

• **BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH**

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2010

SERVICES

5 December 11.15am Sue Owen, from the Society of Friends
12 December 11.15am Christmas Music – Dawn Buckle of Stalybridge. Chair of GA Education and Training
19 December 11.15am Carol Service – Rev John Allerton, retired minister of Bury Unitarian Church
24 December 6.30pm Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion
25 December 11.15am Rev Beryl Allerton
26 December NO SERVICE

HOSTS FOR SERVICE LEADERS

5 December Betty & Neville Kenyon
12 December Betty & Neville Kenyon

CHURCH STEWARDS

5 December Marc and Philip Peters
12 December Alfred Howson and Roger Mills
19 December Joe & Barbara Ashworth
26 December No Service
If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the date given, please inform Harry so that stand-in stewards can be allocated, thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS

5 December In loving memory of David H Pollard
12 December Mrs Dorothy Stott – In loving memory of Harvey (Nov 15).
19 December In loving memory of Joan & Ted Sharples
24/25 December Church Flowers
Distributors: Vera Stephenson and Barbara Ashworth

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

4 December Jean Maden and Margaret Pollard
11 December Margaret Fitzpatrick and Jean Jackson
18 December Jean Taylor and Harry Taylor
25 Christmas Day

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

The Luncheon Circle will meet on Tuesday 14 December at 12.30pm for our Christmas Party. Please note that this is a week earlier than normal. All the teams are involved in this, but please let Harry know if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday 9 December AT 7.30pm **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There will be NO MEETING of the fellowship in December.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

Monday 6 December	7.30pm	Finance and General Purposes
Tuesday 7 December	7.30pm	Trustees
Monday 13 December	7.30pm	Church Council

CALENDAR DEADLINE

Items for the January Calendar should be in the yellow folder by **Sunday 11 December** please.

CALENDAR DONATIONS

Jean Jackson will be happy to receive your donations towards the cost of producing the Calendar.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS TREES



The **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** will be open on:

FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER from 1.00pm to 5.00pm

SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER from 10.00am to 4.00pm

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER from 1.00pm until 4.00pm

ADMISSION FREE

**Stewards required please for the kitchen (goods provided)
Stewards required in Church please - SEE NOTICE BOARD
IN LOUNGE**

The Mayor and Mayoress will be attending Sunday service.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!!

THANKS FOR HELP AT THE BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this a profitable and enjoyable day. Thank you to all those who came along and supported us. We raised £1,378 for Church Funds.

THANKS FROM MURIEL

Muriel Smith wishes to say thanks for the generous donations given for the Raffle at the Bazaar and also for the events during the past year. The gifts are very much appreciated by the Efforts Committee and deserving of our thanks. Sincere good wishes to all.

SUNSHINE PENNIES

Could Brenda Ainsworth please have any pennies by 12 December, please. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SATURDAY 11 DECEMBER AT 7.30PM

A RETURN VISIT BY THE
HELMSHORE AND HASLINGDEN BRASS BAND

TICKETS £6 FROM MARGARET FITZPATRICK
INCLUDES COFFEE AND CAKE AT THE INTERVAL

COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR AN ENJOYABLE
CHRISTMAS OCCASION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES

Volunteers are invited to act as representatives to attend the **Annual GA Conference** to be held from **Friday, 15th April to Monday, 18th April 2011**, in **Swansea**

Anyone interested, please give names to **Neville Kenyon**, Chairman of the Congregation, or **Marian Price**, Secretary of the Church Council, prior to the Council meeting on 14th February, when a final decision will be made.

UPDATE OF RECORDS

Attempts are made at the beginning of each year to update the **Church Membership records**.

If there has been any change in your address or telephone details over the last twelve months (or if you think, for whatever reason, we may not have the correct details) please inform **Marian Price, Church Secretary**, at your earliest convenience.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

There are two events planned for December, to which members of all churches are welcome.

The first is an Advent Reflection, on Thursday, December 2nd; this will be held upstairs, at Bury's United Reformed Church, at 7.45 p.m.

The second is a joint Carol Service, on Saturday, December 11th, at 11 a.m. It is to be held in the Millgate Centre, but details about the exact venue have not yet been released.

Please speak to me, if you are interested in participating in either of these events, and I will do my best to supply further information. As soon as I have more details, I will make them public, via either the lounge notice-board or the pulpit.

Anne.

CHARITY FUND- RAISING COMMITTEE

Our named charity for 2011 is **Bury Cancer Support Group** and we have three efforts planned:

26 February 2011 - Quiz Evening with Pie and Pea Supper

2 July 2011 - Tea at Molly's

8 September 2011 - To be announced.

Please make a note of these dates in your diaries.

Collecting boxes will be available early next year.

INDUCTION SERVICE

A party of 15 from Bury Unitarian Church attended the Induction of the Reverend Robert Pounder, at Oldham Unitarian Chapel, on October 23rd. The occasion was well-attended by approximately 100 people, and Bob looked resplendent in his clerical garb! The service was simple but moving, especially when Trevor Clarke, the Chairman of the Oldham congregation, offered the right hand of fellowship to Bob, to which Bob responded with a personal testimony, promising to serve his church with dedication and energy. We wish Bob well in his ministry at Oldham.

