

Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 25th October 2020

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

Services at Church

Closing our church last Sunday was both a shock and a considerable disappointment. When London moved to Tier 2 (High) the Chairs of District sent an email strongly advising closure due to our responsibility for one another including vulnerable members. Subsequent emails from them have said we can still open for worship provided our Trustees (Church Council members) are happy to do so including our having a rigorous Risk Assessment. So on Monday evening we will discuss how we respond to the increased threat from the virus.

Whatever the outcome it is a reminder of our need to keep caring for one another, keeping in touch through our pastoral groups and other connections. I am reminded of Paul's words in Galatians 6:

'Whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.'

St Paul never wearies of saying that we cannot win God's favour by good deeds, but he also never wearies of talking about our duty to do good.

And my favourite reference to weariness in the Bible undoubtedly comes in Isaiah, and it is not about us, but about God:

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 42:28-31

6pm Sunday Evening Service. Roger Dunlop & Rekha Cheriyan

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85982560403?pwd=S3INQ3FNMnRhYTMrTGRyT3pKbmNkZz09 Meeting ID: 859 8256 0403. Passcode: 937005. Landline: 0203 051 2874

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICE- Join us at 10.45am each Sunday morning to share in worship with others from around the Circuit. If you are unable to attend your Church service and would like to continue online worship-this is for you! The Circuit Zoom service this Sunday 25th will be led by Philip Woods. Log into Zoom (www.zoom.us/join) using the following details **Meeting ID**: 827 0254 0378 **Passcode**: 947280

Spring Harvest Half Term Pop Up

https://springharvest.org/news/harvest-pop-up

"This year we will all be staying closer to home, but the desire to meet for worship, teaching and connection has never been stronger. So we're going to get together online during half-term week 26-31 October. With live and brand new pre-recorded content for all ages, HARVEST POP UP will be more of a taster of Spring Harvest than we've ever created before – we're excited and we'd love you all to join us for as much as you can.

We would love you sign up to access the whole event on our brand new online event platform — it will give you access to all the sessions laid out in a clear timeline, a meeting hub, live chat, links and handouts and all kinds of extras. (If you're joining in a rush at the last minute, you'll still be able to see the free sessions on YouTube but the live interaction will be turned off.) We'll keep you posted and keep your eye on our social media channels."

From Darkness to Light - Online Service of Reflection Wednesday, 04 November 2020 - 17:30 GMT

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/events/service-reflection

Sign up on Facebook. The service will also be available to view on YouTube, on the above page. We've all been through enormous change and loss during the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who have lost a loved one. This special service of reflection is a time to come together in our grief in this difficult year and to remember and celebrate those we love, who are no longer here. The service will be introduced by Amanda Mukwashi, our Chief Executive, and include a sermon from Dr Rowan Williams. It will give time and space for personal reflection, and an opportunity to light a candle in memory, should you wish. If you would like to see the name of a loved one on the screen during a moment of reflection within the service, we can arrange that. Just email Kerry at legacyteam@christian-aid.org

Scargill House have just released their autumn programme, which you can find at https://scargillmovement.org/programme/?online=true.

Scargill is a Christian Community in North Yorkshire which welcomes visitors for residential conferences and retreats. They're not taking bookings for overnight stays at present, of course, but have decided to try running a programme of events on line. It comprises a variety of quiet days (free of charge or make a donation) and other 3- or 4-day events for which a charge is made (which looks to be in the range of £50 - £100; considerably less than you would pay if you were getting bed and board too). I've done one of their online quiet days, which was very good, and I've been on one of their longer events in the days when you could go and stay with the community, so I'm very happy to recommend Scargill as worth exploring. Best wishes, Cathy

There will be a Journeys Zoom Meeting on Thur 29 October at 7.30pm

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88166825107?pwd=YUpLMW11U2hsK2dJVWpyQjVaSGwyZz09

Meeting ID: 881 6682 5107 Passcode: 749551 Landline: 020 3901 7895

We will be looking at two of the short films from 'Made of Stories'

Or at

https://madeofstories.uk/ Everyone is welcome to this friendly, informal discussion group.



Charity Christmas cards catalogues time of year has come around again and I have received details of those from Karibuni Children .Karibuni Children Hand-made banana leaf / fabric or batik Christmas cards. 6 cards (mix of 3 designs) £4 including postage. Available to order online-https://www.karibuni.org.uk/shop/?add-to-cart=6624

Karibuni Children
Stoke Mandeville Methodist Church
Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville Aylesbury
Bucks
HP22 5UJ, UK
Telephone 01296 614887
Latest news from Kenya, with video of thanks https://www.karibuni.org.uk/covid-19-update-in-kenya/

Some Methodist Services available on YouTube (you can decline requests to login or set up an account) Central Hall Westminster making use of AV features

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn9TkFzl-gk--V3JapCS0sQ

Wesley's Chapel, Main Sunday Service (more traditional compared to Central Hall Westminster)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

Other services during the week e.g.

Wesley's Chapel, short sermon series on Thursdays - currently working through Ephesians e.g. <u>12.45pm</u> Thursday 8th October, Service of the Word: Ephesians 2

FURTHER ONLINE RESOURCES-from around the Circuit: TRINITY-

The morning service will be recorded and available to view on the Church website www.trinityharrow.co.uk

YouTube video - Each week Revd Ken (Kingstone) produces a YouTube video with a Bible reading, a thought (or mini-sermon) and a prayer. Details are on each churches' website and the YouTube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP90107wxg 4sroOfwtEgiQ

Worship at Christ Church - Christ Church has a live Act of Sunday worship on FaceBook Log into Facebook | Facebook This is also available to view afterwards.



FLOWERS

It has been great to see many of our friends in person at church services over the past few weeks, albeit the services being somewhat different, thanks to Covid! The wearing of masks, socially distanced seating and the requirement to keep all windows and doors open are all becoming the familiar norm. As we are trying not to touch surfaces more than necessary, 'sign up' lists, usually on the noticeboard, are now rather taboo. With this in mind, the **FLOWER ROTA** will be held electronically rather than on paper so if you would like to donate and/or arrange flowers for a particular date, please contact Eileen Runkel (eileenrunkel@gmail.com or telephone /text 07881 270 747).

Also, if you are a budding <u>floral artist</u> (no pun intended!) your arranging services (either in a vase or a formal arrangement) would also be welcomed with open arms...please let Eileen know.

Prayer Requests

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 23rd October:

This week we pray for everyone involved in the Circuit Zoom Services We bring Action for Children and All We Can 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 October

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