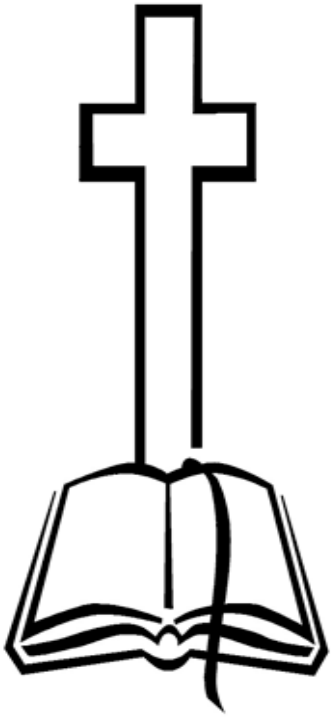
# ROMFORD METHODIST CIRCUIT 35/32

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## Circuit Mission Outreach Project (CMOP)

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you;
search, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened for you.
For everyone who asks receives,
and everyone who searches finds,
and for everyone who knocks the door will be opened.'
Luke 11: 9-10

**NEWSLETTER AND PLAN**
**SEPT - NOV 2024**

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# MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Dear friends,

**Happy New Year! Welcome Revd Rachel Read.**

As the new Methodist Connexional year begins I take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year. I also welcome Revd Rachel Read back to the Romford Circuit as probationer presbyter. Unusually for the Methodist Church, Rachel, who candidated on the basis of offering severely limited, non-stipendiary ministry, is coming back to her home circuit. Uniquely, she will be a full-time minister the majority of whose ministry is offered through her continuing work as a teacher of religious studies at a local school. Alongside this she will be giving one day to the circuit, working in the team ministry, with particular pastoral focus during her probation at Rainham Methodist Church. I know you will keep Rachel in your prayers as her ministry begins.

Rachel's ministry, encompassing both the school and the circuit provides an opportunity to think about the shape of the Methodist year. It is in some ways, as well defined as the academic one; following the annual Methodist Conference at the end of June, comes the London District Synod and our first circuit meeting of the year in September, after which come our church councils in October. This pattern designed to facilitate the flow of information about discussions and decisions from the conference through to individual churches.

**Conference decisions – the 'God for All' strategy.**

One of the important decisions taken at this year's Methodist Conference was to continue the 'God for All' strategy for mission and evangelism which was first agreed in 2020, for the years 2025 to 2032. If you want to know more about the 'God for All' strategy then here is a good place to start on the Methodist website:
God for All at the Methodist Conference - Methodist Church Here's what Revd Trey Hall, Director of Mission and Evangelism for the Methodist Church says about it:

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# Superintendent's message cont….

***"God For All is a profound stimulus for Methodist renewal. It is not a compulsive tick-list that every individual, church, and circuit must work through and complete immediately, but a set of invitations to help individuals make reflective decisions about their calling and resources. God For All is enabling renewal, for the times we live in, not in a 'one size fits all' manner, but in a way that is deeply embedded in and faithful to the communities to which we belong and serve."***

The Romford Circuit has already been engaging with the 'God for All' strategy through members undertaking training in leadership and evangelism, and through its Circuit Mission Outreach Project (CMOP) based at Collier Row, where the majority of Deacon Sarah Jane's ministry is focussed. Here, in the past year, alongside the other ongoing initiatives, a new community has been formed, Sunday Sharing, where people Sarah Jane has got to know through other work at CMOP and who were not connected with the Methodist Church previously meet to eat together and discuss faith. This is the Romford Circuit's own version of a New Place for New People; repurposing what we might call an 'old' place, the former Collier Row Methodist Church so that new people can experience God's love in a whole variety of ways and begin to explore faith.

The 'God for All' strategy is, however, not only for new pieces of work and CMOP is not intended to be a standalone venture. The strategy also aims to stimulate every church and circuit to pray and work through where God is calling us as Methodist people in the twenty-first century. The CMOP aims to be an place to connect with the community, offering an exemplar for how relationship building and mission could take place elsewhere too.

## Our mission statements

Mission statements have garnered rather a bad press over the years and not without cause; often what is stated in them can seem to have very little to do with the reality of what is happening, whether they are from a secular organisation or a church. So why have our circuit churches been encouraged in recent circuit meetings to revisit their Mission Statements? The Circuit Leadership Team have done this because there is ample evidence that for organisations and churches to flourish its members need to know and understand its core purpose.

> 'Every organisation need to be clear about its identity and purpose: why it exists.' (*Revive Us Again by Revd Leslie Newton).*

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## Superintendent's message cont…..

Yes, of course, in some senses our churches will all have the same focus, on worshipping God and on offering service and engaging in mission and evangelism, however, the way in which it is expressed will undoubtedly vary from one church and community to another. It is not possible for every church to do everything, and so, this provides the opportunity for each church to articulate what is important in its mission for the next few years. This is not merely a paper exercise, as has been shared at Circuit Meeting, it will impact how the resources of the circuit are used and the updated formulation of circuit mission statement, so do please take the time to find out what is happening in your church and participate in the conversation. There will, I am sure, be change and challenge and that is not always easy, but as Revd Leslie Newton also says,

> 'At a time when the church is prone to be almost paralyzingly anxious that it is running low on resource of money, energy and even time, it is surely should be of enormous reassurance to remember and affirm that the resource we most need – grace – is inexhaustible and in constant supply! So it is, that God's unconditional outpouring of unceasing grace is thoroughly, unadulterated, unending Good News.' (ibid).

**New circuit prayer meeting – '10th for 10' starting 10th September**

Above all, please hold this process in prayer, because nor is this simply a matter of trying to do more with less. It is something much more important than that; it is about listening to, learning from and living with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as we seek to discover where he would lead us next. To support the prayer life of the circuit a **new prayer meeting '10th for 10'** will be offered on the 10th of each month, either online via Zoom (about 15-30 minutes) or occasionally in-person. The meetings have been designed so that as many people as possible can participate by being on different days of the month, thus the 10th, and the 10 is for the 9 churches and the 1 circuit mission outreach project. The Zoom link for the online meetings can be obtained from the circuit administrator Peter Hobbs on romfordcircuit.adm@gmail.com If you are not able to join the online meetings, then please do stop and pray with us wherever you are on the 10th of the month, holding the circuit, its churches and people before God intentionally and particularly prayer for inspiration, transformation, rejuvenation and revival.

I wish you again a very happy new Methodist year and pray that God's grace will continue to bless us.

## Every blessing, yours in Christ, Eleanor

# President and Vice-President 2024/2025

The Methodist Conference 2024 elected the Revd Helen Cameron to serve as President and Carolyn Godfrey to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office on Saturday 29 June 2024.



