

# Upminster Methodist Church

26th April 2026

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April

**10am** - Morning worship will be led by Mrs Joan Pugsley

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**10am** - Morning worship led by Rev John Chambers and will include the Sacrament of Holy Communion

**4pm** - Cafe@4  
(see below for further details)

## Church Flowers



This week the flowers have been donated by Caroline and David



## Family News

We were sorry to hear that Joyce C was admitted to Queens hospital this week, please keep Joyce in your prayers.

Please continue to remember Jim in your prayers.

We are pleased to report that Chris P and Eunice are now recuperating at Meadowbanks Care Home and both would welcome visitors.

Ray is now safely back home, the family would like to thank you all for your love, kindness, prayers, cards (particularly on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday), and visits.

We hope he will soon be back in church and at Gateway!

**10am**  
**Zoom Link**

## Let us pray together for:

- continuing negotiations in Pakistan and praying for ceasefire to continue.
- all those with mental health issues, may they reach out for help.
- teachers and students during this stressful term.

## Wednesday Morning Worship

Please speak to Michelle B or Christine S if you would like to take part in an hour of mid-week worship on a Wednesday morning.

## **A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Response to Our Gift Day Appeal**

Dear Church Family and Friends in our Community,

We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who responded so generously to our recent Gift Day letter. We are delighted and deeply grateful to share that, through your kindness and support, we have received a wonderful total of £4,710.

This generous response is a real blessing and a great encouragement to us all. It reflects the love, care, and commitment that so many people have for our church and its place within the community. Every gift, whether large or small, has been given with kindness and has made a difference. Your support helps us continue the life and work of the church, maintain our building, and serve the wider community with welcome, prayer, friendship, and practical care.

At a time when many people are facing pressures and challenges, your generosity is very commendable. It reminds us that we are stronger when we stand together and support one another.

Rev Eleanor Jackson, Peter our Church Treasurer, and I join together in sending our warmest thanks to each and every one of you.

May God bless you richly for your kindness, and may our church continue to be a place of hope, prayer, friendship, and love for all who enter.

With heartfelt thanks and every blessing,

Rev Rohama Asif – Minister  
Rev Eleanor Jackson – The Superintendent Minister  
Peter Caton – Church Treasurer

### **New Card Machine**

A new card machine for gifts is now at the back of the Church, which does not need a WiFi connection to accept your gift.

However, if you have previously registered your card for Gift Aid on the old machine, you will need to re-register on the new one but the process is now simpler.

Please note that the Gift Aid registration is linked to your card so, if you use a different or new card at any time, you will also need to re-register the first time you use it.

Thank you.

## Café @ 4

FOR EVERYONE ...ALL AGES....FAMILY FUN  
FOOD....ACTIVITIES....WORSHIP.....SONGS



MEET IN WESLEY HALL  
UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH  
HALL LANE RM14 1AE  
SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY FROM 3.45PM

[stewards@upminstermethodist.org.uk](mailto:stewards@upminstermethodist.org.uk)

### Cafe@4

The next Cafe@4 will be in the Minor Hall on **Sunday 3rd May**.

Please keep the date free and invite friends who would prefer a new way to worship. The theme will be New Life.

### Email Scam

As many of us know a email was sent out purporting to be from Margaret, asking to talk to her via email as she had a severe case of laryngitis. This was a scam.

Scams are designed to make us believe and do something that we would not necessarily do.

Some of these are very believable as they come from friends or mention friends.

To keep us all safe could we please share any emails we think are a scam to either myself ,Anne- Church Safeguarding Officer or Hilary Bull District Safeguarding Officer.

Your help is requested to safeguard all church members old and young

We will be making a beautiful suncatcher like this at Cafe@4



### Link for Hope Shoeboxes

This month we are collecting:  
**small games eg packs of cards or travel games,**  
suitable for non-English speakers.

Please add these items to the box under the table at the back of the church in the welcome area.

Thank you.

## Race for Life Sponsorship

I am planning to run the 10k Race for Life on 16th May, in Weald Country Park in Brentwood, at 10am.

Raising money towards Cancer Research is very important to me as cancer is what took my Mum and both my son Ian and his girlfriend Lisa are currently being treated for it.

If you are able to sponsor me please do so using the following link [Peter's Race for Life](#) but, if you aren't able to do so, please think/pray for me on the day.

If you aren't keen on using Just Giving or would just like to give using cash, I have put a sponsor form at the back of the Church.



Thank you.  
Peter H



## 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:

## Contact details and Further Information

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

**The Wesley Players Present:  
The Book of Will  
By Lauren Gunderson**

A moving drama inspired by true events.

A story of love, loss, and laughter as Henry, John, Alice, Elizabeth, and Rebecca fight to preserve the works of their friend, William Shakespeare, before they are lost forever.

Set in 1619 on London's vibrant South Bank, they face fire, grief, empty purses, and ruthless publishers in a race to create the very first folio.

Step back in time and witness the extraordinary effort that saved Shakespeare's words and shaped the theatre we know today!

Times/Dates:

8pm on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th May  
Matinee, 4pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Tickets:

Online: £9 Adults (16+), £7 Conc and £5 Children  
On door: £10 Adults (16+), £8 Conc and £6 Children  
Free Senior tickets available (Donations Welcome).  
Book early to avoid disappointment.

Location:

Upminster Methodist Church, 10 Hall Lane, Upminster, RM14 1AE

Book in advance at [www.wesley-players.com](http://www.wesley-players.com)

Or card/cash on the door

Need to speak to the Box Office? Text 07708 214742



**Quiz Night**  
at  
**Upminster Methodist Church**



Do you have a good general knowledge, know lots of unusual or useless information, remember annoying adverts or just want to have a fun evening?