The ceremony was followed, in true Unitarian fashion, by an excellent buffet tea, and by entertainment. There is now a good display of photographs to mark the occasion of Bob's Induction, on the Oldham Unitarian Chapel website.

Bob wished to express his thanks to all those from Bury who supported him at his Induction, and has asked that his best wishes be conveyed to everyone at Bury. He hopes to see congregation-members when he conducts the Christmas Eve Communion Service.

TRAI DCRAFT

Arrangements for the Traidcraft Stall, for December, are as follows: the stall will be open throughout the Celebration of Christmas Trees event, and this will include the morning of Sunday, December 5th; on December 19th, Traidcraft goods will be available before the service, between 10.45 and 11.15, and afterwards, until 12.30; as there will not be a service on December 26th, there will not be Traidcraft then, either. As usual, however, if anyone wishes to buy items at other times, please speak to me.

I have been monitoring Traidcraft sales for some time now and have reached the conclusion, reluctantly, that there is not enough trade to sustain a stall every week. For this reason, therefore, from the beginning of January, 2011, the stall will operate on the first and third Sundays of each month. I shall continue to assess the situation and will revert to a weekly stall, if this seems viable. I shall announce the dates on which the stall will operate, each month, in the calendar, and via the pulpit; in between times, please ask, if you require goods.

I remain appreciative of the support given to Traidcraft and wish to convey my thanks to June, Margaret, Les and Doreen for their help throughout the year.
Anne.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

The Book Club will not meet in the month of December, but will hold its first gathering of the New Year on Monday 25 January 2011 beginning at 7.30pm in the church's coffee lounge. The book to be discussed will be announced and a notice relating to the next three choices will appear on the notice board in the lounge after the final meeting on November 26.

Friends

I just wanted to say how delighted I am to be starting an interim ministry at Bury from January. I also want to thank all of you for the warmth and enthusiasm with which you have greeted the appointment. It will be like coming home as, despite my time away, Bury has always been 'my' church. I know that there are problems to overcome. Hurt to be healed and anger to be soothed but, I hope, having acknowledged these and with some time of peace we can then move on and be once again a whole and loving community of friends.

Beryl

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Bury Unitarian Church seeks a member of the congregation to take on the role of Publicity Officer. This would involve making contacts with the press to publicize our events, promoting our image through posters, etc. If you feel you could contribute to the ongoing life of the church in this way, please have a word with Betty Kenyon or any member of the Communications and Worship sub-committee.

CHALICE LIGHTING

After lighting the Chalice, it would be helpful if the chalice-lighter could remain standing quietly by it until the service leader has finished the opening words. Thank you.

Junior Church

This is a desperate plea

Junior Church is in desperate need of helpers

I must record gratitude and thanks to June Clarke and Sue McMullen for taking on the responsibility of our Junior Church. Their commitment and effort is much appreciated and without them at this moment in time there would be no Junior Church. June and Susan are the permanent leaders and doing a grand job, but of course sometimes family health and worries, as we all know, make it that they are unable to be present.

If neither June nor Sue is present and children arrive for the service, the Stewards will inform the parents that children should be taken out of church after the first half, taken into the lounge where a box of interesting activities, appropriate to all ages, is available for their use. It is important to stress that a parent/ grandparent, should accompany and remain with the children in the lounge until the end of the service.

The Primary Room is now kitted out with new furniture, a comfortable chair for the leader and an easy to follow programme which is fastened on the back of the primary cupboard door. The chalice, lighter, equipment and books are all readily available in the cupboard. The children each have their own drawer and any visitors can easily be accommodated with the extra items in the cupboard. There is no shortage of equipment.

Please think long and hard and see if you could possibly agree to help out; as we all know and as has been said many times. Our children are the future of Bury Unitarian Church.

If you feel you are able to help then please get in touch with Betty Kenyon on 01204 887 222.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH
SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER
MENU**

**SHERRY OR FRESH ORANGE JUICE
HOMEMADE VEGETABLE SOUP, ROLL, BUTTER
ABERDEEN ANGUS BEEF MUFFIN WITH MUSTARD
CHRISTMAS CAKE, COFFEE OR TEA**

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN WINE

**TICKETS £3.50 FROM PAM GILBERT AFTER MORNING
SERVICE ON 5 AND 12 DECEMBER**



NEWS FROM AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

SUNDAY SERVICES DECEMBER 2010

PREACHER

10.00 am 5 December Rev Desmond Porter

**6.30 pm 12 December 'Carols by Candlelight'
Rev John D. Allerton**

Next service: 10 am Sunday 2 January 2011

'CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT'
6.30 pm Sunday 12 December



Led by: Rev John D. Allerton

Please join us for tea, coffee and mince pies after the service.

Mrs Dorothy Rostern wishes to thank everyone for their cards, flowers and good wishes following her hospital treatment. Dorothy is now recovering well at home.

***The Ainsworth Congregation wishes everyone
A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year***