



Ruislip Manor Methodist Church

Sunday 19th September 2021

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SERVICE ON SUNDAY 19th September

10.45am Ruislip Manor Methodist Church Mr Richard Reid

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.

COVID UPDATE

As promised, the issue of Covid precautions was raised for discussion at the Church Council meeting on 9th September 2021. An easing of precautions had been considered – and, it goes without saying, that everyone would welcome this - but, with Covid numbers still rising, and guidance from the Government and from the Methodist Connexion being to remain careful, it was felt best to continue, for now, with the current strategy which has, so far, kept everyone at RMMC safe and allowed some confidence in attending services; these precautions include:

ventilation, sanitising, social distancing and the wearing of face masks.

You are therefore requested to continue these practices but, **when seated, you may now remove your mask**, if preferred; **when standing**, however, (to move around indoors or sing hymns) **you are politely requested to respect others around you by replacing your mask** (unless exempt).

BOOKINGS

With several services in the next few weeks likely to attract larger-than-average congregations, it was also felt necessary to continue with the booking system. You are asked to book your seats, in advance, no later than 6pm on the Saturday (occasionally on the Friday – this is always stated in the weekly newsletter)*. At this time the seat allocation (which doubles as a Track and Trace form) is scanned and forwarded to the Church Steward on duty. So far, except for ‘special’ services, such as the Farewell Service for Roger, spare seats have been available so, if you accidentally miss the deadline, it might still be possible to fit you in. Obviously if you have any symptoms or feel unwell, please stay at home.

* Bookings may be made by emailing enquiries@rmmc.org.uk or on 07525 850317.

It was agreed that the situation re bookings and Covid precautions would be reviewed once again at the end of October, by the Minister and Stewards’ team, in consultation with the Risk Assessment Officer and a decision made, at that time, how to proceed thereafter.

The Funeral of Francois Storm -

Last week we announced, with sadness, the death of Francois Storm on 7th September 2021, aged 71. Francois was a member of RMMC for many years. He had, latterly, been living in Ryefield Court Nursing Home, Hillingdon.

Rev Dr Donghwan Kim will lead his funeral service, to be held at Breakspear Crematorium, West Chapel, 10.15am on Tuesday, 21st September 2021. His sons Darren and Riaan and his daughter, Michelle, invite all from RMMC, who knew their father, to the funeral and, afterwards, at the Breakspear Arms.

If you wish to attend, please let Eileen know as soon as possible (07881 270747) so she can pass on likely numbers to the family, for catering purposes.

We give thanks for Francois' life and service to RMMC and pray for his family and friends at this sad time.

Welcoming our New Minister

Some of you will now have had an opportunity to meet our new Minister – Rev Dr Donghwan Kim. We very much look forward to welcoming him at RMMC, to preach his first service on 26th September 2021 at 10.45am. As this service is liable to be well attended, please book early (as above) to avoid disappointment.

The service will be followed by tea/coffee and biscuits, to be served in the Church Hall. This will be an opportunity to meet Dong (as he wishes to be known) more informally.. Please advise, when booking your seat, whether or not you will wish to stay for refreshments; this will enable us to set out adequate furniture prior to the service.

New Post Box Topper

The eagle-eyed among you (at least those who walk along Hatherleigh Rd) might have noticed that Mr and Mrs Noah have sailed off the top of the postbox, with all the (slightly faded!) animals, and been replaced by a **Harvest** themed topper! Nola, Janet M, Roanne and Eileen have saved themselves some of the hard work on this one, by borrowing the knitted and crocheted fruit and veg that were made for the church display last year...but look among the produce for some additional tiny creatures! Those who didn't see the Noah's Ark topper may take a look at it in church on the next couple of Sundays, before it is dismantled and the animals given a much-needed bath!



Over the past couple of months the news has been awash with heartbreaking scenes from Afghanistan of people trying to flee the country, unsure of the future they would face under Taliban rule. In these situations we often find ourselves asking what we can do to make things better, how we can help. The Methodist Church has listed a number of ways we can respond to the situation. You can [find that here](#). You may also wish to [read the prayer and statement from the President and Vice President of Conference](#).

The people of Haiti also face an uncertain future following the devastating earthquake on Saturday 14 August. All We Can and the Methodist Church continue to raise funds as part of a joint appeal. [Read more about the appeal here](#).

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for Shirley Kendall, a long time former member of RMMC, who has been admitted to Ipswich Hospital, suffering from a serious leg infection. She is likely to be in hospital for several weeks.

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 17th September:

This week we pray for everyone at Yiewsley Methodist Church

We bring Mount Vernon Hospital and Northwick Park Hospital to God in prayer.

We also pray for the people who live in Victoria Road

Items for the News sheet for Friday 24th September to **Janet Miles** , by email

newsletter@rmmc.org.uk by **Wednesday 22nd September**, please