



Welcome Pack

Manor Mission Church

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We hope that this little booklet will explain a bit about who we are, what we believe in and what goes on at the Church.

If you have any questions please ask one of the trustees or the person who gave you this.

Who are we?

We are an independent (non-denominational) Church that was set up in 1926. We aim to serve God and the people of Laindon by Knowing God, Showing God and Making God Known.

What do we believe?

We believe in the authority of the Bible in all matters regarding our faith. We believe in the Trinity of God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We believe that we have all fallen short of God's standards for our lives and need to be saved through acknowledging the death and resurrection of Jesus, who will return again to judge both the living and the dead.

For more details see the "What do we believe?" webpage.

What do we do?

Sunday Services

We have two services on Sunday, one at 10am and another at 6.30pm. Each will last about an hour.

On the last Sunday of the month we will have Messy Church at 4.00pm instead of the evening service which will be based around a Bible passage with crafts and a short service followed by food.

On the last Sunday morning of the month we have our open service. In this service there will be opportunity to contribute to the service through reflecting on a Bible passage, or sharing things that need prayer or to thank God for and sometimes choosing the songs.

Communion

We invite all those who have accepted Jesus as their Saviour to share in our communion service with us. We celebrate communion in the 4th morning service of the month as part of our open service.

What can my children do in the service?

At the morning service (providing it isn't a family or parade service on the second Sunday of the month) we have a Sunday School which any children from 4-13 are welcome to attend. The children will leave the main service after about 20 minutes and go to the back hall. They will come back at the end of the service.

If you wish there is a room at the back with a speaker where you can take small children and still hear the service. We also have a tablet, that will allow you to see what is going on in the main service via a webcam feed. Just ask one of the people in the vestry for it.

If you need baby changing facilities these are next to the toilets to the front right of the church.

Offering

We do not take an offering, but if you would like to give there is a box at the back of the Church. If you are a tax payer and wish for us to be able to collect the gift aid on this, please fill in one of the blue envelopes.

Baptism

We believe in a believers baptism for those who have made a conscious choice to follow Jesus. We offer infant dedication rather than christening where we will pray and support the child to grow up as a Christian.

Bible Study

We would encourage all those who attend the church to study the Bible individually, but also collectively. On Tuesday evenings we study the Bible and pray and support each other. If you would like further information on this please speak to Steve Morley or one of the Trustees. On the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month we don't have a Bible study, but sometimes have a social gathering elsewhere.

Disabled Christians Fellowship

On the second Saturday of the month starting at 3pm we run Disabled Christians Fellowship. This is where both disabled and able bodied Christians can meet and listen to a message and share in a simple meal.

Guide Movement

There are also a variety of rainbows, brownies, guides and ranger groups that meet in the church during the week.

Mid week meetings

We have a coffee morning (Coffee Pot) on Mondays from 10am-noon which anyone is welcome to drop into and have a chat. Children are welcome and a selection of toys are available.

We also have CAMEO (Come And Meet EveryOne) on Wednesdays from 1.45-3pm. CAMEO is summarised by the strapline: *FAITH FELLOWSHIP FRIENDSHIP*. It is an informal meeting where we share a passage from the Bible and sing some hymns and anyone is welcome.

Prayer

If you have something that you would like to pray about either speak to a trustee or if you would like more people to pray for it then contact the prayer chain on 07722 304917. The prayer chain will then text some members of the church who will pray for you in confidence.

Replacing the back hall

We may mention about fundraising towards our back hall. Besides the main church building we have a smaller building just behind. It is smaller than we need and beyond economical repair. We're actively trying to raise funds towards its replacement.

Services in the community

We have been invited to take services in two of the local care homes. These are on the 1st Sunday of the Month at Ghyll Grove and the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at Evelyn May. Both are at 3pm, meeting in the car parks at 2.45pm. If you want more information on these, please speak to Heather or Steve.

Youth Work

On Thursday evenings (8-9pm) in the church we run a youth group called Xplore where there are crafts and a short talk about the Bible. This is for young people between school years 5 and 9.

Who leads the church?

We currently have a leadership team consisting of the 6 trustees plus Steve Morley who are responsible for overseeing what happens in church. Please feel free to speak to any of them if you have an idea or problem. Whilst they have areas of oversight, please feel free to talk to any of them.



Heather



Colin



Ronke



Dave



Tim



John



Steve

Admin / Finance	Pastoral	Worship and Spiritual Direction	Youthwork and Safeguarding (Inc. Adults)	Maintenance	Other Notes
Ronke - Treasurer - Lifts - Stewarding	Heather - DCF - Prayer Chain	Colin - Worship group	Ronke - Xplore	Tim	Margaret - Secretary - Sunday School - Xplore
Heather - Speakers - Asst. Treasurer	Colin	Dave	Tim	John	Jackie Lake - Coffee Pot
Dave - Hall booking - Asst. Treasurer	John	Tim	Safeguarding Dave: Coordinator Heather: Deputy (adults) Tim: Deputy (children)	Dave	Colin - Chair of Trustees
Tim - Magazine - Website	Steve	Steve - Cameo - Bible Study			