

# **Ruislip Manor Methodist Church**

## Sunday 12th July 2020

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

"For prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

St. Teresa of Avila

#### Reopening for Sunday Worship – please also see separate letter

The Church Stewards and Property Stewards have worked very hard to ensure that from a property point of view we can safely open the church in line with the very comprehensive Government and Methodist Church regulations and guidance. However at present there are insufficient Stewards available to manage the service safely and regularly. There will be a Church Council on Monday 20th July at 7.30pm on Zoom to decide if we can reopen the Church. All are welcome to the meeting though only Church Council members can vote. Roger Dunlop

# 6pm Sunday Service, 12th July, 2020

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88022419299?pwd=UVF4R2hEOXBUSHNFbFFOSkFXMW1xQT09

Landline: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 880 2241 9299 Password: 062693

## Ruislip Manor Church Council 7:30pm 20<sup>th</sup> July

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87595050696?pwd=dFpySytvVlpoZy9WaktDRE13c3psdz09

Landline: 0203 051 2874 Meeting ID: 875 9505 0696 Password: 576658

#### All We Can

It was good to have Matthew Forsyth, the Churches & Volunteers Officer (London & SE) for 'All We Can' (Methodist Relief & Development) leading our zoom service on Sunday. Any donations to All We Can can be made via our treasurer (marked for 'All We Can') or use the link Matthew shared in the service:

https://www.allwecan.org.uk/harrowcircuit/?fbclid=IwAR08KqnGN0MfCS4WQ4jEO5dh8D2RXVbOh9f8TMwLRGTgFU4mshmxRHpDPVU

#### **Zoom scam - be aware**

One scam involves people receiving a text message saying 'you have a Zoom voicemail from...' and giving a name eg. 'Janet44'. Whilst Zoom does have a voicemail function, in this scam users are then given a '09' number to call. If you receive such a message do not make the call as calls to 09 numbers are charged at an exorbitant rate per minute.

Roger

#### My Recommendations

It's hard to believe that we are in July already! Our lockdown has been (thankfully) fairly uneventful, my work with the NSPCC Schools Service has paused due to the school closures, but I have used the time to undertake further training in preparation for the increased support that children will need when they are back in school. Rob has been busy working from home and I have been home schooling Siena and Grace. Neither are in the eligible year groups for a return to school yet but their school has been great in providing work and activities to keep them busy. We have kept in touch with family and friends via video calls and have enjoyed being able to see more people 'in real life' (as the girls say) in recent weeks.

We have watched the occasional live Sunday service but the girls do not find them as engaging as being at "our church" and it's "not as fun as Sunday School". They have enjoyed using the digital Family Prayer Adventure Map and together we have been reading this 'vintage' copy of "Let's Pray Together", which was presented to me by the Junior Church way back in 1986!

The recent events around the world have prompted lots of conversations in our house about injustice, prejudice and the importance of tolerance - themes that run through many of the Bible stories that they are familiar with. Not easy subjects to talk about, or understand, so being able to use these familiar stories has really helped.

Stay safe all, we hope to see you 'in real life' soon,

Alana Stewart



Kay (Jess' mother) celebrates her 100th birthday on Thursday 16th July, congratulations and very best wishes from everyone at Ruislip Manor Methodist Church.

#### **MHA Quiz**

MHA have set up an online fundraising guiz for Live at Home nationally.

Every Wednesday at 7.15pm

Starts Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

£5 entry with cash prizes

Link to register and play: https://www.virtualguizevents.com/guiz/?guiz\_fundraiser=mha

Would you kindly pass this around please? As funds are very low nationally and every little helps.

Thanks a lot

Kind regards

Shashi Desikan

Live at Home Community Programme Co-ordinator

Northwood Live at Home Scheme

#### **Library News**

Hillingdon Libraries are now operating a limited, closed-door service. Readers can reserve books online or by phoning one of the libraries listed on the website as open This includes Manor Farm Library. Once the books are available, readers can collect them between 10am and 2pm Mondays to Saturdays.

Readers unable to leave their homes can request a delivery by library staff. Deliveries from Manor Farm Library in Ruislip are already being carried out by pedal cycle. Manor Farm Library is also able to provide Hearing Aid batteries.

(See <a href="https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries">www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries</a>. and click on the bit about Reserve and Collect)

#### **Help With a Church History**

From slightly before lockdown but especially since it started I have taken an interest in the individual histories of churches and chapels, the buildings and people. This has partly spawned from a deep study made for a university project into the value of small scale microhistories but also from the fact that many of these histories are deeply interesting pieces of social history. I am currently enjoying the history of the Chadsmoor Methodist church and can recommend the history of Bilston Wesley which is easily accessible as a PDF online. I gather that aside of a few collected notes, kindly forwarded to me by Janet Fairclough there is no written history of our church. I have therefore decided that there's no time like the present as I would like to put our history on paper. The starting point here is twofold. I'm firstly checking that nothing similar already exists and secondly asking openly whether people would be keen to offer their reminiscences.

Wishing you all the best. Erick Eldrett

#### World Church/JMA

It has been a topsy turvey second half of the year and I am trying to get the World Missions back on track. This is a very important part of our church life. I would like, if possible, to have all World Church boxes and JMA boxes returned to me by Sunday, 26 July. This enables me to arrange awards, to work out my accounts, and to give Graham time to work out the end of year accounts. If there is a problem in returning to me World Church and JMA boxes, I will try to collect them. Please contact me on my home phone number or drop an email to Andrew or Susan..

Many thanks to all who have supported these causes. Ken Bracey.

# **Prayer Requests**

Please continue to pray for :-

Sandra's brother-in-law Mick, he has been newly diagnosed with Covid 19 and has underlying medical conditions.

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 10th July:

This week we pray for everyone at Hayes End Methodist Church.

We bring World Church and JMA to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Bessingby Road and Beverley Road

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



The Methodist Church has launched a FREE phone service.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

We have a few Christian books at Church if you would like to borrow one or would like some more information about the books we have please contact Janet Fairclough.