**The Revd Helen Cameron** is currently the Chair of the Northampton District and the Nottingham and Derby District, Moderator of the Free Churches Group and President of Churches Together in England. Helen represented the FCG at the funeral of Her Majesty the Queen, reading prayers during the service and was also present at the Coronation of King Charles.

She has served as Assistant Secretary of the Conference and was the Director of Methodist Formation at the Queens Foundation. Helen enjoyed circuit appointments in the Birmingham South-West and the Elmdon circuits and is committed to the enabling, resourcing and flourishing of lay and ordained ministry. She has served in an Anglican/Methodist LEP, in industrial and rural mission, in areas of significant deprivation and in the joy of growing churches.

Helen has worked extensively with survivors of sexual abuse and and co-wrote the study guide Reflect and Respond with members of the Methodist Survivors Advisory Group.

Originally from Yorkshire, Helen is Chair of one of the largest Methodist Districts in the British Connexion which includes 260 churches and covers a geographical area from the Cotswolds to the Fens and from East Midlands Airport nearly as far south as Heathrow. Helen is an honorary Ecumenical Canon of Peterborough Cathedral.

Helen is married to Iain, a retired GP, and has three adult children. Helen enjoys novels, poetry, gardening and theatre.

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# President and Vice President of conference cont…..



**Mrs Carolyn Godfrey** is the District Safeguarding Officer covering both the Darlington and Newcastle Districts and a local preacher. She has a background in pastoral care and child protection within the education system helping to support children with additional needs and families facing complex issues. Carolyn has a Master of Education degree which focused on social, emotional and behavioural difficulties.

Carolyn knows some of the challenges and benefits of neurodiversity because of her own dyslexia. She is particularly interested in how other neurodiverse people can be included within worship and all aspects of church life. Her experience in her safeguarding role, education and lifelong engagement with the Methodist church have given her a drive to understand and challenge the use and misuse of power.

Carolyn grew up in rural South Lincolnshire, is married to a Methodist presbyter and has lived in several circuits and districts around the Connexion. To unwind she likes to be creative, especially with crochet. She loves to spend time with her husband, her two grown up daughters and her grandson.

# Who's who in the Romford Circuit



Rev Dr Eleanor Jackson - Superintendent Minister of Romford Circuit  Presbyter



Rev Robert Maginley - Presbyter



Deacon Sarah Jane Rigby -  CMOP



Rev Rachel Read - Presbyter



Rev Rohama Asif - Presbyter



Penny Masters - Pastoral Lay worker



Peter Hobbs - Circuit Administrator

# Pattern of team ministry from 1 September 2024

Using the principles and priorities presented in a paper at the Circuit Meeting in March 2024 following discussions with the staff, and also on what has been agreed by the District and Connexion for Rachel Read's probationer presbyter appointment, it has been agreed that the team ministry be shaped in the following way from 1 September 2024. Revd Rohama Asif and Revd Robert Maginley focus their team ministry in the churches which have previously been part of their respective clusters (East and West). The exceptions for this are Rainham and Trinity as outlined below. Revd Eleanor Jackson to be the second team member for both Rohama and Robert, except for Trinity Methodist Church (due to the property project which is highly likely to arise).

It has been agreed through the probationer appointment profile, which was accepted by the District and Connexional, the new probationer presbyter, Rachel Read, will focus the ministry she offers within the circuit at Rainham for the pastoral offices and other requirements for probation, while also worshipping and working as part of the team across the circuit, alongside her ministry expressed through her continued role as a teacher.

Robert and Rohama to be responsible for pastoral and day to day aspects of church life; Eleanor to have a specific focus on wider circuit strategy, policy and governance, while offering pastoral and other support as necessary. Robert and Rohama to primarily base their preaching and leading of the sacrament in the four churches (previously in the East and West clusters) where they have particular pastoral responsibility, with some swaps to allow preaching and sacramental cover across the circuit; Eleanor to lead worship regularly across the whole circuit, with monthly presence at Trinity, and sufficient planning at Rainham to fulfil the role of minister in oversight while Rachel is on probation. Rohama to also be part of the team ministry at Rainham, while Robert to be second team minister at Trinity.

Deacon Sarah Jane to continue with her main focus at CMOP (75%), while offering worship leading, preaching, and mission and evangelism support across the circuit (25%).

Penny Masters to be asked to continue her role as Pastoral Lay Worker across the whole of the circuit.
Peter Hobbs to continue offering administrative support to the whole circuit and the Superintendent.



# MY JOURNEY

# BY

# REV RACHEL READ

I am very much looking forward to coming 'home' to the Romford Circuit. I say 'home' for many reasons, not least because I was born in this circuit, with my Dad being a probationer minister here at the time of my birth. We moved on when I was a baby, but with my godmother, Eileen Billett, remaining in Brentwood throughout her life, I had a treasured ongoing connection with the circuit.

When I was offered the job of Head of Religious Studies at The Coopers' Company and Coborn School in Upminster, back in 2000, I moved back into this area, having held my first teaching post in Canterbury. I met my husband, Richard, and despite me insisting I was never going to live in Upminster because it was too close to the school (!), we did decide to put our roots down here, and Upminster Methodist became our home church, with our two children, James and Benjamin, being baptised there.

It was in Canterbury that I originally set out exploring Local Preaching, but for various reasons I pressed the 'pause' button. Back in this circuit, I was encouraged and nurtured to explore my sense of call again. I began the Worship Leaders' course and I vividly remember members of the WL&LP meeting nudging me to consider whether this journey of calling might progress to different forms of ministry.

I had long believed that teaching was my vocation; it was not until it was suggested to me that maybe I could explore combining a calling to ordained ministry with a calling to teaching, that I opened up to the possibility of candidating. Conversations, reflection and discernment led me to candidate, somewhat unusually, with severely limited deployability, with a view to continuing to teach at Coopers' Coborn four days a week, and alongside this, offering as a non-stipendiary minister in the Romford Circuit.

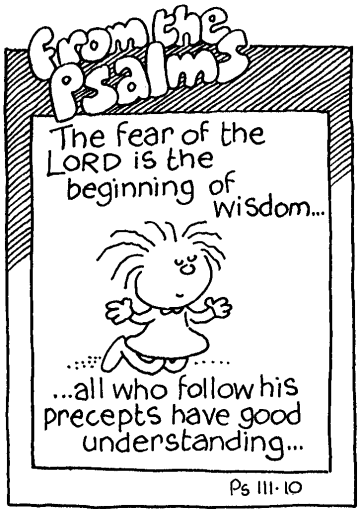
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# Rachel Read Cont…..

