



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 3rd January 2021

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Thank you for all your greetings over the Christmas period. I hope that even with the restrictions it has been a special time for you and a time when you could be encouraged by God's love for you shown in in the birth of Jesus. A huge thank you to our young people who created such a wonderful nativity video for us.

This leader reminds us that God understands the worst we have to go through; that Christmas gives us assurance of God's love and hope for the future:

People often forget by what other sombre feasts Christmas is surrounded. The day after Christmas Day commemorates St Stephen, the 1st Christian martyr, & then comes the Feast of the Holy Innocents - the children slaughtered by Herod in place of Jesus. Even Epiphany has its sombre aspect. The kings bring Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense & myrrh, which symbolise kingship, divinity & the bitterness of death.

When Simeon greets the child in the temple he prophesies to Mary that 'a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also'. One of the great images of Christian art is the Virgin holding her son dead in her arms - the Mater Dolorosa. Crib means Cross.

The birth of a child is always something we rejoice in - the pledge of new life & of innocent hope. Yet it is striking that on the one occasion when Jesus spoke of birth, he did so in the context of suffering & death, 'A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish for joy that a man is born into the world.' According to John's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words as intimating his own death. The travail will be the sorrow which will afflict his own disciples when he is put to death, & the joy which will mysteriously come to them afterwards is not explained at the time.

The life of Christ as received by the Church is therefore steeped in tragic symbolism - but it is a tragedy with a happy ending.

[Sunday Telegraph leader 22-12-96]

" **Barbara Aves** We are so sorry that Barbara sadly passed away on 21st December. We send our love and prayers to Len and his family. We are grateful for the friendship that Barbara shared and all she contributed to Ruislip Manor Methodist church, especially for her creative talents"

6pm Sunday 3rd January Evening Service. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81332285563?pwd=ZVB5YTk2bWVlQUx0RmFsbkxkYlg2dz09> Meeting ID: 813 3228 5563. Passcode: 018864 Landline: 0203 051 2874

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

. 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

Next **Prayer Course – Monday 11th January** ‘Listening’.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83783280121?pwd=MU5XYVZscVBDUno4K21ITWZZSsY5Zz09> Meeting ID: 837 8328 0121. Passcode: 402449. Landline: 0203 051 2874

Vera Glozier sends her thanks to everyone for their Christmas Greetings , she hopes you had a Happy Christmas and sends best wishes to you for the New Year.



A big thank you to Alana and all the Discoverers for the lovely nativity.

If you missed it (or want to see it again) <https://youtu.be/T6qpf83KO3A>

Or for the full Christmas Day Service. https://youtu.be/8H1VpMB_97M



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 Nbr. 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.

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

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 1st January:

This week we pray for everyone at South Harrow Methodist Church

We bring Karibuni and Toilet Twinning 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 January



For anyone feeling the need of confidential and anonymous support at this time (in addition to our own pastoral support) with a Christian perspective there is Premier Lifeline

Open 9am to midnight every day on 0300 111 0101

"Premier Lifeline: the National Christian Helpline is a confidential telephone helpline offering a listening ear, emotional and spiritual support from a Christian perspective, prayer and signposting.

Premier Lifeline is staffed by Christian volunteers who are able to offer emotional and spiritual support. (Landline Rate - included in call packages where landline calls are included).

Dial a Prayer-A FREE phone service to hear prayers and news from the Methodist Church has been launched. Listen to a prayer: 0808 281 2514 Listen to news: 0808 281 2478 Content is updated weekly on Thursday evening.

Some 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

Items for the News sheet for Friday 8th January to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 6th January**, please