

WELCOME to  
ROMFORD EVANGELICAL  
FREE CHURCH

***Our Logo!***



***Romford  
Evangelical  
Free Church***



**We are an independent, self governing church. We are a member of the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC)**

# We talk about our church as 'ROMFORD EVAN'

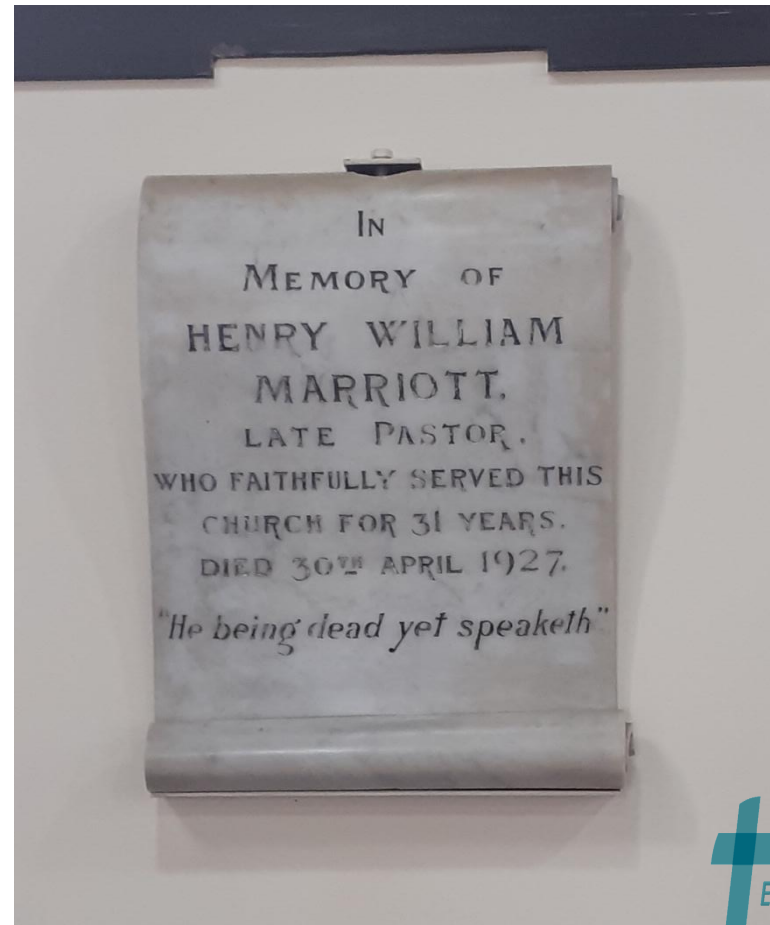
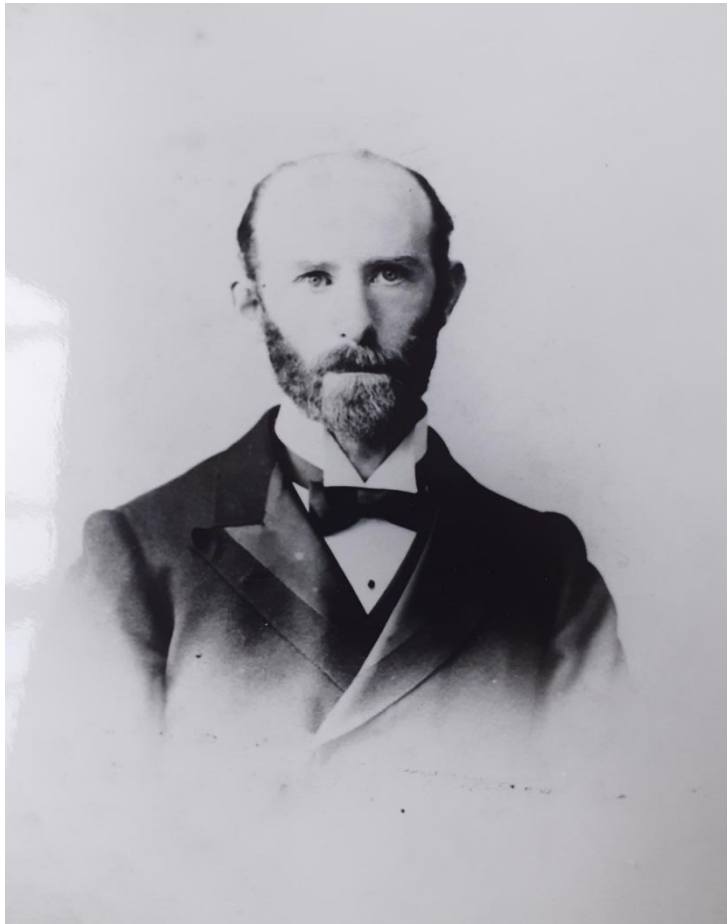
The church was built on the present site in 1901, the original church having started in a tin hut in Boundary Road in 1888.

The church building is about 120 years old.



The foundation stone on the front wall of the church

# Evan's first pastor was Henry Marriott and a plaque in church celebrates his service to the church



**We CHOOSE OUR OWN MINISTER or pastor**

**This is Pastor Matthew and his wife Debra**



**OUR CHURCH HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF  
ABOUT 100 PEOPLE.**

**The members are allowed to vote to  
choose the church leaders and church  
rules.**

**There are eight deacons and four  
trustees and they, with Pastor  
Matthew, are the church leadership.**

# THE CHURCH BUILDING HAS PEWS FOR THE CONGREGATION TO SIT ON

The pews are very heavy and hard and made of wood, they cannot be easily moved about! (We do have foam cushions to make them less hard !)



