



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 1st May 2022

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 1st May

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church: Mr Majak Kuyoro

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.

Covid Precautions Review – revised plan from 27 March

Following some discussion, it was agreed at the Church Council meeting on 17 March 2022 to lift most of the Covid precautions. From Sunday, 27 March

Masks will be optional.

Hand sanitisers will continue to be available.

Ventilation in the church will be continued.

In order to provide for those who wish to continue some social distancing and those who don't - the two central seating blocks will be 'open seating' and the seating blocks either side will be reserved for those who still wish to sit socially distanced from others. Stewards will be able to direct you as necessary.

Please respect one another's choices and bear with the Stewards during this transition to (yet another!) new system.

The Church Stewards will, of course, continue to review week-by-week how this is working and make any adjustments necessary. A full review will be made at the next General Church Meeting (after service on Sunday 22 May).

Thank you for your patience during what has been a long time of unprecedented disruption. Eileen

Refreshments

- **FANFARE!** - It has been decided that, after this weeks refreshments (following the All Age service on 8 May), refreshments will, once again, be served weekly in the Coffee Lounge. It will be lovely to return more frequently to this social aspect of our fellowship. As always, if you are able to help with refreshments, please sign up on the noticeboard in the coffee Lounge or speak directly to Nola/Janet M. If you have a favourite charity and offer assistance, your charity can benefit from donations made on the day.

Friendship Tea at 3.30pm, in the coffee lounge.

If you have a few minutes to spare after the mornings service, please could you help make sandwiches for today's Friendship Teas. All the ingredients are in the kitchen, we just need willing hands! Thank you. If anyone is free on this afternoon from 3.15pm to serve teas or sit and chat we would be very pleased to see you.

Whitechapel Mission

As Tony Miller MBE will be taking our Service on May 29th It was thought prudent to postpone our regular Easter Appeal for a few weeks, so that we can have the Appeal up to May 29th. I do realize that there have been many calls for financial assistance recently but as one of our primary Charities we cannot ignore

Whitechapel. If you are able to donate any amount please either use the Whitechapel envelopes on the Vestibule table. or if preferred by bank transfer via the RMMC account 00033759 sort code 40-52-40 it is essential

that you mark the donation WHITECHAPEL and of course if you are able GIFT AID the donation all the better. I hope that when Tony Miller MBE visits us we can give him notice of a bumper amount.

Many Thanks in advance. As the Mission says 'WE REMAIN OPEN AND SERVING'

Roger Davis. RMMC Whitechapel Rep.

Quiz Night

An important part of our fellowship at RMMC, we are delighted to be restarting some social gatherings, the first of which will be a Quiz Night, organised by Erick, on Saturday, 21st May 2022, doors opening 6.45pm for a 7pm start. It is hoped to include a fish and chip supper but, as the event is still in the planning stages, further details will be available in the next week or so. If you think you might like to put together a team, please contact Erick on 07763 448734 to register interest.

Easter Offering 2022 - Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story

Each year, the Methodist Church gives out Easter Offering envelopes in local churches, as well as holding an Easter Offering dedication service. This tradition dates back to 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from 'Christmas pennies' at family gatherings on Christmas Day. This year's theme, 'Tell Her Story, Tell Our Story' features the stories of women which have often been forgotten or overlooked, stories of courage, compassion and calls for change. The theme is inspired by the tenth anniversary of Methodist Women in Britain and the work it has done to empower and enable women around the world.

The offerings collected go to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain. In 2019 over £370,000 was raised and the hope for 2022 is to exceed this total. **The Circuit's Easter Offering service will be held in June at the Lighthouse Centre - details at a later date.**

The Methodist Church's World Mission Fund, helps to support mission partners working overseas, nationals in mission appointments and overseas students in ministry training. It also allows the church to make grants to Partner Churches for special projects.

Ukraine -

If you wish to make a donation, this can be made as a direct bank transfer via RMMC's account - **00033759 sort code 40-52-40** - please mark the donation UKRAINE. Cash donations may be made at church - please place your donation in a sealed envelope clearly marked UKRAINE. Please write your name on the envelope if you have a gift aid declaration with the church and you wish us to claim the Gift Aid and pass it on to the appeal.

[Wesley Seminar: Reconnection to Methodism | Tuesday 24 May | 7pm - 8.30pm](#)

Marking Wesley Day in the Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit with a Wesley Seminar at the Lighthouse Centre, South Ruislip, Revd Dong will draw focus on early Wesley Ministry and encourage discussion. Refreshments will be provided and all are invited to attend. **If you are able to help with refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) afterwards, please let Eileen know.**

Refugees to Rwanda

The following statement has been issued by the London District Chairs of the Methodist Church and was shared in this week's District newsletter:

The London District Chairs stand with other faith leaders in the condemnation at the government's policy of outsourcing asylum applications to Rwanda. This will further displace people who are already distraught and marginalised. This policy of rerouting people seeking refuge and a new life, makes the United Kingdom appear to be a hostile nation, and as Christians we reject this ill-treatment of destitute people. We would call upon our government and the Home Secretary, Right Honourable Priti Patel to reverse this unjust policy. The United Kingdom has a proud history of welcoming refugees to our shores and offering a safe place to settle. The outsourcing of these applications, we believe is contrary to our Christian values and contrary to the Gospel.

This policy is underpinned by the government's Nationality and Borders Bill presently going through its final stages in Parliament on Wednesday 20 April. Therefore we call upon Members of Parliament to vote against the Bill. - Revd Dr Jongi Zihle and Revd Nigel Cowgill

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ, wept over Jerusalem.
Today, we weep over Ukraine.
We weep for those uprooted from their homes and lives.
We weep for those cowering in basements.
We weep for those who have witnessed death and destruction on their streets.
We weep for those separated from parents, from children, from spouses and siblings.
We are amazed at the resilience of people seeking to comfort those in need and so we pray for Governments opening up borders so that Ukrainians can have safe passage.
We pray for churches and individuals providing food, clothing and shelter.
We pray for medical workers ensuring that shattered bodies are put back together again.
We pray for ordinary Russians demonstrating and voicing their disapproval of the military actions in Ukraine.
May the Holy Spirit give us the willpower to turn our tears into action also.
May we, through our words, prayers and example pursue the things that make for a just peace in the world today and especially in Ukraine.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. AMEN

Prayer Requests

Please remember Patsy & Vic Gutteridge in your prayers, they have both recently has Covid and Vic has also been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer.

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 28th April:

This week we pray for all at Yiewsley Methodist Church

We bring Hillingdon Foodbank and Whitechapel Mission to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Sunneydene Avenue and Tiverton Road

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



Coming soon...

As we move towards a more 'normal' way of life at RMMC (albeit a new normal!) plans are afoot for some social events over the next few months - a possible **Quiz Night** in May (date to be confirmed) and a 'posh' afternoon cream tea/lunch (so **Jubilee Tunch**), to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, following the Sunday service, on 5 June. Details of both these events will follow in the next few weeks.

Items for the News sheet for Friday 6th May to **Janet Miles**, by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk

by **Wednesday 4th May**, please