



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 3rd October 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 3rd October

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Mrs Jo Davies

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 early each Monday morning.

: There will be no evening zoom meeting this week

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. 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.

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.

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.

Pastoral Links

1 - Dong is very happy to do home visits to any of the congregation who would like to be visited. Or alternatively, if you would like a telephone call, which he will do first before arranging to visit anyone: Please contact your Pastoral Link or someone from your group, or one of the stewards, if you would like Dong to give you a call.

2 - The Pastoral Links are looking for more Links to join our friendly group! We meet twice a year, to discuss Pastoral issues and we each have a small group of the congregation, for whom we are available to chat with, help each other and provide a link between our group itself, other groups within the church and the Minister. It is really just the same as being a member of the congregation and sharing communication and helping one another, which you are probably already doing - just without the title! Please give this role some consideration and if you are interested and would like some more information, please contact either Dong, or any of the Pastoral Links or Stewards.

WHITECHAPEL MISSION HARVEST APPEAL.

As there have been a number of charitable appeals due Covid and Natural Disasters recently. It has been suggested that we forego the usual Harvest Appeal and have a bumper CHRISTMAS/NEWYEAR effort for Whitechapel.

We will still need contributions of grocery items for the Harvest Festival. Afterwards the donated items will be given to the local food bank. Roger Davis

THE FUTURE OF THE HARROW AND HILLINGDON CIRCUIT

Further to the 'A Date for Your Diary' item in last week's newsletter, regarding the Circuit taking a more proactive approach in developing creative and strategic plans to move forward, please note there will be a series of meetings across the circuit, at which potential solutions will be offered to address this...

The meetings will take place on Monday 11 October, Tuesday 12 October, Wednesday 13 October & Thursday 14 October all at 7.30pm.

With the aim being for churches to meet and discuss issues together, **Ruislip Manor members are recommended to attend the meeting at North Hillingdon MC on Thursday 14 October at 7.30pm**; but, for those unable to attend North Hillingdon, the meeting on Wednesday 13 October will be a Zoom event. Log in details:

<https://zoom.us/j/94982197752?pwd=TIIGSmhwKzJQNVMmZXZyZXJ0VWVx6dz09>

These meetings are being held in response to churches asking for support in identifying possible ways forward; feedback, comments and ideas from the discussions will be documented and circulated before churches start exploring possible options in more depth. Obviously, this has an impact on the future running of the Circuit and, potentially, how the churches are run - hence they are very important, so do please try to attend one of the meetings. Please read and pray beforehand over the information which has been made available. If you do not have access to this information by email, please ask Eileen for a hard copy.

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 1st October:

This week we pray for everyone at Christ Church

We bring Ruislip Baptist Church, St Martin's Church and Sacred Heart Church 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

Items for the News sheet for Friday 8th October to **Janet Miles**, by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 6th October**, please