



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 17th October 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 17th October

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Revd Dr Leao Neto

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.

: 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**. 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. **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.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Len Aves now attends Prestwood Church. One of their members belongs to Climate Justice For All (CJ4A), a climate focused, youth-led, global campaign which seeks to mobilise the Methodist family on issues of climate justice. They are inviting people to sign an open letter to the COP26 President. The deadline for signing is 24th October.

The link can be found here (you can put in your 'age range', if you prefer not to put your age):

<https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLSeU3tv3gOkt7Y.../viewform>

The letter asks Mr Sharma to listen to the voices of Methodists in Britain who are concerned about climate justice. It ends with this important plea:

As people of faith, we cannot let this moment pass by without doing everything that we can to seek climate justice for all. We hear the lament of our global family and the fear of future generations, as we face a crisis which ties us all together in its urgency. We must act now, in collective hope that enough can be done to enable God's creation to thrive once again.

We pray that you would hear our voices and in turn, act with our urgency and passion in mind as you lead COP26.

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

The Circuit Leadership Team would like to thank all the members who have attended the open meetings so far this week. Feedback of some good discussion is coming.

The last chance to attend an Open Meeting is on Monday 18th October at the Lighthouse Centre Queens Walk, South Ruislip HA4 0NL from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Due to this extra meeting the deadline for individual feedback to reach the Circuit Office has been extended to 9am on Wednesday 20th October,...

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 15th October:

This week we pray for everyone at Hayes Methodist Church

We bring Ruislip Nursing Home and Whitby Dene Care Home to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Chelston Road and Chudleigh Way

Items for the News sheet for Friday 22nd October to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 20th October**, please

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