If you do, come and join us on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

**Doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00 start, but the**

**Marathon Rounds will be handed out at 6.45pm.**

**The quiz is to raise money towards the 2026 Christmas Tree Festival.**

**Tickets are £10 (£5 for children 16 or younger) and can be purchased from Peter Hobbs on 07736520799 or [familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com](mailto:familyhobbs4@btopenworld.com)**

The quiz is probably not suitable for children under 10 years.

**Suggested maximum of 8 to 10 people per table. If less than 8 in your team, don't worry we will find others to join you.**



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



**Tea, coffee and squash will be provided during the interval.**



# **Day of Reflection and Prayer - Pentecost Spirit**

**Saturday May 23rd**

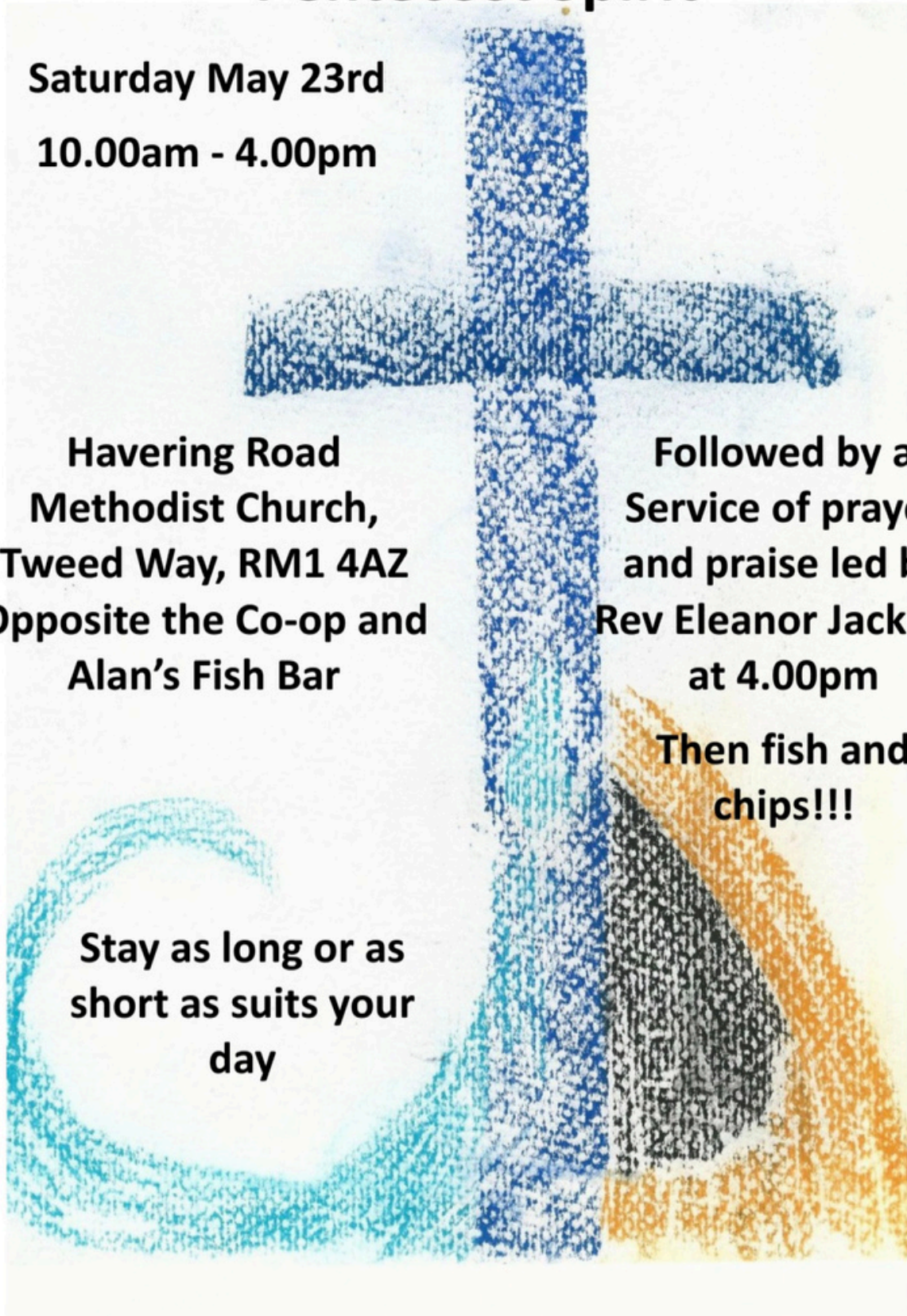
**10.00am - 4.00pm**

**Havering Road  
Methodist Church,  
Tweed Way, RM1 4AZ  
Opposite the Co-op and  
Alan's Fish Bar**

**Followed by a  
Service of prayer  
and praise led by  
Rev Eleanor Jackson  
at 4.00pm**

**Then fish and  
chips!!!**

**Stay as long or as  
short as suits your  
day**



# **'Prayer and Praise for Pentecost'**

**A Romford Circuit event  
You are invited to**

**When:**

**Saturday 23 May 4 pm**

**Where:**

**Havering Road Methodist Church,  
Tweed Way, Romford, RM1 4AZ**

**What:**

**a time of prayer and praise with the  
opportunity to share in fish n 'chips afterwards**

**Who:**

**Anyone who would like the opportunity to  
worship and pray together informally**

**Why:**

**to give glory to God,  
to share in joyful worship together  
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MAIN ROAD, ROMFORD, RM1 3BL

ADULTS £15 + CONCESSIONS £13 + UNDER 26's £8

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