

Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 21st June2020

www.rmmc.org.uk Facebook: www.facebook.com/groups/tempRMMC/

Evening Service format

I have picked up differing reactions to the Breakout groups. The original idea was to give people an opportunity of being with others from our churches to supplement the individual and potentially isolating feeling of livestreaming a main service on Sunday mornings. As such I thought it would be good for people to have the opportunity of a short time to share and discuss together. Also to get to know people from both churches. Then after the service having time in a second group to chat with people from your own church.

Some of the groups have enabled some inspiring and encouraging things to be shared. Others have commented that a group has been dominated by just one person, or that some people haven't been prepared to say anything.

This Sunday we will try a slightly different format. Rather than 2 'breakout' group times there will just be one immediately after the service. In your group please check whether anyone has anything to say about the discussion question I will provide and then feel free to chat about whatever you like for as long as you like! Hopefully that will be helpful to those who are keen to discuss whilst taking off any pressure from those who would simply like to listen or to chat more generally.

Each week I have been inviting a different person to lead the prayers. Please let me know if you would be happy to do that, or indeed if you would be happy to share in some other way. It would be good to have short reflections on what has inspired you during lockdown, or perhaps for someone to choose a hymn (letting me know in advance so we can source it) and share why it is special to you. Or maybe a particular Bible passage or a poem. So we can put into practice the words of Charles Wesley,

'He bids us build each other up; And, gathered into one, To our high calling's glorious hope, We hand in hand go on.'

(even if the hand in hand bit is having to be done virtually at the moment!)

Joy to you in Christ,

Roger

For Sunday Services and Worship materials recommended by the Methodist Church of Great Britain

Google: 'Methodist Church Coronavirus Worship'

<u>Evening Service & 'Ruislip Manor Coffee'</u>: Sunday 21st June 6pm. This week's one click link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89392378417 If the link does not work type in www.zoom.com/join then the meeting ID 893 9237 8417 when prompted. Landline: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 893 9237 8417 (No password this week!)

The Bible Course: Monday 22nd June 7:30pm 'Acts and the Church'.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85922765539 If link does not work type in www.zoom.com/join then the meeting ID 859 2276 5539 when prompted.. Landline: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 859 2276 5539

Notes from Ken Merrifield

If anyone is interested in further details of Christians Against Poverty (https://capuk.org/) there was a Spring Harvest item that was still available online this week (practical Christianity in action & a really in-

spiring preacher in my opinion)- Managing Your Money in a Time of Crisis (Pray Act Love) - John Kirkby from Christians Against Poverty

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

v=15Qq8kXTyg8&list=PLjF0wwkJiOOrKGyALcMpkTp0fQnB2seW2&index=71

Thanks to Eileen for details of the Ruislip Baptist Church online services

https://www.ruislipbaptistchurch.org/video

I found it a good compromise between the formality of the main Wesley's Chapel services and the more informal Swanbank services. They may be an alternative for anyone who finds the 'special effects' in the Central Hall services distracting. In addition to their main 11.00am services Wesley's Chapel also have Communion services from their Superintendent Minister's house, 10am Morning Prayer and monthly Prayer in the Style of the Taizé Community.

Date for your diary

The next Church Council will be on Tuesday 15th September at 8pm in the Coffee Lounge.

Notice from the Stewards -

We are very pleased that Eileen is joining the Steward's and we look forward to working together, Janet, Andrew, Ken and Jess.

My Recommendations

It has been interesting reading other member's recommendations and finding out what else in out there to help continue worshipping during this difficult time. I have enjoyed the live streams from Wesley's Chapel at 11am on Sundays which I have been watching through YouTube. I have found some of the services very thought-provoking and they have allowed me to consider how I can develop my faith. It has also made me realise that I have never been to Wesley's chapel before despite living in London! It is somewhere I am keen to visit when life returns to some form of normality.

I have also watched some of the Hillsong churches services and productions on YouTube. They have many innovative and creative ways in spreading God's word. Here is a short video with a poem about church that I have found quite powerful: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2XaRC1ZN9c

Finally, I have really enjoyed attending the 6pm Zoom services. It has been good to stay connected and see some familiar and friendly faces. Hopefully we will be together in person to worship soon.

Charlotte Allard		

MHA Sunday was on 14th June.

MHA put together a wonderful on-line service, which includes prayers and hymns from lots of different people involved in MHA homes & events, including the residents and members of Live at Home schemes. It is well worth watching and can be found on this link:

https://www.mha.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/mha-sunday/

Inspiration to Exercise

It can be hard to get enough exercise during lockdown. RMMC members may be interested in a short Christian video which you can gently move or dance to at home.

The difference is that it's done to gentle Christian praise songs sung by Marilyn Baker. This can be done standing up or sitting down & people just do what's comfortable to their body. It combines movement with joyful worship. Just click on http://youtu.be/et6kQUWqrGo or put "Christian dance for beginners" into Google. It lasts just 9 minutes & is free of charge, of course. It's very suitable for mature people &

you may remember that Marilyn Baker wrote & sung the Christian song "Jesus you are Changing Me." Blessings, Ann Wills

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Chris, Sylvia's son in law, who is undergoing tests at the moment, and continue to pray for:-

anyone suffering from mental issues and from loneliness because of isolation.

all those who have contracted Coronavirus and thank God for all who have survived.

Prayers and Blessings to all at Ruislip Manor and beyond - stay safe.

Friday 19th June:

This week we pray for everyone at Christ Church Uxbridge.

We bring the Care Homes at Brackenridge House and Whitby Dene to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Torrington Road and Thurlestone Road

We wish many happy returns to all who celebrate a birthday in June



Online Sunday School

Every week the Hayes Church website has a page with resources and activities for Sunday School. You can find it at https://www.hayesmethodistchurch.co.uk/sunday-school

