



# Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 26th July 2020

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At our Church Council on Monday we decided that we wouldn't reopen our church building for worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Some were keen to 'get back' as soon as possible; others were concerned about the appropriateness of gathering in groups at this stage in the pandemic. Some stressed how helpful they were finding the variety of internet services. We will review the situation again in a month. As I mentioned in my short sermon last Sunday we need to respect the variety of viewpoints that are held and support and encourage one another through these challenging times. Hebrews 10:11-25 says we have to learn to live together, even with those we have not chosen, in love and kindness, 'encouraging one another', working at living together in Christ.

## 6pm Sunday Service, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87838096926?pwd=d2hBem5vMDJGME1qOVliRnFzM3BjUT09>

Meeting ID: 878 3809 6926. Passcode: 873050. Landline: 0203 051 2874

The Circuit will be providing Zoom Services at 11am on Sunday mornings and a team has been set up to address this. It is hoped that these services will run from 2nd August. If you would be likely to join those services could you please let me know so they have some idea of numbers to expect.

In order to run these services technical admin support is required i.e. hosting the Zoom session, welcoming, preparing and operating PowerPoint during the online service. Could anyone who would be willing to assist with this side of the Zoom arrangements email Nicola Mercer ([hahcircuit@btconnect.com](mailto:hahcircuit@btconnect.com)) in the Circuit Office ASAP with their contact information and availability from 2nd August to the end of November. With thanks, Roger

### My Recommendations

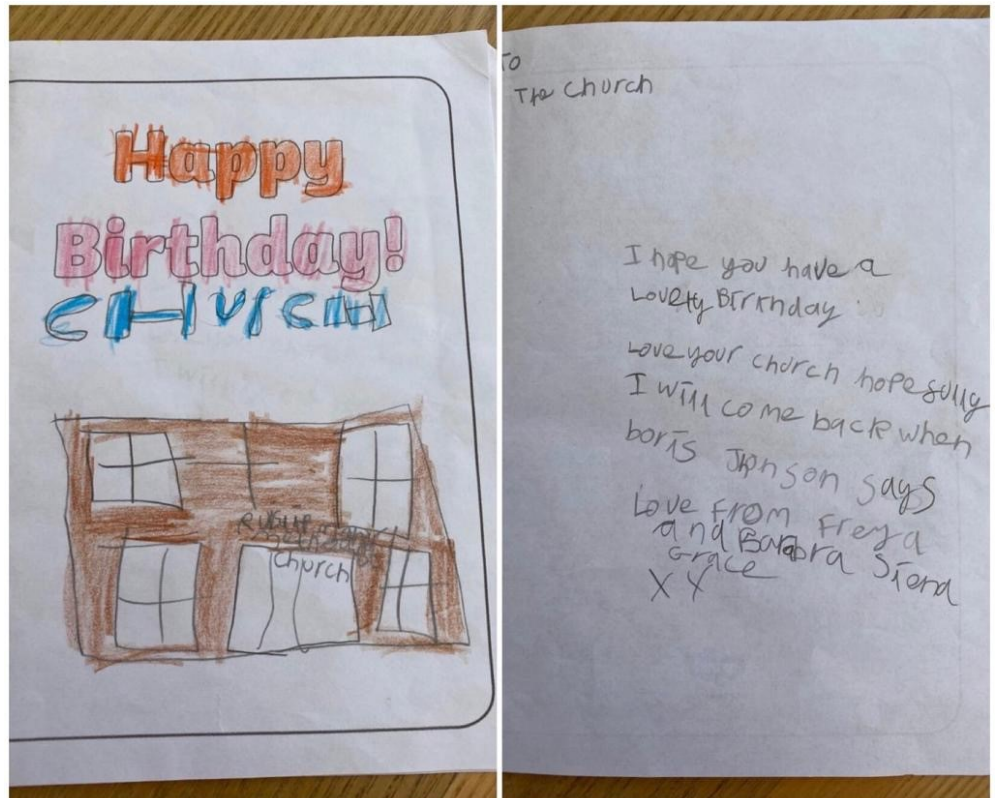
What a strange year this has been. Not being with family has been very hard. Zoom calls have been great for keeping in touch and getting our 90 year old Aunt on the calls has caused great merriment!

