



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 21st November 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 21st November

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Dr Joy Barrow

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

Bookings and Covid precautions - IMPORTANT INFO SO PLEASE READ!

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

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). AS WE ARE NO LONGER BOOKING ALLOCATED SEATS, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SIT 4 CHAIRS APART FROM OTHERS AND NOT IN BLOCKED ROWS OR ON CHAIRS MARKED WITH A X.

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

Refreshments - a sign-up sheet (to offer help with these after the next All Age services on 12 Dec, 9 Jan and 13 Feb) is now available on the noticeboard in the coffee lounge.

If you have a favourite charity and offer assistance, your charity can benefit from donations made on the day

Don Bailey's Funeral

Yvonne and family thank you all for your prayers and messages at this time. The funeral for Don will take place on Monday 22 November at 11am at the East Chapel, Breakspear Crematorium followed by refreshments at The Middlesex Stadium, Breakspear Road. All are welcome but to help with catering numbers please text Alison on 07766 034761 if you will be joining the family after the service.

Saying Goodbye Service

For anyone who has suffered a loss of a baby in pregnancy, at birth, or in early years; as recent as yesterday or even 80yrs ago! This service will be held at **Methodist Central Hall** for people of any faith or no faith on **Sunday, 28th November at 3.30pm**. For more details go to www.sayinggoodbye.org

Thank you to everyone who sponsored Hannah's haircut for The Little Princess Trust, she's raised over £400 so far. She managed to donate around 13 inches of hair and is very pleased with her new hair do.



Postbox Topper

The harvest fruit and veg postbox topper in Hatherleigh Rd has been replaced...although we're still a couple of weeks away from the beginning of Advent, it seemed a shame for all the hard work which went into the Christmas topper to be on display for only 5 weeks, so it's up now! We've tried to muster some inter-church action, getting Ruislip Baptist Church and St Pauls, Ruislip Manor involved on the postbox topper initiative...the idea is for each church to display a topper showing one part of the Nativity story. Lots were drawn to see which church would contribute which part of the story and RMMC drew The Shepherds. Do go along and have a look at the work (courtesy of Nola, Janet M, Roanne and Eileen). When the other churches put their toppers in place, it will be announced in our newsletter, so you can 'collect the set', so to speak!



Church Council Meeting - November 2021

Please note there has been a change of date for the next Church Council meeting, this will be held via zoom on **Thursday 25th November** at 7:30pm. If you have any items that you would like to add to the agenda for this meeting please let me know by Monday 15th November. Thank you, Charlotte (E-mail: secretary@rmmc.org.uk)

Christmas Plans!

Please note the correct date for decorating the Christmas Tree is Tuesday, 7th December 2021.

Christmas seems to be approaching at light speed...at RMMC, we will have the usual Advent wreath ready for the first Sunday in Advent (28th November). It is proposed to decorate the church and erect and decorate the **Christmas tree** on **Tuesday, 7th December 2021, commencing 10am**. A team of half a dozen or so will be needed, so if you are able to help, please let Eileen know.

In order to include as many as possible of the people who use our premises - church members (including those not yet returned to worship in person), Discovers, groups using the premises - everyone is invited to

make a **STAR** to be used in the church decorations. The stars may be made from any medium - paper, card, fabric, wire... and decorated any way you like - tinsel, sequins etc etc. Let creativity run riot! Each star should be no larger than 8" (20cm) diameter. Completed stars may be posted to the church or left on a table in the church lobby, no later than 7th December. It would be wonderful to have a whole firmament of stars, so do participate!

Knitted Tree - In addition to the usual tree, this year we'll have a second tree - created from different coloured knitted squares, contributed by several knitters. These squares will be joined together after Christmas to form a blanket/s for charity. (It's not too late to contribute, knitted or crochet 5.5" squares - instructions available from Nola).

Christmas Cards - due to lockdown, we were unable, last year, to offer the usual Christmas card rack, for distribution of cards to church friends. This year - although a slightly different arrangement - you will be able to 'post' your cards for church friends at church. From 28th November a red box will be positioned in the coffee lounge - no need for you to sort them - please place all your cards in this 'post box' on your way in to church; cards will be sorted alphabetically (and into family group bundles) during the service and, to promote social distancing, they'll be arranged in alphabetical order on a table/s in the coffee lounge. Please collect any cards for your family at the end of the service, avoiding 'bunching' around the table. Any leftover cards each week will be placed in the card rack until the following week. Last 'posting date' is the 5pm Nativity service on 19th December - any cards not collected by 19th December will need to be hand delivered or, where necessary, posted - so help with delivery will be appreciated and, obviously, please only use the RMMC card service for those attending RMMC!!!

Karibuni Children: Christmas Cards and Newsletter

Ken M has received the 2021 Christmas Newsletter and details of their Christmas Cards and Charity Gifts leaflets from Karibuni Children.

Details are available online, and some of the leaflets are in the church vestibule.

Greetings cards <https://www.karibuni.org.uk/product-category/cards/>

Shop with Charity Gifts, Christmas Decorations and more <https://www.karibuni.org.uk/shop/>

From the newsletter-

"Karibuni Children started with Corinne Murphy (daughter of our former Superintendent Bill Murphy) opening a bank account with £2.56. She had been inspired to do something about the children she had seen living in the slums and on the streets of Kenya." ...The trustees have been unable to visit the projects that they support in Kenya but have used Zoom to keep in touch. In response to the initial lock-down in Kenya in April 2020, Karibuni Children providing monthly food parcels for sponsored children and their families. This was followed up with grants to enable projects to purchase items needed to help children undertake distance learning, ranging from computer tablets to solar radios. The charity was able to respond as it had strong financial reserves due to legacies in wills that they had received and the generosity of their supporters.

Please see the end of the new sheet ,page 4 for a selection of cards

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

Please remember the family of .Don Bailey in your prayers. Don was Yvonne's husband and Alison's father.

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 19th November:

This week we pray for everyone at Northwood Methodist Church

We bring 1st Ruislip Manor Guides & Brownies and 3rd Ruislip Manor Rainbows to God in prayer.


We also pray for the people who live in Kingswear Road and Seaton Gardens.

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




Karibuni Children Christmas Cards

1. Hand-made banana leaf / fabric Christmas cards.
6 cards (mix of 3 designs)





2. Hand-made batik Christmas cards pack of 6 cards (mix of 3 designs)



The greeting on an insert inside each card is:
Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
Each card is hand-made by refugees from other African countries living in Kenya and based at the Jesuit Refugee Service in Nairobi. Using these cards Karibuni Children is working in partnership with JRS toward the self reliance of the refugees and continuing to help the children in the projects.
(As each card is individually made, designs and colours will vary)

karibuni Transforming Young Kenyan LiveS
www.karibuni.org.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1048172

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Items for the News sheet for Friday 26th November to

Janet Miles , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk

by **Wednesday 24th November**, please