



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 13th September

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We are delighted to be reopening our church building for worship on 13th September. There is a comprehensive summary of how things will be different to normal so that we can stay safe and within the government guidelines. My experience at Ruislip over the past month has shown that everything has gone much more smoothly and happily than we expected. It has been a good experience returning to church!

There are details below of how to book to let us know you are coming so we can prepare more effectively.

Please note that this first service back won't be an All Age Worship service and Discoverers will not have resumed. All ages are of course welcome and I will include a children's talk if any young people are with us.

The Archbishop of Canterbury posted today that: "After contact with Government we hear that there is no change to guidance on places of worship. Worship is the work of God – not a social gathering – and gives the strength to love and serve". But Boris' announcement this evening seems to contradict that. If so it is a huge shame since we have taken such rigorous steps to make our church building a safe place to be. So this Sunday may be both the first and the last opportunity in a long while for us to meet together in our lovely building. I presume it will become clearer before the new rules begin on Monday.

Regardless of what happens on Sunday mornings our evening service will continue for the time being on Zoom:

Zoom Church Service 6pm Sunday 13th September 2020

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85982560403?pwd=S3INQ3FNMnRhYTMrTG9yT3pKbmNkZz09> Meeting ID: 859 8256 0403. Passcode: 937005. Landline: 0203 051 2874

Have you ever thought about praying with a paintbrush or your camera; or tried imagining yourself taking part in a scene from the Bible? On the Prayer Course we are learning about different subjects of prayer (adoration, petition etc) and are supported in experimenting with different ways of praying.

We're all individuals, so it's understandable that the approaches to prayer that each finds most helpful will also be different. But hearing about the experiences and perspectives of others is as important a part of the course as is watching the session videos and those conversations help us to be open to new approaches to prayer. If you'd like to join us, our next meeting is at 7:30pm on 21st September, when we'll be looking at petition.

Cathy Smith

The Prayer Course. 7:30pm 21st Sept 2020 Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89755151186?pwd=V2JuMHRJeDQ5STdtTnVWREprOVlzQT09> Meeting ID: 897 5515 1186. Passcode: 305039. 0203 481 5240

Methodist Church Year of Prayer

Across the Methodist Church, the next twelve months will be a year of prayer so that our Church-wide commitments to evangelism, church growth, church at the margins, and pioneering and church planting will flow from a deep, contemplative orientation to God's grace and love.

Be part of this movement of prayer as we ask the Holy Spirit to help us be a growing, evangelistic, inclusive, justice-seeking Church of gospel people.

You can join online every Tuesday from 12.45-1.00pm for an online prayer meeting.

Find out more at <https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/evangelism-growth/year-of-prayer>.

Each week people will use this breakthrough prayer:

*God of love, God for all,
your purposes are more beautiful
than we can possibly imagine.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit.
Help us let go of all that holds us back.
Open our lives and our churches
to new seasons of humility and faith,
of change and growth.
Shake us up with the Good News of Jesus
and show us the way.
Amen.*

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICE- Join us at 10.45am each Sunday morning to share in worship with others from around the Circuit. If you are unable to attend your Church service and would like to continue online worship- this is for you!

The Circuit Zoom service this Sunday 6th will be led by Richard Reid. Log into Zoom using the following details

Meeting ID: 827 0254 0378

Passcode: 947280

To receive full details of each week's service please e-mail hahzoomservices@gmail.com

Booking For A Service

We are pleased to be reopening the Church on Sunday 13th September, due to social distancing numbers are going to be limited and you will therefore, need to book a place (this also addresses track and trace). Bookings for the following week's service should be made by emailing

enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or by telephone 07881 270747 (Eileen Runkel)

Please contact Eileen before 6pm on the Saturday preceding the service.

Church Council

A reminder that the next Church Council meeting will be on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7:30pm. This will be held via Zoom. All are welcome. Thank you.

Whitechapel Mission

This year we will only be giving money donations to Whitechapel Mission. If you are sending a donation to Graham please make sure you inform him it is for Whitechapel Mission. Thank you

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Barbara Aves, Barbara has neuropathy and is in a lot of pain. She is at present in Hillingdon Hospital as she has an infection. Please also remember Len in your prayers.

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.

Friday 11th September:

This week we pray for everyone at Trinity Church.

We bring MHA, our partner in the Live-at-Home scheme and all the Methodist Homes including Kendrick House 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 September



The Methodist Church has launched a FREE phone service.

Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514

Listen to news: 0808 281 2478

Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

We have a few Christian books at Church if you would like to borrow one or would like some more information about the books we have please contact Janet Fairclough.

Online Sunday School

Every week the Hayes Church website has a page with resources and activities for Sunday School. You can find it at <https://www.hayesmethodistchurch.co.uk/sunday-school>

Reopening the Church

We are very pleased to be reopening our Church for worship on Sunday 13th September.

If you are in a 'vulnerable' group, the advice is not to attend public worship and we want everyone to feel safe. Obviously if you have any symptoms or feel unwell please stay at home.

So how will things be different?

Booking

Social distancing is limiting the numbers we are able to accommodate and so we will ask people to book a place in advance by an email to enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or by telephone: 07881 270747 (Eileen Runkel) Please contact Eileen before 6pm on Saturday. Thank you

Welcome and arrival

Windows and doors will be left open during the service to facilitate ventilation so if necessary, please wrap up warm!

We are aiming to keep to the two metres social distancing beginning with queuing if necessary, to enter church.

Face coverings must be worn.

'Track and Trace' means that we will record your name as you enter. This information will be kept for three weeks.

There will be a one-way system with entry through the glass doors in Torrington Road. The exit for those who are able to use the steps will be to Ashburton Road. Appropriate signs will be put up before reopening.

Please use the hand sanitiser when you enter or leave the building.

Cushions can be taken from the usual place but should be left on the chair at the end of the service.

A door steward will direct you to a seat filling up from the designated ones at the front of the church.

Once seated you will not be able to move around the church.

Toilets

The toilets will be open but to accommodate social distancing only one person can use the toilet area at a time. Please follow the one-way system back to the Church via the link corridor (coat corridor)

Worship

No Bibles, Hymn books or Worship Books will be provided though feel free to bring your own. Words will be on the screens. If that will prove difficult for you, please let us know. Books that are handed out must be left in the church and will be quarantined.

Singing is not permitted though we are likely to listen to some hymns and songs.

We are asked not to raise our voices but to speak at normal volume e.g. in any liturgical responses.

We will not be having printed notices but are aiming to still have the weekly email which we hope is passed onto those without computers by pastoral visitors or by someone else.

We are aiming that each service will be no longer than 45 minutes.

The 6pm Sunday 'Zoom' service will continue if there is sufficient demand.

Offertory

There will be a collection plate as we walk to our seat. To lower the risks of cross-contamination as well as various other benefits it would be helpful if as many as possible were able to give by Standing Order, Bank Transfer or other electronic means (please contact Graham if you would like more information - treasurer@rmmc.org.uk 0208 868 7852). However, if giving on a Sunday, notes rather than coins would simplify the task for those counting the collection.

Leaving

We will not be able to meet for refreshments after the service.

Door stewards will help you leave beginning with those in the back rows. Please remember social distancing as you leave.

Please do not enter the church during the week but if you need to do so please clean any surfaces that you touch.

I'm conscious that for some of you these precautions will sound 'over the top', whilst for others they will not be enough! However, we need to respect and support one another and keep each other safe.

Items for the News sheet for Friday 18th September to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 16th September**, please