

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 2012 AND JANUARY 2013

**SERVICES – December 2012**

- 2 Dec. 11.15am Advent Service – Minister
- 9 Dec. 11.15am Service conducted by Lis Dyson-Jones, President of General Assembly. Also Nativity Play – The Camels are Coming
- 16 Dec. 11.15am Carols and Readings followed by Lunch - Minister
- 23 Dec. 11.15am Favourite Carols – Minister
- 24 Dec. 6.30pm Christmas Eve Communion - Minister**
- 25 Dec. 11.15am Christmas Day Service – short service –  
Followed by Sherry & Shortbread  
Minister
- 30 Dec, 11.15am Short Service – to be announced

**January 2013**

- 6 January 11.15am Junior Church Prize-giving – Minister– prizes  
to be presented by Muriel & Colin Smith
- 13 January 11.15am Minister
- 20 January 11.15am Minister
- 27 January 11.15am To be conducted by the Seminar Group on  
the theme of 'Home'.

**CHURCH STEWARDS**

- 2 Dec. Margaret & John Fitzpatrick
- 9 Dec. Beryl Bowden & Jean Jackson
- 16 Dec. Rebecca Warburton & Marc Peters
- 23 Dec. Alfred Howson & Roger Mills
- 30 Dec. Rebecca Warburton & Sue McMullen
- 6 Jan. Beryl Bowden & Jean Jackson
- 13 Jan. Rebecca Warburton & Marc Peters
- 20 Jan. Alfred Howson & Roger Mills
- 27 Jan. Freda & Derek Worthington

*If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the date given, please rearrange with another steward – thank you.*

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

- 2 Dec. Mr & Mrs R Wilkinson – in memory of Joshua
- 9 Dec. Sandra – in loving memory of Jean Kenyon
- 16 Dec. Margaret Pollard – in memory of David
- 23 Dec. In loving memory of Joan & Ted Sharples
- 30 Dec. In loving memory of Jack Entwisle

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- 6 January David Healey – in loving memory of my husband and friend.
- 13 January Sybil Poulson
- 20 January In loving memory of Mr Mrs J Pollard
- 27 January In loving memory of Mr & Mrs J Lord

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## SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

1 Dec.	June Clarke & Freda Worthington
8 Dec.	June Seddon & Vera Stephenson
15 Dec.	Anne Mills & Becky Warburton
22 Dec.	Rene Hollos & Alison Hollos
29 Dec.	Betty Kenyon & Molly Ratcliffe
5 January	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
12 January	Margaret Fitzpatrick & Jean Taylor
19 January	Brenda Ainsworth & Jean Taylor
26 January	June Clarke & Freda Worthington

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING DECEMBER 2012 AND JANUARY 2013

Monday 3 December	7.00pm	Finance & General Purposes
Monday 10 December	7.00pm	Church Council
Tuesday 18 December	7.00pm	Trustees
Monday 14 <b>January</b>	7.00pm	Communications, Worship & Young People

## CALENDAR DEADLINE

All items for the February edition of the Calendar should be given to the editor before Sunday 20 January 2013, please.

## SMARTIES 20p's

COULD Brenda Ainsworth please have any outstanding Smartie Tubes by December 12<sup>th</sup>!!! Thank you.

## LUNCHEON CLUB

This will take place on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 12.30 p.m; when the Christmas meal will be served. Susan and Margaret will be the hosts, on this occasion; please let them know if you normally attend and are unable to do so.

## WOMEN'S LEAGUE

There are no meetings in either December or January.

## BOOK CLUB

The following books have been selected by the Book Club to be discussed at the next few meetings, each of which will take place on the last Monday of each month at 7.00pm:

*Bring up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel – author of Wolf Hall*

*The Rapture by Liz Jensen*

*Facing the Light by Adele Geras*

*The Woman in White by Wilkie Collins*

We are also still waiting to read *The Welsh Girl by Peter Ho Davies* which has so far been unavailable at Bury Library. Most of the above books are on the Library List but at present it's not possible to be sure when they become available so please keep an eye on the notice board in the lounge and take the books as usual from the cupboard. All are welcome at Book Club whether you've read the book or not.

## SATURDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

Children from Junior Church are going to the pantomime then having tea at the church on their return

## **TRAIDCRAFT**

The stall will be open on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. This means that there will be a month's gap, over the Christmas period, when the stall will not operate; if you require items during this time, please ask.

### **“A CHRISTMAS CAROL”**

Bank Street Chapel, Bolton, will be presenting a reading of this Dickens' favourite, in what has become an annual tradition, on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. Entry is free, but a donation to a designated charity would be appreciated; the readers will be in traditional Victorian costume, and traditional refreshments will be served. The story is full of humour, and the afternoon most enjoyable. If you are able to attend, please sign the list on the notice-board; numbers, for catering-purposes, need to be notified a week beforehand.

