

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2010

WORSHIP SERVICES

1 April	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion
2 April	12 noon	Churches Together Good Friday Walk of Witness, beginning at St Marie's Roman Catholic Church
4 April	11.15am	Easter Sunday
11 April	11.15am	Mr Anthony Cupper –from Mossley, Congleton chair of the Dean Row Congregation
18 April	11.15am	Mr Neville Kenyon, Dorothy Bertenshaw will play the piano
25 April	11.15am	Mr Cody Coyne

CHURCH STEWARDS

4 April	Vera Stephenson and Barbara Ashworth
11 April	Anne & Roger Mills
18 April	Susan McMullen and Olive Westhead
25 April	Pat Haworth and Jean Taylor

CHURCH FLOWERS

4 April	In memory of Alex Rogers
11 April	In loving memory of Joan & Ted Sharples
18 April	In loving memory of Peter Gilbert
25 April	Church Flowers

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

3 April Barbara Bamford and Freda Worthington
10 April Rene Hollos and Alison Hollos
17 April Molly Ratcliffe and Betty Kenyon
24 April Anne & Roger Mills

LUNCH CIRCLE

We shall meet on Tuesday, 20th April at 12.30pm. The organisers are Susan and Margaret (Jeff on holiday). Please inform Susan if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday, 8th April 7.30pm Harry Taylor will speak on 'Living with the Kenyons'.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We shall meet on Wednesday, 28th April at 7.30pm. Our speaker will be Colin Smith who will give an illustrated talk on 'Preserving Our Heritage'. All men cordially invited.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday	12 April	7.00pm	Council
Wednesday	14 April	7.30pm	Trustees

EARLY CALENDAR DEADLINE

Please Note the early deadline for copy for the May Calendar. It will be **Sunday, 11th April**. The May Calendar will be available in church on Sunday 18th April.

MEDITATION GROUP

Please note that there will be no meeting of the Meditation Group in the month of April. The next gathering will be on Thursday evening, 27 May, from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. in the church lounge. All newcomers are cordially invited to join this group of church members and friends, who are exploring different methods of meditation, as offered by a variety of religious and non-religious traditions. For further information, please contact Jeff Gould (telephone 0161 764 4925).

OFF TO NOTTINGHAM!

The Annual Meetings of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches will take place this year on the Jubilee Campus of the University of Nottingham from 8 to 11 April. The Bury Unitarian Church will be represented by Anne and Roger Mills, who will serve as the congregation's official delegates. Betty Kenyon and Molly Ratcliffe will attend as visitors. I will take part as your minister, but will also

“wear a few other hats,” as I facilitate a workshop with Dorothy Hewerdine on the visual cues congregations give to visitors for worship, host a book launch on behalf of the Unitarian Christian Association in my role as the current Moderator, lead a Taizé-style service for the Worship Panel, and present the annual report of the Faith and Public Issues Commission. The most important part of the meetings, however, will be the installation of our own Neville Kenyon as the President of the General Assembly for the coming year. This is the highest active appointment in our liberal religious movement, and one that commands a significant amount of time and dedication. We may not see as much of Neville as usual in the next twelve months, as he visits fellow-congregations, district associations, Unitarian institutions and societies that are affiliated to the General Assembly, and possibly the odd foreign country! What we can be certain of is that he will do his best to listen to the concerns of our fellow-members, and reflect on the great diversity that is our denomination’s strength. It will be good to benefit from his observations at the end of his presidential year. We wish him well in his travels, and hope that he enjoys his role as ambassador to the wider community.

JEFF

THE MINISTER’S HOLIDAY COVERAGE

The minister will be away from home on holiday from 15 to 27 April. In his absence, emergency pastoral coverage will be provided by The Reverend Gillian Peel, minister of the Rochdale Unitarian Church. Her contact details are as follows:

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EFFORTS COMMITTEE EVENT

AT BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

MAGICAL MUSICAL EVENING

SATURDAY 8TH MAY AT 7.30PM

FEATURING STAR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIST

BYRON JONES

A welcome return visit playing his WERSI SCALA organ

To reserve a ticket priced at £5 (including refreshments) telephone: 0161 764 6374 or 0161 764 3979 or see Margaret Fitzpatrick or Colin Smith

NOT TO BE MISSED**DON'T DELAY****BOOK TODAY**

FAIR TRADE MATTERS

Our “Big Brew” coffee morning, held on the 3rd of March, was very successful; attendance was good, the event was enjoyable, and £177.17 profit was raised for church-funds. There was even a photograph and report in the “Bury Times”---excellent publicity! Many thanks to everyone who supported us on that morning.

Our Delicious Peace coffee, specially purchased for the occasion, was much enjoyed; beans were ground, and the coffee-pots were filled many times over. I am proposing to buy more packs of this coffee, in an international box, but I will need at least six definite orders before I can commit to this; the deadline for placing orders with me is Sunday, the 4th of April, after which I hope to be able to contact The Thanksgiving Coffee Company, in California. Please be aware that the packets contain coffee-beans, which need to be ground, before the coffee is brewed in a coffee-machine or cafetiere. I expect each packet to cost approximately £7.00.

I was pleased that visitors from other churches in Bury attended our coffee morning; one such was Peter Roscoe, the Secretary of the Steering Committee for Bury's bid for Fair Trade status. Peter left a petition for us to sign, in support of the bid, and I was able to return to him two full pages of signatures, for which he was very grateful. Once the petition has been completed, it will be presented to the Mayor of Bury. We are also invited to attend the next meeting of the Steering Committee, which will be held on April 21st; unfortunately, both Jeff and I are on holiday then and unable to attend; if anyone else wishes to do so, in our stead, please speak to me, and I will supply details; it would be good to have a presence, on that occasion.

The new Traidcraft Spring brochures are now available; do help yourself to a copy from the stall.

With best wishes,
Anne.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday evening, 26 April, from 7.30 to 9 p.m. in the church lounge. The book to be discussed is ***Purple Hibiscus***, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Light refreshments are shared throughout the meeting and no charge is made for taking part. Library copies of this book should be available from the cupboard in the lounge from Weds. 31 March.

MESSIAH

Bury Parish Church will hold its annual "Come and Sing" event, on Good Friday, April 2nd, when selected choruses and arias from Handel's "Messiah" will be performed. The performance begins at 7.30p.m; and tickets cost £5.00. Further details are posted on the lounge notice-board.

SPRING

Nothing is so beautiful as spring –

**When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look like little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing.**

Gerard Manley Hopkins

INSPIRATION

At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.

Albert Schweitzer

"BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH is an intentionally diverse religious community."

**News from Ainsworth Unitarian Chapel
April 2010**

LADIES' SOCIAL GROUP

The Ladies' Social Group will meet for tea in the Schoolroom at 4.30 pm Wednesday 7th April.
Please note there will be no meeting in May.

295th Chapel Anniversary

Sunday 9th May 2010

4.30 pm *Tea in Schoolroom*

6.30 pm *Service in Chapel led by our GA President,*

Mr Neville Kenyon

Tickets for the Tea available nearer the time.

A very happy Easter

to all members and friends