



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 20th December

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The last 9 months have been very hard for many and there are many challenges still to come. We all face worry and uncertainty about the future for ourselves and others. Will we keep well? Will we keep our jobs? Will we be able to buy what we want at a reasonable price?

In the middle of all this we're reminded of the story of the birth of a baby in Bethlehem 2000 years ago. More than ever, we need to ask ourselves what we think about that story.

Is it just a pleasant fairy tale for children, full of cuteness and prettiness - mangers and stables and all the rest - or is there more to it than that? After all, it centres round a birth, and birth is one of the great moments of our existence. The birth of any child is a marvellous experience. It marks a new start. A new-born baby has no past to drag it back; he or she only has a future filled with hope. That's why the Christmas story is so powerful. In the birth of Jesus we see God offering a new start for all of us, no matter what age we are. I hope you can share in our Christmas services and know fresh hope and joy as you reflect on God's amazing love for you and for His world.

Can you help approximately 600 refugees and asylum seekers who are in temporary accommodation in two Hillingdon hotels? They are especially in need of men's and teenage boys' clothing and waterproof shoes, and clothes for newborn and young babies. For further details contact: sarah@reap.org.uk

6pm Sunday Evening Service 20th December. Revd Ruth Gee. Agape *See note below – bring eg biscuit, piece of cake or mince pie and fruit juice or water*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81332285563?pwd=ZVB5YTk2bWVlQUx0RmFsbkxYlg2dz09> Meeting ID: 813 3228 5563. Passcode: 018864 Landline: 0203 051 2874

The evening service, on zoom on **December 20th** will include an **Agapé (Love Feast)**. This is a Christian fellowship meal which recalls the many meals Jesus shared with others during his ministry. This is not a celebration of Holy Communion but is an occasion when, traditionally people share their experiences of God's love in their lives. In the service on the fourth Sunday in Advent we will be thinking especially about Mary, the mother of Jesus. You are invited to have ready something to eat and something to drink. This should not be bread and wine but might be a biscuit, piece of cake or mince pie and fruit juice or water. Anything is acceptable. I am looking forward to worshipping with you.

Best wishes

Revd Ruth Gee

CIRCUIT ZOOM SERVICE- at **10.45am** each Sunday morning to share in worship with others from around the Circuit.

The Circuit Zoom service this Sunday 20th will be led by Catherine Wells. Please note that the login details have changed. Log into Zoom using the following details

Meeting ID: 886 0143 3540

Passcode: 611964

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

CIRCUIT ZOOM JUNIOR CHURCH- Junior church will now start at **10am** and finish at 10.35am so that members can join the Circuit Zoom Service. The host might show as 'Little Acorn Services' so don't let that confuse you! Young members can join Junior Church: Meeting ID: 852 8828 1958 and passcode is: 487813

9.45am Christmas Day Celebration on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87046430064?pwd=UWY5Y2ZhVEtrVG93TmJ0aUNnUE1ldz09> Meeting ID: 870 4643 0064. Passcode: 638520. Landline: 0203 051 2874

Featuring a video made by our Discoverers & Friends of the Nativity!

And an opportunity to show something you have received this Christmas. We hope the service will be streamed with an unlisted, private link for anyone who can't access Zoom or needs to watch the service later in the day. If so we will send out the code on 21st December. However it would be good to see as many of our church family as possible on this very special day which of course can only occur via zoom rather than the one-way livestream.

Ruislip's Christmas Day service will be at 11am so feel free to join that if for some reason you cannot manage 9.45am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86355958177?pwd=R3RRVitvOGIZODUrR0dLRlIFSpVUT09> Meeting ID: 863 5595 8177. Passcode: 898643. Landline: 0203 051 2874

No Zoom service 27th December – do join the Circuit service or an online service eg:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/singing-the-faith-plus/seasons-and-themes/worship-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

6pm Sunday 3rd January Evening Service. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81332285563?pwd=ZVB5YTk2bWVlQUx0RmFsbkxYlg2dz09> Meeting ID: 813 3228 5563. Passcode: 018864 Landline: 0203 051 2874

Next **Prayer Course – Monday 11th January** 'Listening'. I found last Monday's time very helpful and worthwhile. I would encourage you to spend 20 minutes watching the video that we looked at <https://prayercourse.org/sessions/>

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY TRAIL- In North Hillingdon knitted nativity figures have started appearing in the windows of local shops and businesses. These are part of a children's Nativity Trail organised by North Hillingdon Methodist Church, together with other local churches. The trail is a bit like a treasure hunt. Please see http://www.northhillingdonmethodistchurch.org/docs/nativity_trail.pdf for more information.

