



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 26th September 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 26th September

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Revd Dong Hwan Kim

We very much look forward to welcoming our new Minister – Revd Dr Dong Hwan Kim – to preach his first service at RMMC on 26th September 2021, at 10.45am. As this service is liable to be well attended, please book early (see Bookings below) to avoid disappointment.

The service will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits, to be served in the Church Hall (see Refreshments below). This will be an opportunity to meet Dong (as he wishes to be known) more informally. Please advise, when booking your seat/s, whether or not you will wish to stay for refreshments; this will enable us to set up appropriately prior to the service.

To join the service on line, join it later or go to any of the other recent selected services [click here](#) If this does not work go to the church website www.rmmc.org.uk 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.

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Ruislip & Ruislip Manor Sunday Evening Service Sep 26, 2021 06:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5412672106?pwd=b1RSekM4T0pIU3hhSTNqbXJQc0lSdz09>

Meeting ID: 541 267 2106 Passcode: 536913

COVID UPDATE

As promised, the issue of Covid precautions was raised for discussion at the Church Council meeting on 9th September 2021. An easing of precautions had been considered – and, it goes without saying, that everyone would welcome this - but, with Covid numbers still rising, and guidance from the Government and from the Methodist Connexion being to remain careful, it was felt best to continue, for now, with the current strategy which has, so far, kept everyone at RMMC safe and allowed some confidence in attending services; these precautions include: ventilation, sanitising, social distancing and the wearing of face masks.

You are therefore requested to continue these practices but, **when seated, you may now remove your mask**, if preferred; **when standing**, however, (to move around indoors or sing hymns) **you are politely requested to respect others around you by replacing your mask** (unless exempt).

BOOKINGS

With several services in the next few weeks likely to attract larger-than-average congregations, it was also felt necessary to continue with the booking system. **Alana has kindly agreed to take over the bookings' system** from this coming Sunday onwards. You are asked to book your seats, in advance, no later than 6pm on the Saturday (occasionally on the Friday – this is always stated in the weekly newsletter)*. At this time the seat allocation (which doubles as a Track and Trace form) is scanned and forwarded to the Church Steward on duty. So far, except for 'special' services, such as the Farewell Service for Roger, spare seats have been available so, if you accidentally miss the deadline, it might still be possible to fit you in. Obviously if you have any symptoms or feel unwell, please stay at home.

* Bookings may be made by emailing enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or by contacting Alana on 07525 850317.

It was agreed that the situation re bookings and Covid precautions would be reviewed once again at the end of October, by the Minister and Stewards' team, in consultation with the Risk Assessment Officer and a decision made, at that time, how to proceed thereafter.

Refreshments

I'm sure everyone has been looking forward to a return to regular after-service refreshments – an opportunity to chat informally over a cuppa and a biscuit or two in the Coffee Lounge is a very important part of the social and pastoral life of the church. Unfortunately, the still-increasing Covid numbers make refreshments, as we used to do them, an impractical idea.

However, we wish very much to welcome our new Minister, Dong, and for everyone to have an opportunity to meet him in an informal way; therefore, we will be offering socially distanced **refreshments in the church hall, after the service on 26th September**. Individually wrapped biscuits and tea/coffee will be provided and arrangements will follow the pattern used at Roger's Farewell Lunch... those attending for refreshments will be asked to wait in the church for a few moments, to allow Dong time to greet those not staying. You will then be called row by row, asked to don masks and sanitise your hands on route to the church hall, where you will be asked to collect your cup of tea or coffee and sit at tables of about 6 people. Once seated, you may remove your mask and are asked to remain seated. Dong will visit each table. Exit will be via the main church hall doors. Please make sure you book early for the service*, to avoid disappointment, and state whether or not you will be staying for refreshments.

Although we'd like to return to offering refreshments every week, this isn't currently practical - however, by way of a compromise, **we will be offering refreshments in the church hall after each All Age service** (roughly once a month). The first of these services is 10th October.

If you are able to help with serving refreshments or setting out tables and chairs on 26th September or thereafter, please contact Eileen on 07881 270747 or via enquiries@rmmc.org.uk

As we are not (currently) using paper sign-up sheets on the noticeboards, Nola has kindly agreed to keep the **rota for serving these once-a-month refreshments** – please let her know if you would be willing to offer help or email enquiries@rmmc.org.uk . Thank you.

Methodist Women in Britain Quiet Day

Ruislip Methodist Church will be hosting a Quiet Day on **Saturday 2nd October 2021, 9:45am - 4pm**. The day will be led Sister Denise Creed and will **cost £10** (including lunch). To book your place please contact your MWiB rep or email gillianoxman@googlemail.com **by Monday 27th September**. For the event poster [Click here](#)

A Date for Your Diary

It was agreed at the circuit meeting in March this year that the circuit should take a more proactive approach in developing creative and strategic plans to move forward. In addition discussions at connexional level and last year's report to conference 'Reaffirming Our Calling: Oversight and Trusteeship' (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/media/17585/conf-2020-25-reaffirming-our-calling-oversight-and-trusteeship.pdf>) will impact on our future.

The circuit is proposing to hold a series of meetings at which potential solutions to address the way forward will be discussed. The meetings will take place on Monday 11 October, Tuesday 12 October, Wednesday 13 October & Thursday 14 October all at 7.30pm. For Ruislip Manor our meeting will be on Thursday 14 October at North Hillingdon MC. The aim is for churches to meet and discuss together and not randomly scattered around the circuit. For those unable to attend North Hillingdon the meeting on Wednesday 13 October will be a Zoom event. Log in details will be published nearer the event. Further details will be available nearer the time but at this stage please book the date in your diaries.

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for Shirley Kendall, a long time former member of RMMC, who has been admitted to Ipswich Hospital, suffering from a serious leg infection. She is likely to be in hospital for several weeks.

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.

Any requests for prayers please send to prayerrequests@rmmc.org.uk

Friday 24th September:

This week we pray for everyone at Cannon Lane Methodist Church

We bring ORCHYD, the Ruislip churches' holiday scheme for young people with disabilities, to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Ashburton Road and Bempton Drive

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



Items for the News sheet for Friday 1st October to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 29th September**, please