Upminster Methodist Church

16th November 2025

Sunday 16th November

10am Local Arrangement and Junior Church

There will be a collection plate at the back of the church today to help with transporting the Link to Hope shoeboxes, a suggestion of £3 per box and we sent 35 boxes, please donate if you are able especially if you were unable to contribute in other ways towards the shoebox appeal.

<u>10am</u> Zoom Link

Sunday 23rd November

10am Ricky Bull



Church Flowers

This week's flowers have been donated by Linda Dick.



There is a new flower rota for 2026 now available at the back of the church for anyone wishing to sign up to donate the church flowers.

Church Council Extra Meeting

A short Extra Church Council is to be held on Zoom at 7.30 p.m. on Monday November 24th to discuss the funding of the proposed refurbishment of the Wesley Hall, Minor Hall and Parlour floors.

Church Council members will be sent further details and the Zoom link in due course. Others within the church are welcome to attend, although unable to vote - please speak to Judith Reed should you wish to do so.

Congratulations ...

to **Amelie** who won the colouring competition for our tree festival poster - you will now see copies of this around town and copies are available in church or attached to this email for you to display at home, on your social media accounts or in your work place.

Let us pray for:

- circuit ministers and churches making important decisions for the future
- Christmas tree festival volunteers and the events planned
- the impact that adverse weather conditions are having here and around the world



Christmas Tree Festival Only 2 weeks to go! Help needed please!



Saturday 22 November 9am

Please let Caroline know if you are able and willing to climb ladders in the church to help put up the stars.

Sunday 23 November after morning worship

Help is needed to get out and put up the boarding for the trees to stand on, putting up decorations in the church, the church halls and corridors.

Wednesday 26 November 6.30pm

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



Saturday 29th November Christmas Market 10am - 3pm

Help is needed to set up the market and run the raffle during the day please let Caroline or Sharon know if you can help.



Please continue to collect and donate chocolate for the tombola.

Please let Sharon know if you are able to make cup cakes.

Judith R will be running a small second-hand book stall to raise funds for the Church. If anyone has any good quality paper-back novels or children's books that they would like to donate, they can be left with the books already in the Parlour. Please note - we cannot accept hard back books as they do not sell - sorry.



Christmas Tree Festival Saturday 29th November - Sunday 14 December

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





TOY SERVICE

On Sunday 7th December we shall be holding our annual Toy Service at 10 a.m. - this will be the All-Age/Parade service for December.

We ask as usual for donations of new toys and games, which will be received during the service and passed to the Salvation Army, to provide presents for children who would not otherwise receive anything.

This year any contributions of seasonal food treats, such as mince pies [bought, not made, please], fancy biscuits, crackers, will be passed to the Food Bank.

Please spare a thought for all the families who are struggling to make ends meet, never mind the extras to make the season special.

Thank you







Come and play in our Carol Service

Sunday 14th December - 6.30 pm Contact gillcook41@icloud.com

Would your child like to sing?

We are having a V children's choir for our Christmas Carol Service on 14th December 2025



Contact gillcook41@icloud.com for further information

Prayer Group

First Monday every month

The prayer group would like some support.

If you would like a Methodist Prayer Handbook, so you can join in prayers from home, please speak to Christine.

The next prayer meeting will be on Monday 1st December at 7pm. (07938757423)

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.



29th November - 14th December



Weekdays (1st - 5th only) 2pm - 6pm

