



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 10th October 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 10th October 10.45am

All Age Harvest service led by Revd Dr Donghwan Kim

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.

As there have recently been a number of charitable appeals (due to Covid and natural disasters) it was suggested that we forego the usual Harvest Appeal for Whitechapel Mission and have a bumper CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR effort for them. However, we would still welcome contributions of grocery items for the Harvest display, which will, afterwards, be donated to the local food bank.

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

We will be offering refreshments in the church hall after each All Age service, the first of which is this Sunday, 10th October. **If you are able to help set up for this before the service, at 10am on Sunday, or help prepare teas/coffees, please let Nola know or email enquiries@rmmc.org.uk.**

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

FRIENDSHIP TEAS Prior to Covid we would have a monthly afternoon tea for folk who may be on their own on a Sunday afternoon, this was held on the 1st Sunday of the month. We provided lifts to those who needed it and sandwiches, cakes and a quiz. It was much appreciated by those who came along (guests and helpers alike).

We would like to be able to restart this, as it is much needed, but need more volunteers to be able to do so. The commitment does not have to be every month, and the regular Sunday that we have doesn't have to be the 1st Sunday. If you are able to offer help or would like to know more, please contact Val Graham valgraham@btinternet.com 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.

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. **There will be an additional Circuit Open Meeting on Monday 18th October at the Lighthouse Centre from 10.30am – 12.30pm. This will be mostly for people who are unable to attend the evening meetings the week before.**

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=TIIGSmhwKzJQNvNmZXZyZXJ0VWw6dz09>

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 is still in Ipswich Hospital, suffering from a serious leg infection. She is likely to be in hospital for several more 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 8th October:

This week we pray for everyone at Eastcote Methodist Church

We bring Ruislip Methodist Church and St Paul's Church to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Brixham Crescent and Chelston Approach

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



Items for the News sheet for Friday 15th October to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 13th October**, please