



# Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 31st October 2021

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## **SERVICE ON SUNDAY 31st October**

***Don't forget the clocks go back Saturday night***

**10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Revd Lynita Conradie**

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](http://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. (usually overnight)

: There will be no evening zoom meeting this week

## **Bookings and Covid precautions - IMPORTANT INFO SO PLEASE READ!**

The Stewards, Dong and Safeguarding Officers have reviewed the situation as promised...

Obviously, it's been left for each church in the country to make its own decision re precautions and, while some now appear to have relaxed things considerably (possibly entirely), we have continued with ventilation, sanitising, social distancing and masks, which we still feel was the correct decision for us. It goes without saying, that we would ALL like these restrictions to end, and we'd all like to dispense with the masks... but...and it's a big but...as some have (quite correctly) commented - the number of Covid related deaths might have dropped due to double vaccination (only a few so far having had the booster) but, with winter respiratory season approaching and Covid numbers rising, the apparently common assumption that it's all over is rather misplaced! Furthermore, we have just received a request from the Circuit saying, "please can we ask all [church] attendees who have now not been vaccinated to wear their masks throughout the service and whilst in church. This plea has also come via the District ...it is still recommended and expected if you have not been vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated please arrange for this to happen as soon as possible, as there is concern around the rising numbers and the potential issues this could cause. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter."

At RMMC, whilst a formal 'poll' hasn't been taken, it appears that most people attending services have been content with our precautions, many continuing to keep on their masks throughout the service anyway. So, it has been decided ...

- that we continue our current precautions - ventilation, sanitising hands, social distancing and masks unless exempt (which, **if desired**, may be removed when seated, **EXCEPT** for those who are not vaccinated).
- that, in a building as small as ours, there's not really a lot of point in providing mask-wearing and non-mask wearing areas.
- that, as there hasn't been any necessity to turn away anyone from services, we will dispense with the requirement for booking (EXCEPT FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES) but leave the seats as they are, with blocked rows, crosses and numbers; this is to encourage continued social distancing. that, for the likely-better-attended Christmas services, we ask people to book. Details will, of course, appear in newsletters and in the church website.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:enquiries@rmmc.org.uk) . Thank you.

## J M A

Congratulations to all the children and young people for receiving their awards last week at the JMA service. World Church envelopes will be available at Church for the next couple of weeks if you would like to contribute to the Global Relations mission which Ruislip Manor Church has been a big support to for many years.

## Roger

Eileen received this reply from Roger after she asked how they were settling in:-

"Feeling fairly settled in the manse though much still to do - we finally moved in here in mid September and there has been plenty to do in my churches. Having moved here I discovered I was to have 4 churches rather than 3! They are very different to each other which makes it interesting. Warm welcome of course in each. A few local walks and gradually getting to know our way around - very difficult to distinguish between all the roundabouts!

Love to all at Ruislip Manor"

## Hannah's Hair Cut

Hannah is donating around 12 inches of her hair on 6th November to The Little Princess Trust to make hair pieces for children with cancer. She has also set up a just giving page so that she can raise money for the charity towards the cost of making one of these hair pieces.

If anybody would like support Hannah you can visit Hannah'sJustGiving page by clicking here:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hannah-coleman0611?utm\\_source=Sharethis&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=hannah-coleman0611&utm\\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\\_term=649e264a5c9544f78fc6b8cc1753903d](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hannah-coleman0611?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=hannah-coleman0611&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=649e264a5c9544f78fc6b8cc1753903d).

## UPDATE FOR FRIENDSHIP TEAS

FRIENDSHIP TEAS will restart on Sunday 7th November 3.30pm and will also meet on Sunday 5th December. We will meet in the small hall (Room 5) for tea & coffee, sandwiches, cake, a quiz and good company. We are very much looking forward to meeting up again after the long break of 19 months, due to Covid.

I am very grateful to those who have offered to help with lifts, serving tea etc. If any more people are able to help, that would be great! I would also welcome help with preparing the sandwiches and cutting the cakes after the morning services on these dates.

Thank you. Valerie ([valgraham@btinternet.com](mailto:valgraham@btinternet.com))

## 50 yrs Preaching Celebration for Adrian Walker

A service is being held to mark the 50 years preaching of Adrian Walker. All are welcome to come and celebrate with us at **Eastcote Methodist Church, Pamela Gardens, Eastcote HA5 2QU** on **Sunday 14th November** at 4pm.

## Circuit Open Meetings

Thank you to everyone who attended the Circuit Open Meetings. Lots of interesting points and perspectives were expressed during the meetings which will help the Circuit move forward into the future.

The feedback is now being collated and will be distributed to the churches shortly.

Revd Ken Kingston has made a supplementary video for anyone who would like it called 'Can God Change?'

Click the [link for the video](#)

## 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.

## Prayer Requests

Shirley Kendall, is now home from hospital.

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](mailto:prayerrequests@rmmc.org.uk)

### Friday 29th October:

This week we pray for everyone at Kenton Methodist Church

We bring Brackenbridge House Care Home and Ryefield Court Care Home to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Dartmouth Road and Dawlish Drive

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



Items for the News sheet for Friday 5th November to **Janet Miles** , by email

**newsletter@rmmc.org.uk** by **Wednesday 3rd November**, please