The Queen's Foundation in Birmingham, where I have trained part time over the last three years, became a temporary and intermittent home. I continued with my RE teaching at Coopers' and studied, both through online evening classes during the week, and in person classes at weekends and Easter School. Having already gained my first degree in Theology from Oxford straight from school, I embarked on an MA in Theology, Ministry and Mission together with the presbyteral training. I am hoping, that by the time you read this, the final assignment, a dissertation exploring theological questions in Young Adult literature, will have - at last - been submitted! Also, as part of my training, I have been linked with churches outside of the Romford Circuit, and have very much valued my experiences both at Hinde Street in central London and, more locally, at Goodmayes Methodist Church.

And so, as September arrives, I return 'home' without really having left! I return as a probationer minister and, unusually, I will be offering just one day a week specifically to the circuit, with the rest of my ministry exercised through my teaching and work at the school. The words, creativity and flexibility, have come up frequently in discussions about how this will work – both are certainly needed - and I realise this will take a while for all of us to get used to.

Just as my friends on my course are moving to manses in new circuits and unpacking their belongings, I similarly will be, with your support and prayers, working out how this new form of ministry will 'unpack' and unfold. I am excited to begin this new stage in my life's journey with all of you. Thank you for welcoming me 'home'.



# President's Visit to Romford Circuit – A hidden treasure – Isaiah 45:3



On a wet, grey day in May, President Rev.Gill Newton, Chair of the District Rev. Jongi Zihle, and Martha Yankey, the District's Press Officer, arrived at CMOP. Despite the dismal weather, their enthusiasm remained undiminshed as they received a warm welcome from the team, complete with hot refreshments and posh biscuits.

They were introduced to members of the CMOP team, staff, and CLT representatives. The CMOP team shared the original vision for CMOP and how it has evolved over time, highlighting the highs and lows of their journey. Gill was greatly encouraged by their dedication and prayerfulness, which had propelled the vision forward, supported by the District Advance Fund. Jongi expressed his gratitude and delight at the hard work accomplished and ongoing at the project, praising the district's choice to showcase this "hidden treasure" to Gill.

The manager of Homestart and Mum's Matter discussed their partnership with CMOP, emphasizing the positive outcomes of their collaborative efforts and the importance of churches working with external agencies when the core vision is about loving people.

A mother from Sunday Sharing shared her gratitude for the new group, and a regular attendee of the Drop-In spoke about the profound impact of acceptance and love in her life. Both Gill and Jongi were eager to listen and showed genuine interest in the work being done.

The children were excited about the special guests, although Gill was humble about the 'special' part. Despite the bad weather, Gill joined the children at the Tuesday Gardening Club. Armed with raincoats and umbrellas, they picked up the children from Clockhouse and returned to sit with them during lunch. Afterward, they braved the rain to transplant some of their seedlings. Gill was wonderfully hands-on with the children, making them feel special. Yes, they all got wet and muddy, but they thoroughly enjoyed it.

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## Presidents visit to CMOP…….

After the children returned to school, the adults enjoyed a lovely lunch and fellowship, engaging in more conversations. Both Eleanor and I received written notes from Gill, thanking us for the wonderful day and the hospitality shown. She also expressed her prayers for us and the continuation of our work.

The foundational work of prayer and the dedication of the original CMOP team and CLT have enabled this project to grow. The ongoing prayerful support and commitment of volunteers, busy with their own church duties yet brave enough to see a different vision, have been crucial to the project's success. There is still much work to be done, but I have confidence in the circuit's powerful prayerfulness and its mission to work with and for our communities.

A huge, sincere thank you to everyone who helped make the visit go smoothly and to those who couldn't be there on the day.
Heartfelt thanks to those who work behind the scenes, join the rota whenever they can, and offer donations. Your prayers and support are invaluable.
This project wouldn't be the hidden treasure the district sees without you.
It's a joy to work with and alongside you all.

Thank you!

## Deacon Sarah Jane





# Report on the work at CMOP

Deacon Sarah Jane Rigby

Pioneer Deacon for CMOP

**School**: 93 Y2, children visited from Clockhouse and a visit from me into Y3's before half term. A request sent out for memories of Clockhouse over the years for a display to be held at their Summer Fete as they celebrate 90th Anniversary. Two ladies sent in their memories as children attending and one who worked there.

**Gardening:** The quiet group now has become a lot chattier. With the children's confidence growing. One little boy has given Penny a delightful nickname of "Penn", which shows how comfortable they are with us now. At long last we have been able to sit outside for lunch a few times which the children really enjoy doing. A bench or some lightweight chairs for some of the staff has been requested.

**Homestart :** Continuous relationship building is happening, I was invited out to for a team building lunch with a group of the staff. This highlights that management and staff are comfortable with the way we are working them. The Wednesday group is still growing with new families joining and new relationships starting to build.

**Thursday – Drop- In**: Mums Matter are still attending monthly drop-in, and are very grateful for the space, baby holding, and refreshments given. A possibility of them using Rainham Methodist Church for the same activity, is going to be investigated.
The other Thursdays are still not well attended, with a regular lady coming and a members' son dropping in occasionally. Changing this to a different style of gathering and meeting less frequently is being discussed.

**Family Friday:** A family are using the space for the first time this week, they are not homeless, but are living two families consisting of 9 people living in a two bedroomed flat. The family are grateful for some space alone.
Sunday Sharing : This has been going well, with continuous commitment from the group to attend. We have a new family joining in the July session, a lady and son who I have been visiting in the community. We are not having a session in August.

**Messy Church Outside** – Summer event – Bedford Park
Met with the children's and family worker at St James & St John's CofE, we are working together to hold an outside messy church in August at Bedford Park. More details will be circulated to invite churches nearer the time.

# CIRCUIT STEWARDS REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING ON 2 JULY 2024

## 1. Property Management

Following the last Circuit Meeting, we continued to try to find a solution to the problem of property management that many of our churches are experiencing. Unfortunately, progress is frustratingly slow. We have the list of tasks from Upminster and are awaiting a similar list from one of the smaller churches. I have asked the CEO at Enfield for the name of the company that they use so that we could ask if they would give us an indicative cost for the two churches. I am waiting for a response but will obviously keep chasing. The discussions between local circuits are also ongoing.

## 2. Aveley

The situation for Aveley has become more uncertain. The local elections resulted in many changes for the councillors at Thurrock.
Their difficult financial situation is well known and has led to them finally telling the charity, Choice Support, that they cannot offer any funds for services in the Thurrock area. As you might imagine, without any funding the charity cannot continue in negotiations with us about leasing the Aveley site.
Our surveyor has written to Thurrock to say we will pay for the partial release that they have offered to the Restrictive Covenant regarding the Aveley Methodist Church site. As yet they have not responded.
We are also seeking confirmation that the release offered will cover any potential use by the Aveley scout group or another Christian church so that we can approach the other two parties who have asked about leasing the site.
We have, on the advice of TMCP and the District Property Adviser, had a draft Designated Advisers Report conducted by the surveyor on the Aveley MC site. Until the actual use of the site is determined it can only be a draft report and will need re-visiting in the future but it should speed up the eventual discussions and lease arrangements.

