

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH
CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2013

SERVICES

4 August	11.15am	The Minister
11 August	11.15am	Betty Kenyon
18 August	11.15am	The Minister
25 August	11.15am	The Minister

Please note – there will be no Junior Church during this month.

CHURCH STEWARDS

4 August	Margaret & John Fitzpatrick
11 August	Betty Kenyon & John Allerton
18 August	Marian Price & Jean Taylor
25 August	Beryl Bowden & Jean Jackson

CHURCH FLOWERS

4 August	In loving memory of Jim & Madie Hargreaves from Jean & Valerie
11 August	Mrs Alice Whewell – In loving memory of Jack In loving memory of Irene Rogers from Jean Jackson & family

18 August	In memory of Bernard & Marian Horton
25 August	In memory of Mr & Mrs WG Sharples, USA

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

3 August	Marc Peters & Philip Peters
10 August	Rene Hollos & Alison Hollos
17 August	Betty Kenyon & Molly Ratcliffe
24 August	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
31 August	Vera Stephenson & Jean Taylor

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

The hosts this month are Anne & Roger. The meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 August at 12.30pm. Please let Anne or Roger know if you normally attend and are unable to do so.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN AUGUST

Wednesday 7 August	7.00pm	Efforts
Monday 12 August	7.00pm	Church Council
Wednesday 21 August	7.00pm	Trustees

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for handing in items to be included in the September edition of the Calendar will be Sunday 18 August.

Please note the early deadline in September (15 September) for the OCTOBER edition of the Calendar and I would appreciate earlier offerings if possible for that month. Thanks, Pam

TRADCRAFT

The stall will be open, on August 4th and 18th. Please ask Anne if you require items at any other time.

SUNSHINE SMARTIES

There are just a few tubes of Smarties left, if anyone wishes to take them; they can be collected from the Traidcraft stall, or by asking Anne if the stall isn't open. Money can be returned to Brenda Ainsworth at any time.

CHARITY COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone who supported our "Tea at Molly's" event on July 6, in aid of North West Air Ambulance.

The amount raised, which included some very generous donations was £149.35. The amount raised so far this year is £1,074.62.

Our thanks go to June Clarke who ran the raffle and special thanks to Molly for opening her lovely home and garden for this very special afternoon.

The next Charity Committee event, and the last for this year, will be a Table Top Sale, to be held on Saturday August 31st. This will run between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and the premises will be open from 7.30 that morning, to enable stall-holders to set up their wares. The cost of hiring a table for the morning will be a very reasonable £10; this amount will go to the North West Air Ambulance organisation. Stalls may be booked by speaking to Jean Maden (0161 761 6862, howardmaden@aol.com); please consider hiring a table yourself, or sharing one with another person, or spread the word amongst your friends; the number of tables is limited, and several are already taken, so don't delay! As well as stall-holders we need customers, so keep the date free in your diary and come along to see what bargains are to be had!

This event will run alongside the usual Saturday coffee morning, so coffee and home-made cakes will be available, during the morning. The Traidcraft stall will also be open; proceeds from these will go towards church-funds.

If anyone has money from collecting-boxes to hand in, this may be given to Barbara Bamford at any time.

GRAND TABLE TOP SALE

SATURDAY 31 AUGUST

9.00AM TO 12 NOON

**WILL GO TO THE NORTH WEST AIR AMBULANCE
ASSOCIATION**

COME ALONG AND FIND A BARGAIN!!

**COFFEE AND HOME-MADE CAKES AVAILABLE
DURING THE MORNING AS USUAL AND THE
TRADCRAFT STALL WILL BE OPEN .**

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday 26 August at 7.00pm. The book to be discussed will be available from the cupboard in the lounge after Wednesday 31 July. New members always welcome.

MINISTER'S MONTH

I have recently been experiencing a sharing of worship with people from other traditions. During my holiday while in Wensleydale I attended the Quaker Meeting at Bainbridge. If I am in the Dales on a Sunday I really enjoy going along to share worship there. Although we have aspects of religious thought in common with the Society of Friends their worship is very different. Most often it is an hour of shared silence though occasionally someone will be moved to speak. I think the discipline of silence is a hard one and probably needs to be practised regularly before it feels totally comfortable. When you enter the meeting no one speaks though most will smile and nod as you take your seat. The meeting begins without preamble as if there is an unseen signal that everyone understands. I find entering into the silence affects me physically as my breathing slows and I become acutely aware of the quality of silent worship. The hour ends with a handshake and then with everyone shaking hands. I find the Friends at the Bainbridge Meeting some of the most welcoming people I have ever met. I always leave feeling refreshed. I could be a Quaker but I would miss singing hymns.

Then we had our annual visit from the congregation of Bury United Reformed Church. As I prepare the service I know that I want them to experience a Unitarian service but want that to be a positive experience. The hymns in the purple book were perfect for the occasion and some people remarked on this after the service. I wanted a subject for the sermon that was inclusive that spoke as much to their members as to ours and felt that the notion of sanctuary reached across all religious traditions. Speaking to a member of URC following the service she said she enjoyed the openness of our service, remarking that it didn't exclude anyone as some creedal services can do.

I don't know how many people realised but I have been on holiday for three weeks, during which we spent a few days with friends in the Lake District. On the notice board you will find a little card that I brought back with me from our visit to Brantwood, John Ruskin's house, on the side of Coniston Water. Look a little closer and you will see that it is about the newly refurbished toilets there. Not many people bring back souvenirs of toilets I hear you say, quite so, but these are special toilets. They are truly splendid and well worth a visit, the tiling is amazing. The ladies loo is decorated with a desert island/jungly theme and the men have a sea theme with fish etc. Best of all the refurbishment was funded by the Bowland Trust which is Unitarian. I even went to the trouble of buying a leaflet to put on the board – have a look at it. Next year's trip perhaps.

Beryl

CHURCH TRIP

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

Bradford for Morning Service

Packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

Afternoon at Saltaire

Fish and Chips on the way home.

£17.00 please put your name on the list ASAP

Pay Beryl at the end of August.

SUNDAY LUNCH 25 AUGUST

Following the service there will be a light lunch

Fresh Salmon or Chicken Muffins with salad

Ice cream Sundae

Tea or Coffee

Cost £4.00

Please put your name on the list under whichever sandwich filling you prefer.

AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

Sunday Services in AUGUST 2013

10.00 am Sunday 4th August Rev Desmond Porter

10.00 am Sunday 18th August Gordon & Veronica Walker
(Bank St Chapel, Bolton)

Services (which last 45 minutes) are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month with visiting preachers.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME

*We send our kind thoughts and best wishes to any member or friend of
The Chapel who is not well at the moment*

BANK STREET BAZAAR

This will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, starting at 10.30 a.m. Please keep the date free in your diary and start saving items straightaway.

Books can be brought at any time from now on and should be handed to Beryl Bowden; books should be in good, clean condition; please note that we will not be selling toys, videos, CD's or DVD's, this year.

Scarves, jewellery, handbags and other accessories can also be brought in at any time and given to Betty Kenyon. Please start to save good-quality items for the Good As New Stall but remember that we cannot accept any electrical items.

If anyone is making jam, marmalade or chutney, jars of these can be contributed to the Cake Stall.

If you wish to contribute items for the food hamper (the main raffle prize), there will be a list to sign on the notice-board, and contributions will need to be brought in by September 29th at the latest.

Further information will be available shortly; if you are willing to help with the Bazaar, in any way, please speak to Beryl or Anne

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