### **LIGHT NIGHT UPDATE**

This took place, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, when our garden was taken over for a public display which some people felt to be inappropriate; we were not notified about the event, and nobody checked whether it would conflict with an event of our own. I have now written, several times, to Bury Metro's Chief Executive, Mike Kelly, and to Neil Long and Lesley Kitchinson, who organised the Light Night, requesting answers to specific questions, as well as assurances that a repeat will not occur, in future. It seems that our town officers are unwilling or unable to reply, which is highly discourteous of them. We have received a verbal apology from Tony Trehy, who has undertaken to liaise with us next year and to keep us informed. At the time of writing, I do not know whether this situation will be further resolved; if there are developments, I will pass on the information. Anne.

## **G.A. DELEGATES FOR 2013**

We require two delegates to send to the G.A. Annual Meetings, next year; the meetings will be held at the University of Nottingham, between April 11<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to represent your church, please speak to Anne, preferably before the December Church Council Meeting.

## **VOTING FOR THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Election-packs for the Executive Committee Elections are now available, and all church-members are entitled to vote. The deadline for voting is December 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have not been allocated a pack, please speak to Anne. Please make every effort to vote.

## **STEWARDING**

The current rota for Sunday-morning stewards finishes at the end of December; a new rota will then be drawn up. If you do not steward, at the moment, and wish to do so, or if you do steward and wish to stop, please sign the list on the notice-board, as appropriate, or speak to Beryl.

## **BUILDINGS ADVISORY GROUP**

Mike Barber, who chairs the above group, had an article published, in the October 27th edition of "The Inquirer". Anne Mills has recently received correspondence from Mike, about the work of his group, and this will be displayed on the notice-board, so that anyone interested may read it. A report on this correspondence will be made to the December Church Council.

## **BAZAAR ASSESSMENT MEETING**

This was held, on 10-11-12, and proved to be a very positive meeting. This year's Bazaar was socially and financially successful, despite the hard work involved. Several suggestions for improvements were made. However, as we, as a congregation, grow older, it may not be possible to continue with the Bazaar as we have done in the past, and we need to think very carefully about its future.

A copy of the meeting-notes is on the notice-board, and a full report will be given to the December Church Council.

## **CHARITY COMMITTEE**

The deadline for voting for next year's charity is November 30<sup>th</sup>; if you have not already ticked the list on the notice-board, please cast your vote as soon as possible.

## **MINISTER'S MONTH**

I always feel that November should be a quiet month, after the holidays and before Christmas, but of course it never is. It begins with the Bazaar and then just goes on getting busier. The Bazaar was a great success with new innovations proving very successful. Food it seemed was much appreciated as profits from both coffee and cake and lunches was considerably up on last year. I think we benefited from the Christie Christmas Fair being held at the Fusilier's Museum at the same time. People saw our notices and came over for a look around and something to eat.

I would like to thank everyone who expressed their appreciation for the Remembrance Day Service. It is an honour to conduct this service and moving to read the names of those who gave their lives from the three churches. Elgar's

'Nimrod', played so beautifully by Sam, was a fitting conclusion to this emotional service.

There is still so much more to look forward to, a trip to York, the Christmas Concert, the visit of the President of the General Assembly and Christmas Lunch.

It is now essential that every church has a safeguarding officer and a safeguarding policy for children. Because of this I attended a day course organised for voluntary organisations. It was an intensive course and probably much of it not relevant for us. Nevertheless we need to be aware of how to ensure the safety of children in the church. The church policy will be placed on the notice board in the near future.

Early in November John and I attended his sister's surprise birthday party and met up with members of the family who I have not seen for a number of years. It made me feel very old when I realised that the children I remembered had children I didn't remember.

As we come to the end of another busy year let us give thanks for our thriving church and hard-working and close-knit community.

May I say thank you for all your support this year and for making my ministry at Bury happy, fulfilling and a joy.

I wish you the Christmas you hope for and a very happy New Year.

**Beryl**

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*Friends at Ainsworth have asked me to pass on their good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to the congregation at Bury.*

## **AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL**

### **SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2012**

10.00 am Sunday 2 December Rev Desmond Porter

**6.30 pm Sunday 16 December CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Service led by Rev John D Allerton

Please join us for tea, coffee & mince pies following this special service

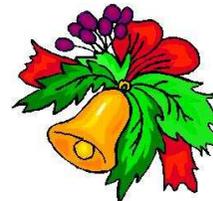
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### **SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2013**

10.00 am Sunday 6 January Preacher tba

10.00 am Sunday 20 January Gordon & Veronica Walker

(Bank St Chapel, Bolton)



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY  
HAPPY & PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS  
& NEW YEAR**

*From the congregation at Ainsworth Chapel*