The inside of church about 50 years ago



# Inside the church today!



*Views from the front and  
from the back of the church*

*We are seated  
socially distanced !*



# 'Evan' Meets at CHURCH ON a SUNDAY MORNING

- Followers of Jesus are called Christians
- We sing hymns and songs to worship God
- We pray to God
- We read the Bible
- We listen to a talk from the Bible, called a sermon, usually from our Pastor
- We enjoy meeting each other afterwards for a chat

# Prayers

We pray to God because we want to speak to Him.

In our prayers:

- We tell God how great he is
- We ask God to help us
- We thank God for all that he has given us

**We often put our hands together and close our eyes when we pray to stop us being distracted**



# CHURCH MUSIC

- There is often a church band that plays music before, after and during church, accompanying the singing.
- This can be a piano, an organ and guitars, drums and other instruments.
- We sing some songs called hymns, often written hundreds of years ago and some modern Christian songs.

# Music corner and singers



# We believe that the Bible is God's Word

There are 66 books in the Bible

- 39 Old Testament (before Jesus came)
- 27 New Testament (after Jesus came to earth)

Christians like to read the Bible in  
church and at home too



**The bible has been written in many different versions and languages. Some versions are easier to understand than others.**

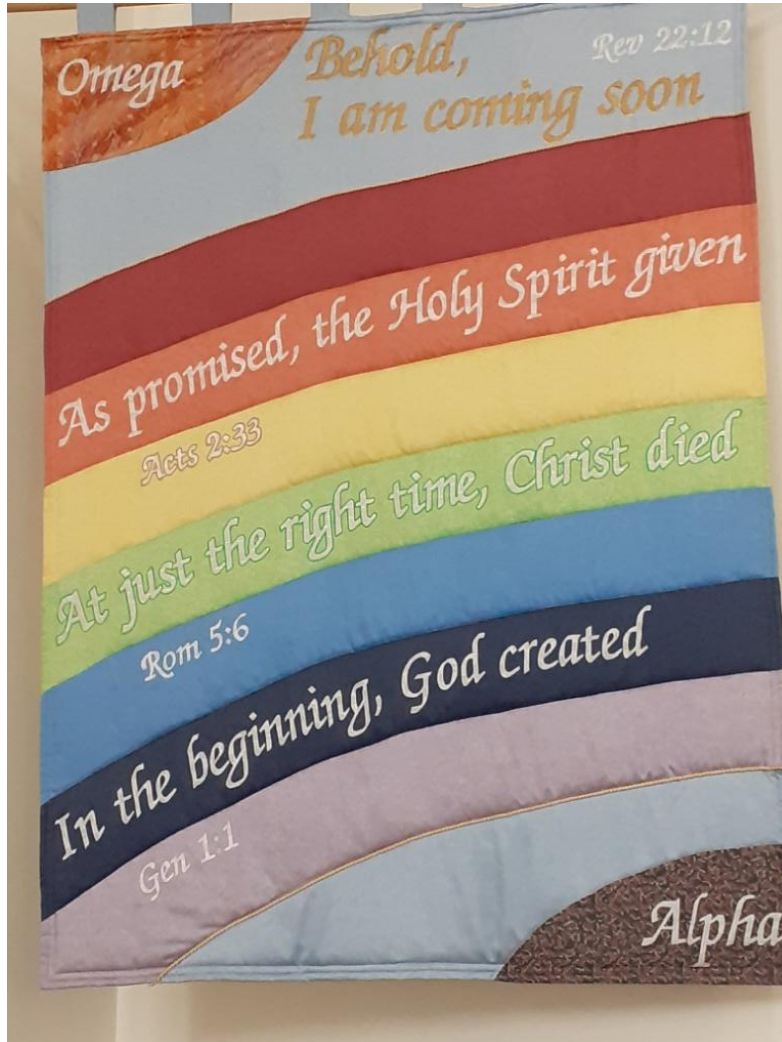


# THE MINISTER STANDS AT THE FRONT OF CHURCH ON A PLATFORM AND SPEAKS AT A LECTERN

- The congregation can see and hear when he speaks to them.
- The minister speaks from the Bible passage that has been read to help the congregation understand it better.



# EVAN HAS BANNERS to decorate the CHURCH WALLS.



The banners have passages from the Bible on them

# Some more banners



# Communion

- On the wall at the front of church is a big wooden cross which reminds us that Jesus died
- Jesus died on the cross for our sin on Good Friday
- We celebrate that Jesus did not stay dead but that he rose again on Easter Day.



# We sometimes have a COMMUNION Service when we drink grape juice and eat a piece of bread



The bread  
reminds us of  
Jesus' body.

The juice reminds  
us of Jesus'  
blood

# We sometimes have a baptismal service when we fill a big tank full of water at the front of church



The tank covered over at the front of church

# Adult Baptism

- In this service people who love Jesus tell everyone how they came to know Jesus as their friend
- The minister puts them under the water and then pulls them out again
- This is a reminder that Jesus died for our sin and rose again.



**Jesus was baptised and told his followers  
they should be baptised too.**



# HALLS

- We have halls at the back of the church building where other groups meet.
- Sometimes we have Bible studies, coffee mornings, childrens', ladies' and mens' groups
- Our church and halls are used for weddings, funerals and celebrations too.

# Upstairs and Downstairs halls



# CHILDREN'S groups

Children and young people have their own groups on a Sunday and during the week so that the Bible can be explained and more easily understood.

- Sunday Club
- Messy Church
- Cultivate
- Motivate
- Tots





***Children enjoy having fun and making crafts***

THANK you FOR  
COMING to See our  
CHURCH.

PLEASE COME AGAIN!