



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 1st August 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 1st August

10:45am Church Service: Local Arrangement led by Susan Bracey

For bookings in advance email enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or telephone: 07881 270747 (see notice below)

If you are not able to join us in person you can share in the service via our live stream.

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. These instructions should not change from week to week.

ROGER'S FAREWELL

After all the uncertainties surrounding Covid precautions, we were very pleased to be able to hold a Farewell Lunch, following our Rev Roger Dunlop's final service at RMMC on 25 July 2021. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this event a success, especially Val for her management of the catering team and Niki Cone for the amazing cake. Roger's son, Greg, was able to join him and Catherine for the event at which Catherine was presented with a posy of church lavender as a token - a lavender plant will be delivered direct to Roger and Catherine once they are settled into their new Manse - to remind them of RMMC; and, thanks to your generosity, a cheque for £677.00 was presented to Roger, together with a card, made by Nola.

BOOKING AHEAD

As you will know, while we continue with our Covid precautions, at least for the month of August, it is necessary to book your seats each Sunday. Some people have asked if they can book ahead for every week and this is now possible, on the understanding you give notice (as far as possible in advance) if you will **not** be attending. Of course, the number of available seats is still limited, with social distancing, so if the numbers wishing to attend church rise significantly and make it difficult to fit in everyone, it might be necessary to rethink 'booking ahead', in order to allow fair access to everyone! Please confirm if you wish to book for every Sunday throughout August, on this basis*. Obviously if you have any symptoms or feel unwell, you are asked to stay at home. You may also book your seats weekly, in advance, but by 6pm on the Saturday

Bookings – email enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or on 07881 270747.

*Please note

for the service on **Sunday, 15th August only**, please book on 07525 850317.

The service on **Sunday, 29th August** is a united service at Ruislip Methodist Church and there will be no service at RMMC on that date.

COMING OUT OF COVID PRECAUTIONS

Everyone was, of course, delighted to hear the Government's long-awaited announcement that the remaining Covid precautions were to be lifted, with recommendations to proceed with care...and with the acknowledged warning that a peak will be expected in August. General guidance was received from the Methodist Connexion and, as Covid variant numbers continue to rise, it seemed ill-advised to lift all the precautions at RMMC which have kept us safe so far. Therefore, whilst realising it does not please everyone, arrangements remain with the status quo, restrictions easing only very gradually in church, until there has been time for further consideration of Covid developments, by the next Church Council meeting on 9th September.

A mask may not prevent you from catching Covid but it is indisputable that it is somewhat effective in preventing droplets from your mouth travelling as far as they might, so it reduces the likelihood of spreading the virus more widely. For this reason:

we will continue to wear masks in church for the time being but you may sing softly behind your mask!

We will also continue to ask you to sanitise your hands upon arrival and to minimise moving around.

Ventilation during services will continue, as has been the practice, at least while the warmer weather is here.

Initially, seats will also continue to be socially distanced and, in consequence, for now, you will be asked to book if you intend to attend each week (but the distance between seats might on occasion be slightly reduced, to enable a larger number to attend). Please see below – Booking Ahead.

Those who have recently returned to worship have, hopefully, felt confident enough in the precautions being taken to continue their attendance; we do want everyone to feel safe.

DONATIONS

Thank you for raising £4590.00 (plus Gift Aid Recovered of £888.75) for this year's Gift Day.

There have been a number of appeals this year, I give the totals since 1st September last (the current financial year).

	Total Collected	Gift Aid Claimed	GASD Claimed	Total remitted
Action for Children	£100.00	£25.00		£125.00
All We Can	£261.00	£27.07	£12.00	£300.07
Christian Aid Week	£965.00	£138.75	£53.75	£1157.50
Christian Aid Appeal	£165.00	£35.00	£ 6.25	£206.25
Easter Offering	£295.00	£40.00	£27.50	£362.50
MHA	£262.00	£17.50	£18.00	£297.50
Whitechapel Mission	£1,494.43	£157.50	£20.00	£1671.93

Graham J. Lee

With Deepest Sympathy

We hear with sadness that Local Preacher Nancy Fletcher passed away last week. Nancy served as a Local Preacher for 76 years and we give thanks for all she has done over the duration of her service. There are no funeral details as of yet and we pray for Nancy's family and friends during this sad time.

A Memorial Service for Mr Rex Hallett on 18th September

Please make a note in your diary the date for Rex's Memorial Service, which will be held on the 18th of September at 11.30am. Revd Stephen Poole will lead the service followed by refreshments. Kindly continue to keep Rex's family and friends in your prayers.

AV Volunteers needed

We are looking for 1 or 2 more people to join our AV (audio-visual) Team. Could this be YOU?

We are a small team with varying expertise in IT who prepare the PowerPoints for the services in Church, and operate the AV desk during the service. Now that the services are live streamed, we are finding that it often needs two people to be operating the AV desk so would welcome more volunteers. The commitment would be around 1 (sometimes 2) Sundays a month & full training would be provided. If you don't feel able to do this, but think that you would be able to prepare the PowerPoint in advance of a service, we would love to hear from you!

If you have any questions, or would like to find out more, without committing yourself, please contact Val valgraham@btinternet.com. Thank you.

Flowers

There are spaces on the flower list on the notice board by the kitchen in the coffee lounge. If you would like a dedication or would like to put some flowers in church one Sunday please add your name to the list. . It's always uplifting to have a display of flowers in church for the services, it doesn't have to be a big display just some in a vase would be lovely.

But please be sure to top them up with water if they are there for more than one week and also to dispose of them when they are finished, as a vase of dead flowers is not very welcoming.

Prayer Requests

Pam Mathew's sister Grace Jackson passed away on Tuesday 6th July aged nearly 95. Please pray for Pam and Grace's family and friends.

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 30th July:

This week we pray for Northwood Methodist Church. .

We bring Harlington Hospice and Michael Sobel House to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Kingswear Road and Seaton Gardens

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



Please note the next news sheet will cover the weeks 8th and 15th August if you have anything you would like included please send to me as follows, thank you:-

Items for the News sheet for Friday 6th & 13th August to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 4th August**, please