

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2012

SERVICES

5 August	11.15am	Rev John Allerton
12 August	11.15am	Rev Nicky Jenkins from our Chorlton, Manchester, Church
19 August	11.15am	The Minister
26 August	11.15am	The Minister

Please note there will be no Junior Church in August.

CHURCH STEWARDS

5 August	Jean Jackson & Beryl Bowden
12 August	Rebecca Warburton & Marc Peters
19 August	Alfred Howson & Roger Mills
26 August	Rebecca Warburton & Sue McMullen

CHURCH FLOWERS

5 August	In loving memory of Jim & Madie Hargreaves Jean & Valerie
12 August	Mrs Alice Whewell – In loving memory of Jack
19 August	In memory of Bernard & Marion Haughton
26 August	In memory of Mr & Mrs W G Sharples, U.S.A.

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

4 August	June Clarke & Freda Worthington
11 August	June Seddon & Vera Stephenson
18 August	Rene Hollos & Alison Hollos
25 August	Anne & Roger Mills

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

The Luncheon Circle will not meet during the month of August. We resume in September.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Women's League will NOT meet in August but will be back on September 6 for the project evening which will be for **Send a Child to Hucklow**. Full details will be given later.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Monday 6 August	7.00pm	Finance & General Purposes
Monday 13 August	7.00pm	Church Council

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for handing in items for the **September** edition of the Calendar will be Sunday 19th August.

TRADCRAFT

The stall will be open, this month, on August 5th and August 19th.

NELUM SUMMER MEETING AT CHORLEY CHAPEL

Saturday 18th August commencing at 11am.

Lunch is available at a cost of £5.00.(see notice board for details of booking)

Everyone is welcome and a visit to Astley Hall in the afternoon is well worthwhile.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday 27 August at 7.00pm. The book to be discussed is *One Good Turn* by Kate Atkinson. All are welcome. It's not necessary to have read the book. We share light refreshments during the evening and usually finish around 9.00pm. We will be selecting our next three or four book choices at this meeting.

FROM THE CHARITY COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who supported "Tea at Molly's"; just over £200 in profit was raised. Members of Bury's Samaritans' Youth Support Group were much in evidence, in their bright green T-shirts, as they helped with all aspects of the event's organisation. In addition, they

offered several short presentations indicating the nature and scope of the work of The Samaritans, which were both interesting and moving.

Colin Smith will accept the contents of collecting-boxes at any time.

It will soon be time to decide upon our designated charity for next year. If you wish to suggest a charity, please speak to Roger Mills or Molly Ratcliffe. We usually try to support a charity which is fairly local.

The Charity Committee's last event for this year will be a Murder Mystery Evening, to be held on Saturday, September 1st.

MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Saturday 1 September 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Cheese & Wine Refreshments will be served

There will be a **Raffle** and **additional drinks will be available**, in exchange for a modest donation.

Tickets will soon be on sale at a cost of £5.00 (to include a glass of wine).

If anyone feels able to donate a raffle prize, please speak to Roger.

NEWS FROM AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHURCH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2012

5 August	10.00am	Mr Granville Leather (Bank St. Chapel Bolton)
19 August	10.00am	Rev Desmond Porter

Our kind thoughts and best wishes go to all members and friends of The Chapel.

MINISTER'S MONTH

For half of this month John and I have been away on holiday in Northumberland. The non-existent summer led to a some problems when deciding what to pack. Waterproofs were a must but would we need sunscreen or sunhats? Should we take deckchairs or perhaps a canoe? I took the sunhat but not the canoe, and as it turned out I didn't need either of them. The weather, considering the summer so far, was relatively kind, and we did spend some time outdoors.

Rain they say is weather for ducks but talking to gardeners it seems to be weather for slugs and snails as well, with number reaching epidemic proportions. I have missed the frogs in our garden this year as, unlike last year when we had lots, there only seems to be one who lives under the wheelie bin. This is a bit dangerous as we are likely to run over him/her if we forget to remove the bin carefully.

It is good to report that we have had interest in the position of organist and hopefully this will go forward positively and there will be some definite news soon. Although it will be really good to have a permanent organist I will miss the talented young people who have provided us with such wonderful music during the interim. Making sure that there has been music every week has been hard work. It is thanks to Anne Mills, who has advertised for an organist far and wide, that we are now almost in a position to make an appointment.

No matter what the weather is like the barbeque will go ahead on 4th August - an umbrella will be supplied to the cook. As I reminded Sheena Bluer when she visited earlier this year, the first barbeque was held in the garden of the house she and Dick had on Haig Road before they returned to Glasgow. I also remembered a very wet summer Saturday about thirty years ago that had us removing the proceedings and all the furniture back from Haig Road to church.

Since my return from holiday, I have been up to Todmorden which was affected by the recent flooding. There are sandbags stacked outside almost every house and marks on the walls that show the level the water reached. I was talking to one of the couples at a wedding rehearsal, and they said that the floodwater had reached a depth of about five feet in her mother's house. This is a story repeated all over the country and I feel so sorry for those who have been affected.

Hopefully the weather will improve, and the visit to the arboretum will be blessed with conditions more appropriate to the time of year.

Beryl

