

Upminster Methodist Church

26th October 2025

Sunday 26th October

10am Mrs Penny Masters

Sunday 2nd November

10am Rev Rohama Asif
including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

10am
Zoom Link

Church Flowers



This week's flowers have been
donated by
Rosemary Connaughton



Extraordinary Circuit Meeting - All Welcome Thursday 13 November 7.30pm Hornchurch Methodist Church

Some weeks ago, two people from the Connexional Property team visited all churches in the Circuit to consider how the buildings in the circuit align with our mission. This considered property and helped to identify opportunities for growth and use of resources available.

A meeting for anyone interested in discussing the review regarding the suggestions for our church premises (for worship and the community) are most welcome to attend. The review is attached to the newsletter email.

The car park at Hornchurch MC is very small and we are asking that those with accessibility issues park there, anyone intending to do this should let Peter Hobbs know. Most people should be able to park in the surrounding streets.

This week let us pray for:

- the King and the Pope meeting together to pray.
- the final act of worship at Gidea Park Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon.
- all those enjoying a break at home or away during half term.

Christmas Tree Festival - Dates to put in your diaries.
Please help and support wherever you are able to!



Saturday 8 November 10-12noon Charity Christmas Card Sale

Posters are available at the back of the church to be up around town please.

Saturday 15 November 7pm Murder Mystery Evening

Raising funds to put the tree festival on, please book your tickets now.



Wednesday 26 November 6.30pm

Putting up the Christmas trees in the Church, help is needed to do this please.

Thursday and Friday 27th & 28th November

Opening up the church and being available to welcome and help oversee those coming to decorate the trees, at various times in the morning, afternoon and early evening

Saturday 29th November Christmas Market 10am - 3pm

Help will be welcome, setting up, helping stall holders find their tables etc and during the day with selling raffle tickets and possible other jobs!

Please continue to collect and donate chocolate for the tombola.



Christmas Tree Festival

Saturday 29th November - Sunday 14 December

The poster colouring competition is now open, please take a poster from the back of the church, colour and either place in your own front window or return to the church for display. The winning children's coloured poster will be printed and then will be displayed around town.

Stewards will be needed to welcome visitors on Saturdays 10am - 4pm, Sundays 12 noon - 4pm and weekdays (1st - 5th) 2pm - 6pm and during other week days when schools will be visiting.

Please speak to Anne or Caroline if you are able to help with any of the above
or email

Upminstertreefest@gmail.com



New Monthly Prayer group

The next prayer group meeting will be at UMC in the office on
Monday 3rd November from 7pm until 7.30pm.

Come along to receive your free Methodist Prayer Handbook.

Meeting dates will follow on 1st December, 5th January, 2nd February and 2nd March.



The Bible Society

Each year the Church Council agrees donations to be made to charities from the church's general funds. For many years these have included the Bible Society but we are no longer able to make this donation as general church funds can only be given to Methodist charities. We are however suggesting that members and friends may wish to consider making a private donation to support the valuable work of Bible Society, which for over 200 years has been translating and providing Bibles to individuals and in public places.

www.biblesociety.org.uk

'We believe the Bible is God's gift to the world. We want everyone to discover its message for themselves.'

'We translate the Bible and make it accessible in people's heart languages. We bring it into public spaces where its voice can be heard. We tell its stories and encourage people who've never thought the Bible was for them to explore it for themselves.'

The donations which will be made from church funds this year are as follows.

Mission in Britain	£350
Whitechapel Mission	£270
World Mission Fund	£265
Fund in Support of Presbyters	£230
Romford Circuit Benevolent Fund	£ 85

Peter Caton

Message from Katharine (Basham)

For those who remember Pat Hagan - who was such an enthusiastic and caring member of the church for many years:

Pat has moved from her home in Stamford to live with her daughter Helen and her family near Derby. I saw them earlier in the year and we had the most wonderful catch up. As Pat settles into her new home, Helen tells me she would love to hear from Upminster friends. Pat still loves a letter and would love any Upminster news or just to hear from old friends - her new address is:

14 Middleton Avenue
Little Over
Derby
DE23 6DL

Katharine says a big hello to anyone that remembers the Basham family too! Sheena and Ian also send their best and enjoy reading the Upminster newsletter.



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!



Link to Hope Shoe Boxes

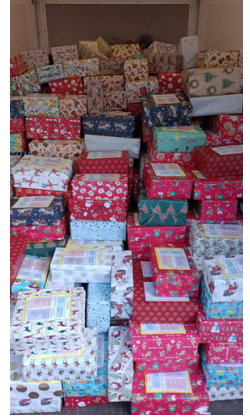


Packing the boxes

The packing of boxes will be in Wesley Hall
on Tuesday 4th November from 11am.
Help required please.

Thank you for your gifts, so far.

We are hoping to 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.

ROMFORD CIRCUIT

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER AT CMOP
CLOCKHOUSE LANE, COLLIER ROW,
RM5 3QP

*You are invited to come for a light lunch at 1pm
followed by a reflective service at 2pm.*

*During the service the congregation will light candles in memory of
those who have died during the last year and to remember loved ones.*

*Please submit details of those who you would like remembered to
Peter Hobbs at romfordcircuit.adm@gmail.com*

All are welcome.



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