

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2011

SERVICES

- 2 January 11.15am Dawn Buckle – former GA
President and now Chair of
GA Education and training
- 9 January 11.15am Shammy Webster – Worship
Leader of New Chapel,
Denton
- 16 January 11.15am Rev Beryl Allerton
- 23 January 11.15am Rev Beryl Allerton
- 30 January 11.15am Rev Beryl Allerton

CHURCH STEWARDS

- 2 January Rebecca Warburton and Olive
Westhead
- 9 January Sue McMullen and Sybil Fryer
- 16 January Lois & Alan Williams
- 23 January Miriam Murphy and June Seddon
- 30 January Barbara Bamford and Allan
Hodgert

*If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the date given,
please inform Harry, so that stand-in stewards can be allo-
cated to that date. Thank you.*

HOSTS FOR SERVICE LEADERS

- 2 January Betty & Neville Kenyon
- 9 January Barbara Bamford

CHURCH FLOWERS

- 2 January Mrs S Healey. In loving memory of
my husband and friend, David In
loving memory of Jack Entwistle
- 9 January Church flowers
- 16 January Church flowers
- 23 January In loving memory of Mr & Mrs J
Pollard
- 30 January In memory of Mr and Mrs J Lord
Distributors: Barbara Bamford and Sue McMullen

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

- 8 January Freda Worthington and June Clarke
- 15 January Barbara Ashworth and Vera Stephenson
- 22 January Rene Hollos and Alison Hollos
- 29 January Betty Kenyon and Molly Ratcliffe

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LUNCH CIRCLE

The Lunch Circle meets on Tuesday 18 January at 12.30pm. The organisers are Susan Holt and Margaret Pollard. Please let Susan know if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday 13 January at 7.30pm The Annual General Meeting

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING JANUARY 2011

Saturday 15 January at 11.00am Charity Committee
Monday 24 January at 7.00pm Communications and Worship/Young People Sub-committee

CARETAKER POSITION

The church council is looking to appoint a caretaker for our premises which would include the coordination of the cleaning, room letting, stewarding and general maintenance of our facilities. The post would be based on a twenty hour week and times would vary according to requirements. If you are interested you are invited to discuss the position confidentially with **Neville Kenyon**, chair of the congregation in the first instance. Deadline for applications – Friday 14th January 2011.

REQUEST BY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

To help me in recording subscriptions, will church members who use the envelope system, please use only the envelopes for 2011 in the New Year and destroy any unused ones for 2010. This is because the membership number printed on the envelope will have changed for the majority of members.

Will anyone wishing to make contributions for missed weeks in 2010 please include these in their first envelope in 2011. Thank you. *Margaret Pollard*

BOOK CLUB

Monday 31 January at 7.30pm

The book to be discussed is:

***The Uncommon Reader* by Alan Bennett**

Library copies of this book are in the lounge cupboard. We have 12 copies for the group. please sign when you take a book – thank you.

All are welcome to join us at the Book Club. We share light refreshments during the evening and usually finish around 9.00pm.

THANKS

Thank you to folk who participated in the Christmas Lunch and especially to John for his willingness to help. Thanks also to Dawn and Nigel who are always willing volunteers. Some of the congregation may not know about the origins of this event. It originated many years ago through the Young People's Department of the Junior Church and the minister; the aim being to give some respite to those in the church usually involved with fund-raising events - the lunch being a non-profit-making occasion, though when profit has been made it has been sent to the *Send a Child to Hucklow Fund*.

100 CLUB REPORT

We have now had our last draw for 2010, but if you remember, the **100 CLUB** year now lasts from March through to February. So, you still have two more **£25 Lucky Draws** to come yet. **Jean Heal** was the winner of the Christmas draw, with a prize of £75. Well done, Jean. I am sure that it will make your family Christmas a little happier.

The other monthly winners were:

January – Roger Mills	February – Rene Hollos
March – Sheila Houghton	April – Jean Kenyon
May – Colin Smith	June – Freda Worthington
July – Dorothy Rostern	August – Barbara Bamford
September – Ted Gerrard	October – Derek Worthington
November – Sybil Poulson	December – Mary Warburton

So, you can see, we had a good spread of lucky winners. It has been a pretty good year, with 63 numbers being used. It proves to be a good and easy money spinner for our church. Can we persuade you to take out another number, or ask your relations and friends to join?

The money for next year has to be in before the 1st of March, so I would be pleased to receive your £12 during January and February.

I hope you will all have, or have had, a good Christmas and that the New Year 2011 will be a happy and prosperous one.

Derek Worthington

CALENDAR DEADLINE

February Calendar items should be in the yellow folder by Sunday 23 January, please.

TRAIDCRAFT

Happy New Year from Traidcraft, and many thanks to everyone who has supported the stall during the past year! Just a reminder that, from now on, the stall will be open on the first and third Sundays of each month---that's the 2nd and the 16th, in January---but please don't go without items, at other times; ask me, and I can easily fetch whatever is needed.

During 2010, we sold £2,500 worth of fairly-traded goods--a slightly lower amount than last year; whilst this is an excellent result, it must be remembered that sales are down, and prices are up. Let's hope that 2011 will see an increase in sales again; every item sold helps the community which produces it---not only financially, but also in terms of providing, for example, better housing, education for young people, and improved water-supplies.

We are now into our 8th year of Fair Trade; since we started, the sum of £1,193 has been paid into church-funds; and this represents profit from the Traidcraft stall; in addition, all the stock is paid for. During 2010, I have purchased goods from various sources, including The Ethical Superstore; this enables me to keep prices down and to offer a better variety of items. Hopefully, in 2011, I shall be ordering from Just Trading Scotland, who supplied us with our rice for the Rice Challenge; amongst their suppliers is a firm called Buchanan's, who produce a range of fairly-traded sweets, including Blackcurrant and Liquorice. Watch this space!

Anne

CRAIG HOUSE

Craig House is to undergo major refurbishments. Early in the new-year, exterior reparations will be carried out over a 3 month period. These will involve re-locating the entrance door to the opposite corner of the Bank Street aspect, cleaning or replacing windows, pointing some of the brickwork and re-surfacing the road alongside the building. The newly renovated building, to be let as offices, will be known as "The Exchange"

The owners, Seddons, will be using the car-parking spaces alongside the building (including ours) for site-cabins and material storage. During the works, alternative parking will be made available to us under the canopy opposite our front door. They will be restricting our regular access from Bank Street during the refurbishment works, leaving our normal vehicle access from Back St. Mary's Place. Of course, pedestrian access alongside our church will remain.

For more information about this project, refer to Roger Mills.



NEWS FROM AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

SUNDAY SERVICES JANUARY 2011

PREACHER

10.00 am	2 January	Mrs Jennifer Whitelaw (Chowbent Chapel)
10.00 am	16 January	Rev John D. Allerton

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 12 December

We are most grateful to The Rev John Allerton for conducting this special annual service. It was a pleasure to welcome old friends and new visitors to this seasonal occasion in the beautiful, old Chapel, lit entirely by candles.

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way, with special thanks to our organist Harry Taylor and Choir Members from Bury Unitarian Church.

Hot drinks and mince pies were enjoyed in the Schoolroom following the service.

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Chapel will take place at 2.30 pm Sunday 13 February 2011 in The Grundy Room.

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

