

Upminster Methodist Church

12th October 2025



Sunday 12th October Harvest Festival

10am ALL AGE WORSHIP led by
Deacon Sarah-Jane Rigby



10am
Zoom Link

Sunday 19th October

10am Mrs Regina Coleman and Junior Church

Church Flowers



This week's flowers have been
donated by
Linda Dick and family



in celebration of the birth of their first granddaughter,
Naila Sarai born to Munashe and Alina on 5th August.

This week let us pray for:

- all those who use, work and volunteer at the Whitechapel Mission
- the work of St Francis Hospice and all those who use or have used the Hospice.
- all those who struggle to put food on the table for their families each day and use the facilities of the foodbanks.



For those who remember Keith and Menna Goldsmith

A message from their daughter Bethan

Keith and Menna moved to Upminster in 1968 with their three children Jane, Paul and John, Bethan arrived the following year.

They attended the church, with the children active in the Sunday school, Brownies and Cubs. Keith stepped up to help in the cubs as Baloo and in time took on the Scouts and became the Scout leader or Skip! Many camps and hikes were undertaken and many new friends made. During his tenure the new Beaver colony was set up. He was also involved with Gang shows and the Wesley Players - including the famous production of Flippity and the Penguin as Mr Maestro.

Both remained in the local church community until they moved to the Old Railway Station in Thorpe Waterville following Keith's work at Pearl Assurance in 1988.

They were very fond of their friends from the Upminster area and stayed in touch with many of them.

Menna died in 2022 and Keith moved to a smaller house in Thrapston, just round the corner from Bethan. He celebrated his 90th birthday last year with all 10 of his grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren in attendance - half of them from overseas!

He died peacefully on Monday 6th October in hospital after a short illness with his two daughters and 5 grandchildren with him.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family at this time.

Gidea Park Methodist Church

Closing Service

Sunday 26th October - 4pm

It has now been confirmed that the closing service of Gidea Park will be on Sunday 26th October at 4pm, followed by refreshments.

We would really like this to be well attended and to be a true celebration of the years of worship in Gidea Park and remembering those that have attended past and present.

Please can you advertise this service to congregations, friends across the Circuit and, possibly, beyond?

Please can anyone who is intending to attend let Peter Hobbs know for refreshment purposes by 16th October.

Link to Hope Shoe Boxes

are in need of sweets and chocolates with a best before date of at least June 2026
Please put your donations into the box under the table in the welcome area.

Thank you for your gifts, so far.

We also need empty shoe boxes so that we can exceed the 24 boxes we sent last year.

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.



Murder Mystery Evening ***Upminster Methodist Church***



The Wesley Players present "Aisle 10 for Murder."

*A murder has occurred in your local DIY store.
Can your table of sleuths identify "who done it?"*

Saturday 15th November.
Doors open 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start.

Raising funds for the 2025 Christmas Tree Festival.

**Tickets are £10 (£5 for children 16 or under) and can be purchased from
Nancy Holland on 07508055532 or familyholland24@hotmail.com.**

**Please bring your £1 coins (one coin per person) if you would like to participate in the
Heads and Tails game, with a cash prize for the winner.**

**The Murder Mystery is probably not suitable for children under 10.
Suggested table size of 8 people, if you have less than 8 in your team, we will find
others to join you.**

Please bring your own food, non-alcoholic drinks and glasses.

Happy sleuthing!





Christmas Tree Festival 2025 **raising funds for** **First Step** **and** **Richard House Hospice**



Saturday 29 November until Sunday 14 December

Theme: It's a small world

Saturdays
10am - 4pm
Sundays
12noon - 4pm
Monday - Friday
2pm - 6pm

Christmas Market
on Saturday 29th
November
10am - 3pm

Please start
collecting chocolate
for the chocolate
tombola

Do you know anyone who
would like to have a stall at
the Christmas Market?

Are you part of a local
organisation that would
you like to decorate a
tree?

Every tree needs to
be sponsored, do you
or do you know of
anyone who would
like to sponsor a tree
for £40

Contact: Upminstertreefest@gmail.com



Becoming a member of the Methodist Church

Are you interested in exploring what being a member of the Methodist Church means and, possibly, becoming one?

If so, the Romford Circuit Staff Team are organising Membership classes in November 2025.

There will be one 'in person' class on Saturday 15th November (venue to be confirmed) with registration at 9.30am for a 10am start and should finish by 4pm.

Alternatively, there will be classes on Zoom which will consist of four sessions from 7.30pm to 9pm starting on Tuesday 4th November and ending on 25th November.

If you are interested in attending the 'in person' or 'Zoom' classes, please register providing the following details:

Name/church/date of birth to

Peter our circuit administrator at
romfordcircuit.adm@gmail.com