WHITECHAPEL MISSION APPEAL CHRISTMAS/NEWYEAR

Owing to the Covid-19 situation we have been unable to collect/deliver Foodstuffs Toiletries or clothes for Whitechapel since March. The work of the Whitechapel Mission has not ceased or been curtailed by the Virus. The homeless still need to be fed, showered and re-clothed. The Mission opens at 6am daily and there are always people waiting for the doors to open, so far since March the Mission has served over TWOHUNDRED THOUSAND free Breakfasts with only the in-house staff as no volunteers were allowed during the Lockdowns. We are therefore appealing this time for cash Donations only so that The Mission can continue to operate 365 days per year.

I do realise that so many Charities are in difficult circumstances and it is a challenge for us all during this very challenging time. Whatever you are able to give to this appeal will be gratefully received and every penny will go towards the work and Mission at

Whitechapel, nothing is deducted for Admin purposes.

You may BACs transfer to our Treasurer Graham via:-

Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

CAF Bank, Sort Code 40-52-40 Account number. 00033759

Please make sure that you insert in the Ref Box . Whitechapel Mission. This will be essential for Graham.

If you wish to Donate via the Mission Website please ensure that you notify Graham so that it can be recorded for this Appeal. There are always Envelopes on the Vestibule Table which may be used when the Church re-opens. If you are able and pay Income Tax please GIFT AID your Donation so that 25p in every pound will be added to your amount.

Roger Davis Manor Whitechapel Rep.

London District MWiB Presidential Appeal

The theme this year is "Living Water in Parched Lands".

We are asked to raise funds to support 'Robes' a charity offering shelter and food for homeless people in Southwark and Lambeth and building bore holes in Northern Ghana. Please see the attachment entitled 'Count our Blessings' . Please pass donations to Graham Lee by 24th January, making sure you inform him that they are for the MWiB appeal. Thank you. Please see attachment.

Information about our New Minister

As you will all know Revd Roger Dunlop will be leaving the Circuit next July.

We are very pleased to announce that Revd Donghwan Kim will be joining the Circuit next September and will be the minister for Ruislip Manor and Ruislip and responsible for the Lighthouse Centre at South Ruislip. Dong is Korean and is at present studying in Korea, he has previously worked as a Circuit Minister in Kingston upon Thames and in Islington and Camden. We look forward to welcoming him and his family next September.

Community Bible Study – 2 of my churches in the past have had CBS groups that were appreciated. You can now try CBS online. See <https://cbsuk.org/>

Prayer Requests

We pray for Jon Pope as he recovers in hospital from a fall. Jon and Valerie thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes.

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 18th December:

This week we pray for each other here at Ruislip Manor Methodist Church that we may know your presence and strength as we go forward into a New Year.

We bring H4All a joint venture of local community charities, DASH, Age UK, Mind, Harlington Hospice, and Hillingdon Carers to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Linden Avenue and Lynmouth Drive

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



Some Online Carol Services

Saturday 19 December 7.30pm Jazz Carols from the Jazz Community Church (Birmingham, UK)
<https://www.facebook.com/jazzcommunitychurch/videos/1136852196654959/>

Online Services

Why not try something different?

If you have looked at the main online services listed by the Methodist Church they have suggested some additional ones that may be somewhat different-

The Isle of Man Methodist Church have services, mediations, worship songs and “kids stuff” over at their YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQDyhDDSLuGg3Rzdvu3Ge8g/>

See the Jazz Community Church

<https://www.facebook.com/jazzcommunitychurch/videos/1136852196654959/>

Here's Austin New Church in the USA using Bob Dylan style words on sheets of paper -

<https://www.facebook.com/austinnewchurch/videos/193661242062549/?t=478>

A more extensive list of Methodist Services available on YouTube at: -

<https://www.methodistlondon.org.uk/sunday-services>

Online resources

For **YouTube**- videos follow a link, if given, otherwise go to <https://www.youtube.com/> and enter some keywords that are associated with the video that you are trying to find into the 'Search' box.

When it requests you to sign in or set up an account you can just select 'NO THANKS!'. When Adverts appear you can select 'Skip Ads' when it becomes available, or look for a close 'x' in the top right corner of a small banner advert.

When a video is playing press the 'f' key to go to full screen mode and 'Esc' or 'f' again to return to the normal mode.

Zoom is a conference program that is now widely used for organising meetings. There are many tutorials on how to use Zoom, e.g.-

[Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time; Fun and Easy Online Connection](#)

Ken Merrifield

For anyone who misses the usual Christmas Letter from Jess and Graham they can view it on this link:

[Christmas Letter](#)

*May God's Gift of Love
Be Your Joy at
Christmas
and in
The New Year*



Items for the News sheet for Friday 1st January to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 30th December**, please