## 3. EDI Training

This is one area where we can report good progress. The second EDI training event was held on Saturday 29 June. This means that the vast majority of those who need to undertake the training in our circuit have now completed it.

Janice Gowlett

# Circuit Meeting information

If you would like copies of the circuit meeting minutes, financial reports or any other reports discussed at Circuit meeting please contact
Peter Hobbs - Circuit Administrator



*****NEW CIRCUIT PRAYER MEETING STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024*****

**'10th for 10' will offer an opportunity on the 10th of every month**
**to gather as a circuit and pray**
**for our 9 churches and the Circuit Mission Outreach Project (10)**

**Tuesday 10th September @ 7.30 pm on Zoom led by Revd Dr Eleanor Jackson**
**Thursday 10th October @7.30 pm on Zoom led by Deacon Sarah Jane Rigby**

**Sunday 10th November @ 7 pm join the Meditative Service at Upminster on Zoom**

Zoom links available from Peter Hobbs, Circuit Administrator
**Please note there will be an in-person prayer meeting on Tuesday 10 December**

The Methodist Church

ROMFORD CIRCUIT

*Warmly invite you*

*To the welcome service*

*For*

# *Rev Rachel Read*

*On Sunday 8th September at 4pm*

*At Rainham Methodist Church*

*Wennington Road, Rainham RM13 9DE*

*Service will be led by*

***Rev Dr Jongikaya Zihle***

*And circuit staff*

***Preacher: Rev Dr Eleanor Jackson***

Refreshments will be available after the service

We look forward to worshipping with you



# Saying Farewell to Reverend Karen Bell



On Sunday 28th July at 4.30pm Trevor and I were sitting in Havering Road Methodist Church with over 80 people from the Circuit about to begin worship, as it was time to say a fond farewell to Reverend Karen Bell, who has served in this Circuit for 7 years. The Havering Road singers and musicians were ready to lead us, and the congregation were ready to respond to the music, as the singing was worshipful and powerful. We were sitting next to Karen's parents, whom we had met when she first moved into the Manse at Gidea Park. It was good to catch up with them. They are more than pleased that Karen is moving closer to them.

Reverend Jongikaya Zihle was the guest speaker, and as Chair of the District has many such occasions to attend, as ministers move from place to place, and he spoke of Karen's ministry being both caring and thoughtful. He mentioned her desire to help those who have a disability to be treated with respect, and as people with gifts to bring to congregations and not to be recognised only as people with disabilities. Karen has given talks, and shared her own story, within the Connexion, and this has proved to be a valuable source of interest and helped to widen our knowledge, for which Jongi showed his appreciation as he spoke about her ministry. He recognised how important her work has been for God, and how people appreciate her faith in the Lord. Part time work has not stopped her from being a faithful servant to people, and she has often stepped into last minute situations to support other members of staff and those who were in need of comfort and help. Jongi wished her well in her new place of ministry.

Janice Gowlett, Senior Circuit Steward, gave thanks to Karen for joining with the churches in the 'other' cluster and for her ministry in the Circuit and presented Karen with a plant and a monetary gift from the Circuit Churches. The hope is Karen will grow the plant to great heights and rejoice in her gardening skill. Karen was very grateful for the plant and hoped it would still be growing in a years time!!!!.

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## Farewell to Rev Karen Bell cont…

Karen also said how much she had enjoyed working in the Circuit and, although she had arrived as a full time Minister had, after doctors reports, moved into part time ministry. Her first role was to support Havering Road in their big build, and knowing nothing about building works she had learnt an awful lot very quickly, and was pleased to support the church in their efforts which have resulted in a wonderful hub. Karen spoke of her love for the circuit and how much she had enjoyed working with each of the churches.

Reverend Eleanor also gave thanks for Karen's friendship, and as a working colleague her ministry to the team and to the Circuit, reminding her of the title 'acting' Superintendent which she took on whenever required to do so. Prayers for Reverend Karen were led by Deacon Sarah Jane Rigby and Reverend Rohama Asif.

Reverend Karen Bell will be missed by many in the Circuit, but moving into a new Circuit and ministry will bring her new experiences, and the Circuit prays she will soon settle into her manse and begin to form even more friendships with those in the churches she will minister to. God go with you Karen and thank you for your ministry to us in the Romford Circuit.

A feast was laid out at Havering Road and we cannot thank them enough for their hospitality and **warm** welcome, it was a **very hot** Sunday afternoon weather wise, and for your efforts at trying to keep everyone as cool as you could. God speed Karen and maybe we can invite you back one day to lead an anniversary?!!!

## Joan Pugsley



# Romford Methodist Circuit

## Invite you to

# COME FLY (16)

**C = Circuit / Children; O = Outreach;**
**M = Mission & Ministries; E = Evangelism;**
**F = Families; L = Lunch; Y = Youth**

## At Harold Wood Methodist Church

## The Drive, Harold Wood RM3 0DU

## Saturday Oct 12th 2024

## 9.30am to 1pm followed by lunch

***What is it? An informal get together for all people from across the circuit to meet together over Coffee, Worship, Workshops and Lunch to share, discuss, plan and then return to their churches better equipped and encouraged in order to initiate ideas with regards to mission. Please see separate flyers re workshops, timetable and registration.***

***For further information please contact Rev Dr Eleanor Jackson at nellie2010@virginmedia.com***
***or Janice Gowlett at gowletts@ntlworld.com***








# YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL CIRCUIT BBQ!

This was the invitation that was sent out and accepted by approx 40 people for Sunday 7th July.

The questions that were asked were will it…. won't it rain…….?
Shall we or shall we not go ahead …..?
As the weather had been rather wet to put it mildly. Should we have it or not? …..
Of course we were going to have it - a bit of wet wasn't going to put us off.
We set up a large gazebo outside to encourage us to enjoy what sun was promised and the food was set up inside.

Although the weather was wet, as soon as Trevor lit the BBQ the sun came out and we were able eat lovely burgers and sausages with not a soggy bun in sight. Grateful thanks to Trevor and Tim for manning the BBQ and for all those who helped provide such lovely food finishing with Jelly, ice cream and strawberries.

As we finished our food and gathered outside for worship the day darkened and the heavens opened but we persevered and gathered under the gazebo for a time of worship led by Roy and Eleanor. Then the sun came out as we finished to clear up.

It was a lovely time of fellowship and good to see so many people from around the circuit not put off by the risk of rain - we are a hardy bunch here in Romford and we are all set to do it again next year. Watch this space for the date !!

