

Upminster Methodist Church

6 July 2025

Sunday 6 July

10am - Morning Worship led by Rev Rohama Asif
including the Sacrament of Holy Communion

7pm - There will be no Contemplative Worship this week

10am
Zoom Link

Sunday 13 July

10am - All Age Worship is being led by
Mrs Christine Scrutton

7pm - There will be no Contemplative Worship this week



New Prayer Group



At the recent Annual Church meeting, Revd Eleanor Jackson suggested that praying churches can grow.

Please find a questionnaire at the back of the church for everyone to complete to ascertain how we could achieve this. Please place completed questionnaires in the box on the table at the back of the church in the welcome area.

We are grateful that we do have someone willing to lead the group.



John Simmons Funeral

John's funeral will be held at Bentley Crematorium in Ongar Road on Friday 18th July at 11.30am and afterwards will be at Marygreen Manor.

If you are intending to go, please let Cathy know by 5th July as she needs to know the numbers for the caterers.

This week let us pray

- for all those affected by the terrible accident that happened in Chalkwell Park last weekend.
- for the Romford Circuit leadership team
- for Diogo Joto's wife and children for their loss, together with family and friends
- the family of Rev Andy Dart as they prepare for his celebration of life service on Wednesday in Croydon.

Easter Offering Thanks



Thank you to those who contributed through our Easter Offering envelopes in aid of the Methodist Church World Mission Fund. Upminster's contributions raised £135 plus Gift Aid tax reclaim.

World Mission supports 107 partner churches and organisations in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific in their mission and ministry to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. They do this through evangelism, mission work, schools, hospitals, environmental projects, emergency situations, administration, training and much more. It supports projects and individuals around the world, work which is only made possible by kind donations.

Revd Dr Jongi's Leaving Service - Live Stream Link Sunday 6 July at 4pm

Thank you to all those who have registered their attendance at Sunday's leaving service for Jongi. Registration is now closed.

If you would like to watch the service live online, you can do so via the link below:

[Revd Dr Jongikaya Zihle's Leaving Service - Watch the Live Stream here.](#)

Link to Hope 2025

This month we ask if you can please donate these items;

pens, pencils and colouring books

and place them in the box under the table in the welcome area at the back of the church.

Circuit Dates for your Diary

13th July - Circuit BBQ at CMOP at 4.30pm, anyone planning to attend this event must let Peter Hobbs know by Sunday please.

19th July - EDI training at Upminster at 9.30am, please ensure Anne Ling knows if you are attending this training.

For the recent Annual Church Meeting a document was circulated summarising how much it costs to run the church (£2,000 a week), where the money goes and our sources of income. It was thought that this should be shared more widely so please consider the figures below.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO RUN THE CHURCH?

£106,000 PER YEAR

£2,000 PER WEEK

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

CIRCUIT – GIVING & SHARING

£55,000

Covers our Ministers, Manse costs, Circuit costs, Contributions to District & Methodist Connexion

UTILITIES

£19,000

Gas, Electricity, Water, Telephone, Wifi

PREMISES MAINTENANCE

£18,000

Repairs, Renewals, Servicing, Safety Checks

INSURANCE

£5,000

Insurance of premises

CLEANING & GARDENING

£5,000

Gardener, Cleaner, Cleaning materials & consumables

OTHER

£4,000

Includes – Bank charges, Licences, Worship materials & Miscellaneous items

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Offertory & Gift Day £45,000

Hall Lettings £25,000

Donations from Church Groups £13,000

Tax Reclaim (Gift Aid) £10,000

Other (e.g. grants, interest, legacies) £9,000



Sunshine
and
showers | **The Bible's
beautiful
strangeness**

Circuit Bible Study in July

Every Wednesday from
9th July until 30th July
there will be a bible study on prayer
'Sunshine and Showers' led by
Revds Robert Maginley and Eleanor
Jackson.

The sessions are at
Gidea Park Methodist Church at
11am.

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.

Christine and David Scrutton are taking part in this concert on Thursday 17 July please use the link below to purchase tickets.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/singcerityltd/1741430>



Singcerity Summer Concert 2025 with special guest, Nathaniel Morrison

Thu 17 Jul 2025 7:30 PM - 9:45 PM

📍 St Luke's Church, 201 Front Ln, Upminster, RM14 1LD

A summer concert from Singcerity Choir with special guest soloist, Nathaniel Morrison.

Come and enjoy a performance of well known Musical Theatre and popular songs sung by Singcerity Choir and conducted by Tabitha Webb.

Our special guest soloist is Nathaniel Morrison, a soulful powerhouse musical theatre performer who has starred in West End shows such as 'Sister Act', 'Joseph and the amazing technicolour dreamcoat' and 'The Waitress'.

This is a concert not to be missed so...See you there!

Seats are limited for this event so book early to avoid disappointment.

Doors open at 7pm, Show starts at 7.30pm.

Running time is approx 130 minutes with an interval.

Nathaniel Morrison is an acclaimed West End performer and graduate of London's Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. He made his professional debut as Stevie Wonder in *Dancing in the Streets*, a role he reprised across multiple UK tours. His impressive stage credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Sister Act*, *Hairspray*, *Jersey Boys*, *Five Guys Named Moe*, *Waitress*, *Moulin Rouge*, and *The Choir of Man* in Australia. He has also starred in musical theatre concerts at The Royal Albert Hall and The London Palladium, and even shared an impromptu duet with Broadway star Tituss Burgess. Nathaniel is the founder and artistic director of The West End Gospel Choir and is a musical theatre agent and consultant at Red Talent Management. He recently toured with Lee Mead and has appeared internationally on television. We are delighted to welcome this dynamic and soulful performer to our community choir summer concert!