:

- the family and friends of Barbara Burt
- those who will be receiving school exam results this month, that they can look forward to what their future holds
- Brian and Carole and Judith and Gordon who celebrate significant wedding anniversaries this month. We thank God for all they do in the life of our church.



Foodbank



Thank you to everyone who has made some extra donations over the last few weeks, this enabled Emma to take a full car load last week.

There are still 4 more weeks of summer holidays, so please donate generously if you are able too.

Thank you.

Family News

We were very sad to hear that Barbara Burt, one of our regular worshippers from Huskards passed away at the weekend. Barbara enjoyed many of the activities the church has offered, attending coffee mornings and regularly offering to help at events including the Christmas Tree Festivals. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.



Congratulations to:



Brian and Carole who celebrate their Diamond (60) wedding anniversary this month.

and to

Gordon and Judith who celebrate their Golden (50) wedding anniversary this month.

Enjoy your celebrations with friends and family.

Christian Aid thanks

Thank you Upminster Methodist Church for your gift £70 to help families around the world transform their own lives.

Your life changing gift can help more families push back against poverty.

Heartfelt thanks,

Your Christian Aid Week Team

Church Flowers

This month flowers will be donated by:



3rd Chris Hughes in memory of Chris's Mum and Dad10th Marilyn & Andrew Milne17th Carol & Brian Webb24th Mary Edmundson



31st - still available to anyone who wishes to donate

Also thank you to Judith Hall who donated the flowers on 27 July.



Christmas Tree Festival 2025

I am sorry to be mentioning this in August but please put these dates in your diary and start thinking how you can make this year another successful festival.



It was decided back in February that we would have a longer festival this year Opening Saturday 29 November Closing on Sunday 14 December with our Carol Service Opening all three weekends and the first week only.

Contact: Upminstertreefest@gmail.com

Meeting for anyone interested in helping with the festival on

Sunday 14 September after morning worship

Look out for dates of a possible quiz night and a murder mystery evening to raise much needed funds before the festival

Thinking of a festival theme is always tricky - any ideas?

We still need to decide on a charity or charities to support.

Would anyone like to organise the Christmas Market on Saturday 29 November?

Would anyone like to organise the charity Christmas card sale late October/early November? Think about any other fund raising events you could organise in the lead up to the festival too

UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH

JUNIOR CHURCH PROGRAMME 2025-2026

21 SEPTEMBER19 OCTOBER16 NOVEMBER14 DECEMBER





18 JANUARY 22 FEBRUARY 22 MARCH 19 APRIL

17 MAY 28 JUNE 19 JULY



For more information or to be added to the mailing list/sign up, or if you have any questions please contact us via email umcjuniorchurch@gmail.com

Welcome Service for Revd Faith Nyota - Chair of District Sunday 7 September commencing at 6pm



We do hope that you will join us to welcome Revd Faith Nyota to the role of District Chair.

The service will be held at Methodist Central Hall Westminster on Sunday 7 September, starting at 6pm.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Please do keep an eye on the District website for more information over the coming weeks.

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/upminster-methodist-church

The QR code to do the same is:



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To submit event details or news for the weekly newsletter, please send the information to upminster.newsletter@gmail.com by Friday morning. Thank you.

The Wesley Players Present – 'Agatha Crusty and the Village Hall Murders' by Derek Webb.

Agatha Crusty is a crime writer of some repute who is quite adept at solving crimes! She is visiting her sister-in-law, Alice, in the quaint village of Chortelby. Quaint it maybe but it's definitely not quiet. There have already been several 'accidental' deaths and now the police have been called. Enter Detective Inspector Twigg, the most gloriously incompetent policeman you've ever met.

As the bodies and suspects start to pile up, can Agatha guide DI Twigg to the real killer? While packed full of wit and laugh out loud scenes, this is also a genuine murder mystery that will tax your little grey cells to the very end.

Performances: are at 8pm on Thursday, 25th, 26th and Saturday, 27th September 2025

Prices: When bought online in advance Adults £9, Concessions £7 and children £5 (up to 16). Seniors are FREE on 25th & 26th September

Book direct through our website. <u>www.wesley-players.com</u>. We also accept card payments on the door.

Alternatively, you can reserve tickets by Text to Box Office on <u>07708 214 742</u> or email <u>tickets@wesley-players.co.uk</u>.

Location: Wesley Hall, Upminster Methodist Church, 12, Hall Lane, Upminster, Essex. RM14 1AE.