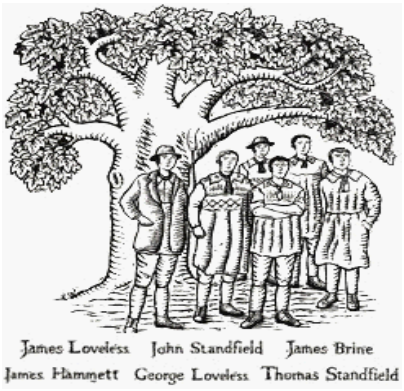








# The Tolpuddle Martyrs
# by
# Keith Hook




For centuries the bulk of the UK population scraped a living working as agricultural labourers working from dawn to dusk six days a week, with no security of tenure and only the workhouse to look forward to when worn out. The Agricultural Revolution in the mid-18th century improved agricultural production and with it landowners' profits but gave no benefit to the workers. When the Industrial Revolution began a few years later many agricultural workers flocked to the new industrial towns for higher wages, better conditions and housing. The back-to-back housing, later condemned as slums, was a vast improvement on the rat-infested hovels provided on the land. The plight of rural labourers worsened when most commons on which they had the right to grow vegetables and even keep a cow were enclosed under a series of statutes designed to increase the landowners' incomes. Combinations of workmen to improve their conditions were illegal under the Combination Act passed in the 1790s with others to prevent a revolution similar to that of 1789 in France. Unions became legal under an act of 1825 but were subject to severe restrictions.

By 1832 South Dorset, where labourers' wages were 10 shillings (50p) a week, had become a byword for poor wages and conditions. In 1833 in Tolpuddle, a small village on the River Piddle, 8 miles East of Dorchester and 12 miles North of Poole, where wages had sunk to seven shillings (35p) with the threat of further reduction to six (30p), a branch of the Agricultural Workers Friendly Society, a legal organisation, was formed in order to fight for ten shillings (50p) as a living wage. The six members: George Loveless, a Wesleyan Local Preacher, his brother James, his brother-in-law Thomas Standfield, James Brine, James Hammett and Standfield's son Thomas, all members of the village chapel. The six swore an oath of secrecy to protect themselves from victimisation and meetings began under a sycamore tree on the village green and in Standfield's cottage.

Later in the year James Frampton, a local magistrate and land owner, found out about the oath and wrote to the Home Secretary, Lord Melbourne, asking

## Tolpuddle Martyrs cont……..

He was advised that the secret oath sworn was a crime under the Illegal Oaths Act 1797 passed after the naval mutinies at Spithead and the Nore. The six were arrested in February 1834 and tried the following month at Dorchester Assizes for their illegal oath before Baron Williams and a hand-picked jury consisting of Frampton and eleven fellow Dorset landowners. No legal representation was allowed in criminal cases until 1836 because of the strong presumption of innocence in English Law, even had the six been able to afford it. The six were found guilty and sentenced to transportation to Australia for seven years after the judge had told them that they were punished not for what they had done but as an example to others. George Loveless landed in Van Diemens Land, later Tasmania, on 17 August 1834, having been delayed by illness, after the others had landed in Port Jackson, now Sydney, in New South Wales a month earlier.

Great indignation was felt in England about the treatment of the six and 800,000 signatures were obtained on a petition for a pardon. The Wesleyan Conference rejected supporting their fellow Methodists at the behest of Jabez Bunting, known at the time as “The Dictator of the Conference”, who is recorded as having told Conference on another occasion that “Methodism hates democracy as much as it does sin”. Lord Melbourne rejected the petition but in March 1836, after the first ever Protest March in this country, Lord John Russell, the next Home Secretary, arranged a Royal Pardon, subject to proof of their good conduct. No official steps were taken to inform the six of their pardon. George Loveless read of it in an old newspaper and reached the UK from Tasmania on 13 June 1837.

There was bureaucratic delay in New South Wales over certificates of good conduct, including a frivolous charge laid against James Hammett, so that he did not reach UK until August 1839, while the other four had reached Plymouth on 17 March 1838, landing near the Mayflower Steps.

Hammett, having inherited a small holding near Tolpuddle, was able to return there and in 1875 received a silver watch and an illuminated address from the Agricultural Workers’ Union, but died in Dorchester Workhouse in 1891.

The others were set up in farms at Greenstead, near Ongar, bought by public subscription.

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## Tolpuddle Martyrs cont……..

However, the vicar of Stondon Massey, an adjoining parish, decided to drive them out in case his parishioners would catch ideas above their station from these dangerous Methodists.

This he achieved by organising what was later called a boycott after its first use by the Irish Land League against the land agent of an oppressive absentee landlord.

The five emigrated to Canada, where they settled in Hamilton, Ontario and George Loveless was later elected mayor. These six men of Dorset later became known as the Tolpuddle Martyrs and important figures in Trade Union history. A monument was erected in Tolpuddle in 1934 and a Memorial Methodist Chapel in 1935. The Trade Union Congress organises a Rally and Festival there each July in their honour with the Sycamore Tree as a prominent feature. As the original tree died in 1938, the TUC secretary planted a replacement.

Notes.

1 Until the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act each parish was responsible for looking after its own paupers. That act required unions of parishes to build large workhouses which would operate on the basis that nobody who could support him or herself outside would seek admission. A regime depicted by Dickens and in GR Sims's "Christmas Day in the Workhouse" (original version). The Romford Union of parishes built one capable of housing 500 inmates in Oldchurch Road in 1838, which became Oldchurch County Hospital in 1929 after workhouses were replaced by Public Assistance.

2. Greenstead Church is the only surviving pre-1066 Saxon wooden parish church in the country.

3. Rev. Jabez Bunting 1778-1858, who was given a Doctorate of Divinity in 1835 by a little known U.S. university, was able to dominate the Wesleyan Conference for many years. Although John Wesley had created the rule that itinerant preachers were to change circuits every three years to prevent their becoming stale, normally rigidly enforced by the Wesleyans until Methodist Reunion in 1933, a plaque on the wall of 30 Myddleton Square EC1 records Bunting's residence in it for 41 years. He was President of the Conference in 1820, 1826, 1836. and 1844 and held other posts of influence and authority. His rigidity was largely responsible for four secessions from the Wesleyan Connexion.