We didn't leave the house from March to June. Lewis, a key-worker on the London Underground had to work throughout so did our shopping for us. The Church services I've watched seem strange with empty seats. I think the most calming words I heard were from my cousin who is a "retired" Pastor. He reminded me that "God is in control". I think I physically sighed with relief on hearing him.

I have a card that Freya made for the Church Anniversary.

I too hope to see you all when we can sing and pray together.

Barbara Thomas



**“Put that light out” as Mr Hodges would say in Dad’s Army!** Over the past few weeks, we have received a number of calls reporting corridor lights being left on. When you visit the church please make sure that all lights are turned off when you leave.

Since we last met the lights to Rooms 1-5, kitchen, toilets, lobby to accessible toilet and the carpeted link from the vestibule to the main corridor have all been converted to automatic movement sensor switching. As you enter the area and the light turns on and turns off when no further movement has been detected. The redundant switches have been removed and replaced with cover plates on which notices advising this change have been placed. All other areas remain with manual switches.

Thank you for your vigilance in this matter and remember Dads Army “Put that light out”.

Freddy

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## **Help With a Church History**

A brief update into my research into the history of the church:

I would like to thank those who have already volunteered documents and knowledge but also highlight my own oversight in asking people to contact me, yet failing to leave my email address. If anyone else would like to make contact this can be done either by emailing me:

[erick11@btinternet.com](mailto:erick11@btinternet.com), or by sending me a message through the church facebook group. I will speak to those less able with the internet as the church reopens.

Thanks again,

Erick

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## **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 [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries). and click on the bit about Reserve and Collect)

## **Update from the grapevine**

The Reserve and Collect service is operating at selected Hillingdon libraries. The Reserve and Deliver service has also begun but so far there has not been much demand for it. People waiting for slots to use the library computers should keep checking the website or facebook updates.

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## **Natural History GCSE**

Many things in God's creation draw us in wonder towards God. People love a tree, a hedgerow, a mountain, a stream, animals or tiny insects, or just walking in the garden with God.

I was recently asked to take part in a survey about a new qualification offered by the OCR exam board. Oh no, not more time at a computer, I thought. Not another exam to put more pressure on children to achieve. Like them, I'd rather be out in the fresh air.

But when I clicked on the link <https://teach.ocr.org.uk/naturalhistory> I found it to be a genuinely open consultation, in plain language, and a pleasure to fill in. Doing so felt surprisingly spiritual. A sense of hope arose in me, as I proceeded with my response. I felt hope for future generations in God's creation. This GCSE might just be the cornerstone needed to connect and bear the weight of the intellectual, practical and spiritual skills that education often separates and children are required to choose between. Children's response to the real world of God's creation, could be the basis for developing the lifelong skills they will need to meet the challenges they will face in their

life and work as adults in God's kingdom.

I invite everyone to share their "awesome wonder" and perhaps see it passed on to future generations. Please complete this survey <https://teach.ocr.org.uk/naturalhistory>

best wishes

Jess

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### 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.

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### Prayer Requests

A message from Sandra:-Just to let you know my brother-in-law Mick has made almost a full recovery from Covid 19. Many thanks to those who prayed for him.

Please 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 17th July:

This week we pray for everyone at North Harrow Methodist Church.

We bring 1st Ruislip Manor (RM) Guides & Rangers and 1st RM Brownies & 3rd RM Rainbows to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Chelston Road and Chudleigh Way

**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.

### 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>

Items for the News sheet for Friday 31st July to Janet Miles , by email [newsletter@rmmc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@rmmc.org.uk) by

**Wednesday 29th July** , please