

Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 8th & 15th August 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 8th August 10:45am Church Service: Ms Helen Schoon

SERVICE ON SUNDAY 15th August 10:45am Church Service: Mrs Cathy Smith

For bookings in advance email enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or telephone: 07881 270747 (see notice below)

To join the service on line, join it later or go to any of the other recent selected services

<u>click here</u> If this does not work go to the church website <u>www.rmmc.org.uk</u> and click on "Livestream Services" on the top of the page. Subtitles will be available from several hours after the close of the service. These instructions should not change from week to week.

BOOKING AHEAD

As you will know, while we continue with our Covid precautions, at least for the month of August, it is necessary to book your seats each Sunday. Some people have asked if they can book ahead for every week and this is now possible, on the understanding you give notice (as far as possible in advance) if you will **not** be attending. Of course, the number of available seats is still limited, with social distancing, so if the numbers wishing to attend church rise significantly and make it difficult to fit in everyone, it might be necessary to rethink 'booking ahead', in order to allow fair access to everyone! <u>Please confirm if you wish to book for every Sunday throughout August, on this basis*</u>. Obviously if you have any symptoms or feel unwell, you are asked to stay at home. You may also book your seats weekly, in advance, but by 6pm on the Saturday

Bookings – email enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or on 07881 270747.

*Please note

for the service on **Sunday**, **15**th **August only**, please book on 07525 850317.

The service on **Sunday, 29th August** is a united service at Ruislip Methodist Church and there will be no service at RMMC on that date.

COMING OUT OF COVID PRECAUTIONS

Everyone was, of course, delighted to hear the Government's long-awaited announcement that the remaining Covid precautions were to be lifted, with recommendations to proceed with care...and with the acknowledged warning that a peak will be expected in August. General guidance was received from the Methodist Connexion and, as Covid variant numbers continue to rise, it seemed ill-advised to lift all the precautions at RMMC which have kept us safe so far. Therefore, whilst realising it does not please

everyone, arrangements remain with the status quo, restrictions easing only very gradually in church, until there has been time for further consideration of Covid developments, by the next Church Council meeting on 9th September.

A mask may not <u>prevent</u> you from catching Covid but it is indisputable that it is somewhat effective in preventing droplets from your mouth travelling as far as they might, so it reduces the likelihood of spreading the virus more widely. For this reason:

we will continue to wear masks in church for the time being but <u>you may sing softly behind your</u> <u>mask!</u>

We will also continue to ask you to sanitise your hands upon arrival and to minimise moving around.

Ventilation during services will continue, as has been the practice, at least while the warmer weather is here.

Initially, seats will also continue to be socially distanced and, in consequence, for now, you will be asked to book if you intend to attend each week (but the distance between seats might on occasion be slightly reduced, to enable a larger number to attend). Please see below – <u>Booking</u> Ahead.

Those who have recently returned to worship have, hopefully, felt confident enough in the precautions being taken to continue their attendance; we do want everyone to feel safe.

Church Council

A reminder the next Church Council meeting is on Thursday 9th September at 7:30pm. This meeting will be held via Zoom. If there are any items you would like to add to the agenda for this meeting, please send them to me by Monday 30th August. Thank you, Charlotte.

FIRST AID COURSE

Jo Holt at Pinner Methodist Church has booked a First Aid course which will run on Tuesday 10th August from 10am to 5pm.

It is a First Aid at Work course, with a little bit of children's first aid included as it is for their youth club and toddler group. A First Aid certificate will be issued at the end of the course. There are a couple of places still available on this course, at a cost of £30 per person. If anyone from RMMC would like to attend, please contact Jo directly at <u>pinnermethodistchurch@btconnect.com</u> - so that she can take the booking directly.



With Deepest Sympathy

We hear with sadness that Local Preacher Nancy Fletcher passed away last week. Nancy served as a Local Preacher for 76 years and we give thanks for all she has done over the duration of her service. There are no funeral details as of yet and we pray for Nancy's family and friends during this sad time.

A Memorial Service for Mr Rex Hallett on 18th September

Please make a note in your diary the date for Rex's Memorial Service, which will be held on the 18th of September at 11.30am. Revd Stephen Poole will lead the service followed by refreshments. Kindly continue to keep Rex's family and friends in your prayers.

Prayer Requests

Pam Mathew's sister Grace Jackson passed away on Tuesday 6th July aged nearly 95. Please pray for Pam and Grace's family and friends.

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 6th August:

This week we pray for Pinner Methodist Church. .

We bring Hillingdon Council and Whitechapel Mission to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Linden Avenue and Lynmouth Drive

Friday 13th August:

This week we pray for Ruislip Methodist Church. .

We bring Hillingdon Hospital and Hillingdon Food Bank to God in prayer. We also pray for the people who live in Paignton Road and Rosebury Vale **We wish many happy returns to all who celebrate a birthday in August**