Keith Hook



# News from the Circuit Churches

# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## HAROLD WOOD

We have enjoyed a pleasant few months with several positive events taking place.
At the beginning of June we were delighted to witness the baptism of a lovely baby boy whose mother and grandmother have been worshipping with us for several months, welcoming his family and friends into our congregation.
Later that month our two Tuesday Lunch Club teams produced a wonderful cream tea to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The room was decorated with balloons and bunting and to provide a suitable atmosphere, a member of our Guildonian Players drama group played music from those wartime years in the background and two others put on a remarkable display of wartime artifacts, including uniforms, pictures and documents. Guests were encouraged to examine the exhibits and ask any questions. Later in June we held an outdoor 'Cake and Coffee Morning', with various stalls, which aroused local interest and was also an enjoyable social time.
Also during June we were treated to another play by one of our popular playwrights, Ken Ludwig, when the Guildonian Players produced 'Leading Ladies'. This was a slickly performed comedy with romance, keeping everybody happy. The group plans to put on another of his plays in mid-November. Our friends the New Dimension Choir brought us another of their splendid concerts at the start of July.
We were recently delighted to welcome a new member by transfer. She had been worshipping with us for quite some time and it is good to know that she felt so at home with us that she wanted to join us. During the last few months we have had quite a few people walking into our church, as a few have moved into the area and those attending have returned nearly every week and even brought their friends along. Good to know that we are seen as a welcoming church.
During the summer break routine cleaning and maintenance jobs are due to take place, with an annual spring clean of the kitchen, checking of our fire extinguishers and the replacement of church boilers, amongst other things. We thank all who are able to help with the running of our premises throughout the year. Last, but certainly not least, we continue to enjoy our Sunday acts of worship, with consistent numbers each week, though, as with other churches, not as many as we would like and we continue to be grateful to all who are planned to lead our worship each week.

Pamela Coles

# HORNCHURCH

From the 'Warm Space' initiative, we continued to open the church every Saturday for 'Meet Up', where we offer refreshments for anyone who passes and sees the door open. Some of our regular visitors are beginning to feel happy to come to church either for worship or for groups meeting in the building. Building relationships with people is what sharing our faith is all about.

This Summer we are doing some property work to lower the ceiling in the large hall, to improve our carbon footprint and to offer a warmer, safer space for our groups to meet. The stage area will become a storage area, as this is what most churches need for themselves and their hirers.

We are very grateful to Aveley Church, who invited churches to come and look at what they had to offer, for free, as the church has been closed for some time. We now have some folding chairs, which are stacked on a rack, and are lighter and easier to put away than the ones we are currently struggling with. Thank you Aveley Methodist Church.

The Guide troops and Scout troops are continuing to grow and we appreciate their support at All Age Worship and are always pleased to visit them when the need arises.

The Tots Group has grown in size, and was a vision which has developed and become fruitful, due to the support and encouragement of Tricia Foreman, who leads the group with passion and energy. From small beginnings there are now 20 children coming, and Tricia shares her faith in a caring and thoughtful way. With thanks also to the volunteer helpers who love what is happening and are happy to help.

We have enjoyed the Ministry of Reverend Karen Bell and wish her every happiness as she moves nearer to her family. Thank you Karen for your very special care of Hornchurch and the other churches in the Circuit and may God truly bless you in your new Manse and churches.

Joan Pugsley

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# RAINHAM

On 18 May, despite the less than sunny weather and competition from a couple of local fetes, we held our Spring Fayre. As usual we were very lucky to have almost all of our hall users involved and help on the stalls from several of our members' friends. The game "Play your cards right" proved popular and the refreshment stall offered a wide variety of cakes and drinks. We were supported by several friends from around the circuit which was lovely. Our Christmas bazaar will take place in the morning of Saturday 30 November so why not mark it on your calendars and pay us a visit. Like most of the circuit churches, our Harvest Festival will take place at the end of September with all the donations going to the Whitechapel Mission. So far this year we have had two lunches for members who have had important birthdays (1 celebrating 80 years and the other 90 years), and in November we hope to have another to celebrate another 90th birthday. In the summer holidays we are having the last 3 windows in the church hall replaced with double glazed units. Hopefully this will reduce the heating bills next winter and provide more natural light.

Janice Gowlett

# SOUTH OCKENDON

A Fond Farewell to A Very Special Minister

On Sunday, 21 July 2024, South Ockendon Methodist Church (SOMC) bid our farewell to Rev. Karen Bell as well as celebrating our 177th Anniversary. Karen has been a blessing to our church, we wish she could stay longer but God has other plans for her.

As I reflect upon Karen time with us, I am overwhelmed by the countless blessings and graces that God has bestowed upon our church. Her dedication to our church is inspiring and her guidance and support have made a significant impact on the life of our church.

Our lead steward, Manasa said it best when he said, "we were once broken and divided but you are the glue that bring us together".

The whole church came together to prepare for the celebration. Our Sunday school performed a few songs before we enjoy our lunch. The food we served represent our multicultural church, from jollof rice to tuna sandwich; from waakye to prawn tempura. Everyone had a good time and a full belly.

Saying good bye is not easy, but we know that Karen will always be a part of us.

Thank you Karen for all your patience, kindness, mercy, grace, generosity and love you have shown us. Thank you for being such a great example of live of faith. You will surely be missed.

Melani Good



# TRINITY

At the time of writing this things are looking more positive for Trinity. We have been 'Defugged' so the church is now safe to use. An acro prop has been installed to ensure safety of part of the corner of the church and we are awaiting a new carpet in the vestry. If all goes to plan then after a deep clean we are hoping to be back in the church by September. We have enjoyed worshipping in the back hall which has enabled us to do different things and work closer together. We have been blessed with excellent preachers as always and we were privileged to be the last church in this circuit to receive ministry and communion from Rev Karen Bell. We will really miss her and wish her all the best in her new appointment.

As I write this we are getting ready for our 'At Home' which will take place at the end of August and as usual we have had a lot of interest and support from around the circuit. If you missed out this time make sure you book for our December event.

Penny Masters



# UPMINSTER

At Upminster Methodist Church, we had our first Café@4 worship in June. Not surprisingly it was worship in a café style in Wesley Hall from 4pm until 5pm. With drinks and cakes available as everyone arrived, they found a table to sit down. The planning in our team of four (Karen, Rohama, Linda and myself) and our faith was about to be tested as we waited to see how many people would arrive. Our prayers were answered as about 30 people stepped into the hall ready to worship in a different way. Chris Wheeler and her team provided drinks and served cake throughout the afternoon. Worship began with an action song, which the children loved and secretly, so did the adults. The Bible story of Pentecost was told on YouTube by a child accompanied by action from Lego characters. The story was put into perspective by Rohama and people had the opportunity to choose one of three activities. Some chose to make hats with flames form cardboard and paper; others made the Pentecost story out of Lego and others were happy to sit and discuss questions related to the events of Pentecost. After everyone had shared what they had achieved, bubbles were distributed for them to be used for prayers. The final song with actions was enjoyed by all and with feet still tapping, they made their way home. Our next Café@4 worship will be on Sunday 8th December with a Christmas theme.

