



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 5th December 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 5th December

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Dr Helena Shaw

This service will not be live-streamed

:There is no evening zoom service this week

Covid Precautions update - new information

In view of the new variant and in line with guidance from Circuit this week, it is important to ensure we maintain our precautions - ventilation, sanitising hands, social distancing and wearing masks (unless exempt). Those not vaccinated are asked to keep masks on at all times. Those who are vaccinated may remove masks, when seated but, for the consideration of others, are encouraged to keep them on throughout. To enable some form of Track and Trace, you are now asked to sign in upon arrival - a Welcome Steward will direct you to the sign in sheet in the foyer. Please ensure you sit 4 chairs (2m) away from others, not in a 'blocked' row or on chairs marked X.

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

Bethany's Funeral

This will take place on Thursday 16th December at 1pm at Ruislip Manor Church, (it will also be live -streamed). It will be family members only at the crematorium after the service. All are invited to join the family at the McGovern Park afterwards.

The latest edition of Circuit Life is available. Please let a Steward know if you are unable to receive an electronic version and wish to receive a hard copy.

WHITECHAPEL MISSION CHRISTMAS/NEWYEAR APPEAL

Dear Friends, It is some time since we have had an Appeal for Whitechapel and as the Festive Season draws near we must give a thought for those who do not have a home or family and Christmas is not a time for good cheer. As we no longer collect food, clothing and toiletries the only avenue for us is to give money. The Mission operates 365 days a year and opens every morning at 6am. There is always a queue for Breakfast and also a shower plus a change of clothes. Plus help and advice for those who need it. There are Mission envelopes in the Vestibule which can be put in with the offertory. You can do a BACS transfer via:- Ruislip Manor Methodist Church. Account Number 00033759 ort 40-52-40 (CAF Bank) Please make sure in the Ref Space put Whitechapel This will inform Graham the money is intended for the Mission, otherwise the donation would go to the general fund. I realise that during the Covid Emergency there have been many calls for help etc. please remember Whitechapel and be as generous as you are able. Thankyou All in anticipation. Roger Davis.

International Bible Reading Association

Fresh From The Word: the Bible for a change offers a fresh approach to Bible reading and is written to support all readers of the Bible, from new Christians to those seeking to deepen their faith and relationship with God. Bringing together over 50 international writers to give you new insights every day. Fresh From The Word contains Bible verses, notes, prayers and action points. The cost is £10.99. If you wish to order a

copy please contact me or email me on junebriggs03@gmail.com, thank you, June Briggs

Circuit Carol Service

There will be a Circuit Carol Service on the **5th December** at the **Lighthouse Centre, South Ruislip** with the service starting at **4pm**. Come and join us for an afternoon of celebration and singing.

Christmas Plans!

- The Advent wreath is now in place.
- Decoration of the church and the Christmas Tree will take place Tuesday, 7th December, commencing 10am...please come along to help if you can...jobs for all, included seated ones!!!
- Thanks to Discoverers and the Craft Group for the Stars already made for decoration of the church...any other stars (any medium, 8" maximum diameter) would be most welcome...please leave on the table in the church foyer.
- Donations of 5.5" knitted or crochet squares are also welcome for the Knitted Tree (to be made into a charity blanket after Christmas).
- The red postbox is now available in the Church foyer for your Christmas cards to church members (last post 19 December). Cards will be sorted each week alphabetically and within family bundles, for you to collect at the end of the service - please try to avoid 'bunching' around the table. We will do our best to hand deliver or post any cards not collected by 19 December.

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).

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 news sheet ,page 3 for a selection of cards

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 keep the Horchover family , Jenny Neil and Aiden in your prayers after the tragic death of their daughter Bethany last week.

Phil Evans - husband to Mary and father to Paul, Angela and Jennie - sadly passed away last weekend. We pray for the Evans family at this sad time.

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 3rd December:

This week we pray for everyone at Ruislip Methodist Church

We bring Hillingdon Council and Hillingdon Hospital to God in prayer.


We also pray for the people who live in Paignton Road and Rosebury Vale

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




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 UK Charity Number 10448172

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Items for the News sheet for Friday 10th December to

Janet Miles , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk

by **Wednesday 8th December**, please