

WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH!

PLEASE READ THE NOTES BELOW ABOUT MEETING IN THE VALLINS' HALL AND REMIND YOURSELVES OF THE PROCEDURES LISTED BELOW ON PAGES 3 & 4.

DANGER - NO-ONE SHOULD ENTER THE MAIN CHURCH SANTUARY UNLESS AUTHORISED BY A MEMBER OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

Until further notice, all Services will be held in the Vallins Hall

As some of you may know a tile on the inside of the church roof came loose recently and fell onto the church floor. Fortunately, this did not happen when anyone was in the church.

It has been agreed that we will continue to hold services but in the Vallins Hall. Everything has been done to ensure that everywhere is covid secure. The disabled toilet will be available for emergencies.

If you will be attending future services, please walk down the side of the church and wait, socially distancing, outside the Link Up door. A Steward will advise you as to when you can enter. Your attendance will be recorded inside the hall.

Please do not go up to the person recording attendances. If we don't have your name and contact details a Steward will record them.

We will be operating a one-way system. At the end of the service please wait to be told when to leave and do so through the fire door on the right-hand side of the stage.

All other directives that applied when we were meeting in the church continue to be applicable when meeting in the Vallins Hall.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

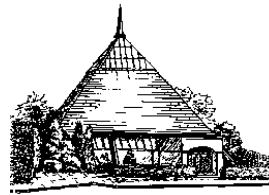
The Leadership Team

Please send contributions for future Pyramid Posts by mid-day on the Tuesday before the following Sunday. This will enable sanitised printed copies to be prepared in time.

(The Methodist Church's "Home Services" can also still be accessed)

Please let me know if you will not be attending church, don't have e-mail and therefore wish to continue having a copy posted.

Philip Sandiford, Editor



TODAY: 10.30am Mr. Alan Jameson

UPCOMING SERVICES:

NEXT SUN 4th OCT 10.30am Mr. Keith Halstead
SUN 11th OCT 10.30am Rev. Gill Long
SUN 18th OCT 10.30am Mrs. Lucy Brown
**SUN 25th OCT 10.30am REV. ROSEMARY RICHTER
(HARVEST THEME)**

PETER BULL

As announced last Sunday, Peter Bull sadly died on Wednesday 16th September.

We give thanks for Peter's loyal attendance and service to this church over many years and pray for Peter's family at this sad time.

Peter's funeral will be held at Merton & Sutton Joint Cemetery, Garth Road, Morden on the 5th October.

Given the restrictions currently in place it is assumed that this will be for family only.

**NEXT SAT 3rd OCT, 9.30am-2,00pm:
BANSTEAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION - COMBINED CHARITIES CHRISTMAS EVENT**

On behalf of the Banstead Community Association, I am organising our annual Combined Charities Christmas Event to take place at the Community Hall in Park Lane Banstead on 3rd October 2020 (9.30am to 2pm).

Around 20 charities come together to sell their cards and gifts.

This year will be a difficult one, of course, but we are planning to go ahead with all appropriate safeguards in place.

Bill Mills

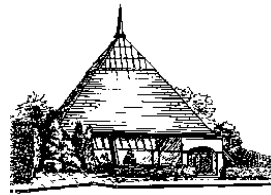
FOODBANK UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone who has donated food or given a financial donation recently. The number of people we are feeding has remained constant as although some folk are no longer isolating, we now have families without jobs needing our help. Last week we fed 220 people in 85 deliveries.

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The latest "Wish List" is as follows: Sugar - small bags if possible, Long life fruit juice, Long life sponge puddings, Children's treats - chocolate etc, Instant mash, Custard, Coffee, Tea Bags - small packs, Cereal - not porridge,

Jam/honey/marmalade, Tinned meat - not spam, Cleaning products, Washing powder/tablets/capsules

I can be contacted on 01737 356201 or 07753 236115 if you would like me to collect items, or items can be left in the vestry. There are also Food Bank bins in most of the major supermarkets if you just want to pop a tin or two in. These are emptied regularly.

Thank you, *Janice Barber*

CHURCH CEILING TILES – PROGRESS REPORT

Thanks to Sue Hopper for organising for the church's insurance company to visit and assess our claim for repairing the broken ceiling tile.

The tile will be repaired next Thursday with scaffolding being erected and dismantled on Wednesday and Friday.

Meanwhile a competent contractor is being sought who will be able to carry out a safety inspection of the whole of the church's ceiling to assess whether wider repairs have to be carried out before we can start to use the church building again.

7th OCT – WORK ON CHURCH HEDGE AND SIDE PATH

The large hedge to the left of the church will be trimmed, and the brambles along the left side path will be cleared on Wednesday, 7th October.

Thanks to Sue Hopper for organising this work, and for recently cutting back the front hedge which was looking as shaggy as my hair after lockdown!

Philip Sandiford

If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please do not come to the services

Bring a mask: face coverings became mandatory in communal indoor spaces from the 8th August.

There are some circumstances where people are not expected to wear face coverings.

Please be respectful, noting that some people are less well able to wear face coverings, and that the reasons for this may not be visible to others.

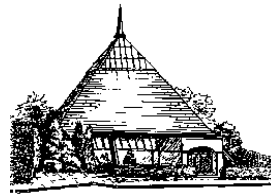
The Vallins Hall will be well-ventilated with doors and windows open, so please come prepared if you feel the cold.

Please remember to allow more time to get into the service as entrance will be staggered to allow for social distancing

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On entering the building, please sanitise your hands: sanitiser pumps will be available if you haven't brought your own sanitiser.

Bring your own water if you feel you might need it.

There will be a steward available near the door ready to offer (socially-distanced) help and advice.

Your presence will be recorded for Track and Trace purposes. If you do not consent to this, please make this known as you enter. The information will be destroyed after three weeks.

Chairs will be arranged singly and in groups. If you have come alone, please sit on a single seat, leaving the groups of chairs for people from the same household/bubble.

Please make your way to a seat straightaway. **Do not change seats**

Only the toilet for the disabled will be open for emergencies only. If you need to use it please clean it before and after use. Put used wipes in the bin provided. If you have to wait please do so social distancing

You are invited to drop your offering into the marked box near the door, either as you enter or as you leave (the offering will not be presented during the service).

The service will be shorter than usual (30 – 45 minutes).

Congregational singing is not allowed, music may be provided by an organist, pianist or CD

Speak quietly when making any responses.

After the service

Refreshments will not be served

Please leave when directed to by a Steward and observe social distancing. Do not remain in the hall to chat.

Please take away with you any copies of Service Sheets and the Pyramid Post that you have handled

Once outside the church observe Government guidelines for meeting people.

We will review things week by week, and this information will be updated as necessary. We are not holding communion services yet; we will do so when we feel it can be done safely.