Christine Scrutton

# CHORUS AND CAKE





## SAT OCT 26TH

## 3 PM - 4.30PM

## TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH,

## ANGEL WAY, ROMFORD RM1 1JH

*Wide, wide as the ocean. . .*

*Jesus wants me for a sunbeam..*
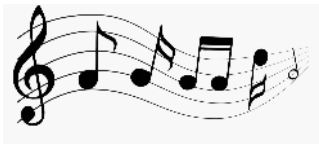
*Jesus hands were kind hands. . .*

*Trust and obey. . . . . .*
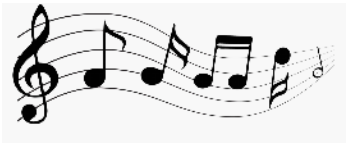
Are these setting of memories?

Come and join us and share as we remember and share those choruses that meant so much to us as we grew up and maybe learn some new ones or versions of familiar ones.
It would be good to share choruses from different cultures and countries

If you have a favourite chorus you would like us to include please let Penny know ASAP



pennymasters12@aol.com





# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

## VISIT OUR CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
## Saturday 30th Nov - Sun 8th December

**FESTIVAL OPENING TIMES**

**Weekdays 2pm-6pm**

**Saturdays 10am-4pm**

**Sundays 12pm-4pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

**DONATIONS FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE**

**UPMINSTER METHODIST CHURCH**

**HALL LANE, RM14 1AE**

# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR CHURCHES REGULARLY?

Do you know what activities are happening regularly around your circuit churches?

Do you want to attend a prayer group, bible study?.

Do you enjoy craft work? Do you want to join others for coffee and fellowship?

Below is a basic list of what is going on. Please contact the churches direct for further information. Everyone is welcome to any of these activities whether a member of the church or not. If there are any activities missed out please let Penny Masters know and they will be added



## Knit and natter/ craft groups

1st Mon of month 8pm - 'Knit wits' - **Rainham**
Mon afternoon 'Stitching group' **Upminster**
3rd Weds Monthly 10.30am 'Knit and natter' **Hornchurch**

## Book Group



Sat am all enquiries to **Havering Road**

## Bible study

2nd Tues of month - am/pm members homes **Brentwood**

## Prayer Groups

Weds 9.30am Zoom **Brentwood**
Weds am (monthly) at members home 10.30am **Hornchurch**
10th of every month '10th for 10' prayer meeting (details inside newsletter)

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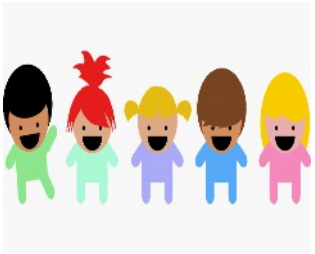
## Fellowship and friendship groups

Mon & Weds 10-12 midday 'Gateway' **Upminster**
Mon 8pm 'Wesley Guild' **Harold Wood**
3rd Monday fellowship in members home 2.30pm **Hornchurch**
Alternate Mon evening 8pm 'Men's group' **Hornchurch**
Alternate Tues am (fortnightly) 10.30am 'Midway' **Hornchurch**
3rd Thurs pm 'Fresh start' varied programme **Brentwood**
2nd Thurs 10.30am-12.30pm Thursday morning Drop in **CMOP**



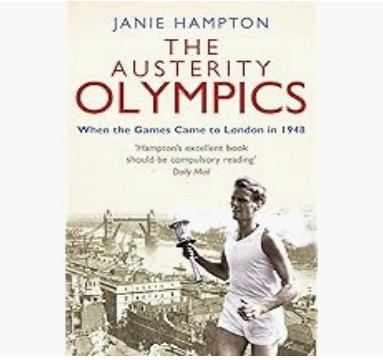
## Coffee morning/Lunch club

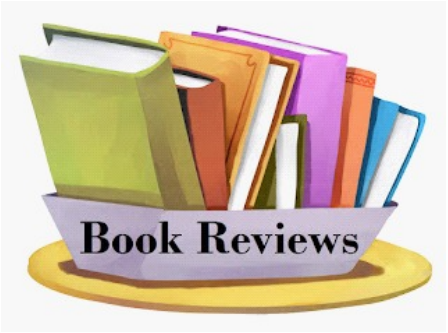
Tues 12.30pm lunch club **Harold Wood**
Thurs 10am Virtual coffee via zoom **Brentwood**
Sat 10-12 'Meet up' **Hornchurch**
Sat 10-12 'SaMoCo' **Havering Roa**d
Sat (2nd Sat of month) 11am Artichoke pub / Toby carvery **Brentwood**



## Parent/carer and toddler groups

Mon 9.45-11.45 Tots and Co **- Harold Wood**
Tues 9-10.30am Tots and Co **Upminster (book online through UMC website)**
Tues 1-2.30pm Tots play **Havering Road**
Weds 12.30 - 2pm Homestart **at CMOP**
Thurs 10-12 Tots play **Hornchurch**




We all know that the founder of the modern Olympics, Baron Pierre de Coubertin had a vision that by bringing nations together for sport, world peace would ensue.

*'London managed to stage the 1948 Olympic Games so soon after the second World War is remarkable enough. The fact that the London Games ran like clockwork and produced important legacies for world sport, the international community and the Olympic Movement is another story- a story that has remained largely untold – until now'.*

So wrote Sebastian Coe, Chairman, London Organising Committee for the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The book by Janie Hampton, details the unprecedented challenges and risks involved in staging the Ganes in the aftermath of the world war. It tells the story of the administrators and athletes who beat the odds to organise and perform at the biggest sporting event ever staged.

The Games involved over 4,000 men and women from 59 countries many competing for the first time, across 136 events.

In a bomb-shattered landscape, still with rationing of food, clothing and petrol, London's challenge was unlike that of any other Olympic host city. But austerity did not mean misery or unhappiness. It meant 'Make do' and ingenuity as well, which represented a new start for both Britain and the Olympic movement. The Games had not been held since 1936, Hitler's controversial Berlin Olympic and it was vital that the Olympic ideals were reflected with the ideals of equality, fair play and without political or racial propaganda..

Off the field the race against time to prepare for the Ganes was as compelling as the competition on the track. Work to upgrade the Wembley Stadium greyhound track to an international sports stadium was completed in under two months.

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Austerity Olympics cont……..

The book conveys the unique power of the Games to change lives and bring people and countries closer, both on and off the sporting field - for example most of the US team (302 competitors) travelled together by ship to London, enabling black and white Americans, racially segregated at home, to mix for the first time.

The 1948 Olympic Games also helped to increase sporting opportunities for women and change attitudes towards disability and sport. The first organised sporting competition involving war-injured patients was held in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville hospital in 1948 which coincided with the London Olympic Games opening ceremony, which provided the inspiration for the Paralympic Games.
The London Olympic organising committee consisted of a dozen male members of the British Establishment, all of whom possessed a title or high military rank and set up the Games like a military operation, persuaded the government that tourists would bring in much-needed foreign currency. On a tiny budget they discussed every penny and no detail escaped their notice – competitors could be provided with bed linen but should bring their own towels!

Demob suits and uniforms still prevailed and blankets were turned into overcoats. The athletes themselves had either to buy or to make their own kit. A sprinter who won a silver medal for Britain recalled that her shorts were more like big baggy knickers. Finland was asked to donate the timber for the basketball floor and Switzerland, the gymnastic equipment. Corporate sponsorship was encouraged at new levels and included Coca-Cola, Craven 'A' cigarettes, Guinness and Brylcreem. Coopers' outfitters provided every British male competitor with a free pair of Y-front underpants (total pairs issued - 600).

RAF camps, schools and colleges were converted into hotels and one legacy of the war was the Ministry of Supply could easily provide beds, mattresses, cups and plates.

The press poured scorn on the whole idea, saying it was a waste of public money, however, once they started, newsmen from all over the world wanted to be in on the action.

As part of the opening ceremony, the Olympic Committee wanted something spectacular, so 'enlisted' 7,000 pigeons to be released altogether at the appropriate time. The pigeons were housed in wicker baskets, arranged around the Stadium, but they had been there for many hours in the broiling heat.

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## Austerity Olympics cont……..

At the very moment King George VI opened the IVth Games at 4.02pm on 29th July, the Royal Artillery fired a 21-gun salute, the wicker baskets were opened and the pigeons were released. Frightened by the noise they rose up and circled the Stadium three times. Unfortunately, because of the heat, several of the pigeons had died, but it was still a spectacular sight. It was reported that the temperature was 93deg F, the hottest day for nearly 50 years.

At the Opening Ceremony in Wembley Stadium, it was so hot that many athletes passed out, but three days later the new cinder track was flooded by rain and men in Admiralty oilskins had to pierce it with garden forks to disperse the puddles and encourage it to drain.

A special section in the stadium was reserved for the 1,500 athletes so they could watch each other's events. However, they were not entitled to complimentary ticket outside their own venues, which meant that the swimmers could watch the boxers at the Empire Pool but, unless they were prepared to pay for it, neither swimmers, boxers, cyclists, hockey-player nor gymnasts could go to see the football. A joke went round about three men who were disappointed to learn there were no more seats to be had. Undaunted, the first picked up a manhole cover, and went up to an attendant. 'The name is Smith and I'm a Discuss Thrower -he was admitted. The second found a long sewer pipe and carried it to the gate. 'The name is Brown and I'm a Pole Vaulter', and he was admitted. The third fellow found a roll of barbed wire and said , 'my name is Jones and I'm a Fencer'!.

ACCOUNTS

Receipts – including, from tickets, housing, transport, miscellaneous, etc
£761,688

Expenditure -including wages, transport, entertainment & hospitality, etc
£732,268

Excess of income over expenditure (less tax paid) £29,420
Tax paid £9,000
(from the official Report of the XIV Olympiad, London Organising Committee 1951)
NOTE : The cost of £732,268 is equivalent to about £20million in 2008.

## Sue Stevens

# ROMFORD CIRCUIT

# ‘Christmas At Home’

## Thursday 6th Dec

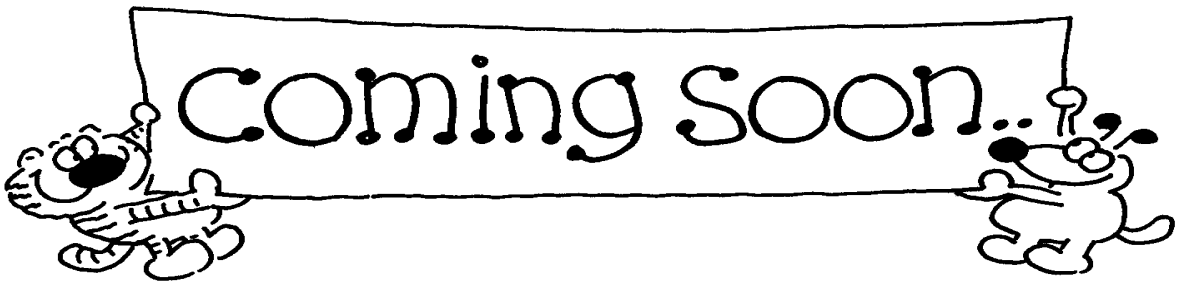
## 11.30am – 4pm

Cost £7.00



Come and join us for Christmas Lunch with pudding and mince pies,
activities and afternoon tea
If you are interested in coming please fill in the form and return ASAP thank you

**For any further information contact:**
**Penny 01708 769517 or Trinity Church 01708 747930**
**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**
**ANGEL WAY Romford RM1 1JH**
**Registration forms available at end of October**




DEC 2024

Sat 30th Nov - Sun Dec 8th Upminster tree festival

Fri 6th 'At Home' Trinity

Sun 8th 4pm Cafe@4 at Upminster

Tues 10th '10th for 10' in person venue TBC

Sun 15th 11am Christingle at South Ockendon

JAN 2025

Tues 28th Circuit meeting 7.30pm Rainham MC

If you would like this newsletter in a large print format please let Penny Masters know



# LECTIONARY READINGS
# YEAR B
# RELATED

**Sept 1st**
Deut 4:1-2,6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

**Sept 8th**
Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-10(11-13)14-17 Mark 7:24-37

**Sept 15th**
Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

**Sept 22nd**
Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1,12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54
James 3:13 - 4:3,7-8a Mark 9:30-37

**Sept 29th**
Numb 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 Ps 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

**Oct 6th**
Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4,2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

**Oct 13th**
Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

**Oct 20th**
Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

**Oct 27th**
Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

**Nov 3rd**
Deut 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

**Nov 10th**
1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44
or Remembrance Sunday readings

**Nov 17th**
Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Heb 10:11-14(15-18)19-25 Mark 13:1-8

**Nov 24th**
Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 Psalm 93 Rev 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37




Please note some of our activities are on zoom
So please check with local church or circuit Office

SEPT

Sun 1st Sunday sharing at CMOP
Sun 8th Welcome service for Rev Rachel Read 4pm Rainham MC
Tues 10th 7.30pm '10th for 10' Zoom (details in newsletter)
Thurs 12th Circuit meeting 7.30pm at Hornchurch MC

OCT

Thurs 10th 7.30pm '10th for 10' Zoom
Sat 12th COMEFLY at Havering Road MC
Sun 13th Sunday sharing at CMOP
Thurs 19th LP/WL meeting at CMOP 7.30pm
Sat 26th CHORUS AND CAKE at Trinity 3pm

NOV

Fri 1st All Saints service at CMOP 7pm
Sun 10th 7pm '10th for 10' Zoom
Sat 30th Christmas Bazaar 11am At Rainham MC
Sat 30th - Sun 8th Dec Christmas Tree festival Upminster MC