

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2012

SERVICES

1 July	11.00am	Service at the United Reformed Church NO SERVICE AT BURY
8 July	11.15am	Winnie Gordon – a student from Birmingham, studying at Unitarian College, Manchester
15 July	11.15am	The Minister
22 July	11.15am	The Minister
29 July	11.15am	The Minister

CHURCH STEWARDS

1 July	NO SERVICE AT BURY
8 July	June Seddon & Alfred Howson
15 July	Barbara Bamford & Allan Hodgert
22 July	Freda & Derek Worthington
29 July	Margaret & John Fitzpatrick

If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the given date, please try to re-arrange this with other steward(s).

CHURCH FLOWERS

8 July	In loving memory of Connie & Gerald Fitzgerald Sue cMullen
15 July	In loving memory of Tom Jackson
22 July	In loving memory of Fred & Eileen Bowdon Lois, Zilphah & Leah
29 July	In loving memory of Mrs Minnie Sharples

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

7 July	Jean Taylor & Harry Taylor
14 July	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
21 July	Margaret Fitzpatrick & Jean Jackson
28 July	Anne & Roger Mills

LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club will meet on Tuesday 17 July at 12.30pm. The organisers are Susan and Margaret. Please let Susan know if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

There will be no meetings in July and August but we will be back on 6 September for the Project Evening which will be for **Send a Child to Hucklow**. Full details will be given later.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday 30 July at 7.00pm in the lounge. The book to be discussed is *Jamrach's Menagerie*. This should be available from the cupboard in the lounge after Wednesday 1 AUGUST..

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY

SATURDAY 14 JULY AT 11.00AM CHARITY

CALENDAR DEADLINE

All contributions for the August Calendar should be in the yellow folder by Sunday 22 July, please.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday September 18

After morning service there is to be a congregational picnic and tree-planting by the children of the Junior Church at Holebottom. If the weather is unhelpful, the picnic will take place in the upstairs hall at the church and the tree-planting will be done in wellies!! Watch this space for more details.

TRAIDCRAFT

The stall will be open on July 8th and July 22nd; please ask Anne or June, if you require items at other times.

BAZAAR

There will be an Open Meeting to discuss this year's Bazaar, on Monday, July 23rd, at 7 p.m. Please come along, if you feel that you have a contribution to make, or if you would like to know what is being proposed. All are welcome!

NOTES FROM JUNE CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Presentations were made to retiring organist, Harry Taylor, and to Roan Hodgson, on April 29th. Until we are in a position to appoint a permanent organist, we shall have visiting musicians, each Sunday; so far, the standard has been high---a pleasing and encouraging situation. Thanks to Margaret Fitzpatrick and to Betty Kenyon, who have agreed to deal with Lettings and Correspondence, respectively.

Finance: The plaque in the foyer is to be updated, to reflect the end of Jeff's ministry and the start of Beryl's. Surplus paint is to be removed from the loft, as it constitutes a fire-hazard. Our Risk Assessment document is to be reviewed by a team consisting of Roger Mills, Howard Maden, Marc Peters and Derek Worthington.

The Treasurer reports that, so far, income and expenditure are in line with the budget he prepared. However, we now have to pay our visiting musicians, each week, and this is an additional expense.

Efforts: Recent concerts have been both successful and enjoyable. The next event is the Barbecue, on August 4th. The Christmas Concert, with Minster Brass, will take place on December 1st.

Communications and Worship, with Young People: 170 vests and 40 beanies were sent off to The Loving Hands Foundation at the conclusion of the very successful Fish and Chip Babies' Project. The GA President, Lis Dyson-Jones, is to visit us on December 9th.

The Minister reported a continuing heavy load of pastoral work, with 10-12 visits per week. She was pleased with recent successful social-events, and with the inspirational music experienced in church.

Charity: The next event will be a Strawberry "Tea at Molly's", on July 7th; the Samaritans' Youth Group are to help, on the day, and this will include a presentation outlining the work they do. Colin Smith is happy to receive money from collection-boxes, at any time.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 13th, at 7 p.m. All Council- members are reminded to make a note of this, as well as of the sub-committee meetings they are due to attend.

SUNSHINE SMARTIES

Brenda Ainsworth is busy collecting the contents of Smartie tubes; more than £100 has already been raised, towards church-funds, and money can be brought in at any time. Full tubes of Smarties are still available, also from Brenda.

HYMNBOOK SPONSORSHIP

The new copies of "Sing Your Faith" have now arrived and are in the bookcase in the foyer; they are slightly larger than the first issue, and a slightly different shade of purple, but look very smart. If you would like to sponsor a copy, the cost is £12 each; please speak to Anne or Beryl.

JUBILEE WEEKEND

Jubilee euphoria seems to be evaporating somewhat, now that the actual weekend has passed, but I wished to place my own feelings on record. Elsewhere in this calendar, you will be able to read other people's recollections, and you will have your own.

First and foremost, I must thank Beryl, on behalf of the congregation, for organising the events of our Jubilee weekend. The inspiration, the ideas, and the energy to carry them all through were hers---and what a weekend it turned out to be! Exhausting, but great fun! And, alongside the enjoyment, we made money: Help for Heroes has received £210 from our coffee-morning, and The Last Night of the Proms raised enough to cover the costs of that evening, as well as paying for the Jubilee cake and bubbly, on the Sunday, plus a profit of £122. What an achievement, on so many different levels.

We are becoming known for the quality of our brass band concerts, in particular, and several of my guests, on the Saturday evening, have said that they will buy tickets for our Christmas Concert. I think the only unimpressed person present was my 14-year-old grandson, who claimed not to know a single piece of music---except "Rule Britannia", because it's been on "The Simpsons"! He only came for the raffle, anyway, and didn't win anything, much to his disgust, but even he was carried along by the atmosphere and waved his Union Jack with as much gusto as everybody else. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this very important weekend in the life of our church.

Anne

PERFORMANCE LICENCE RESTRICTIONS

Following changes to the way in which Public Performance Licensing is structured, we have had to make decisions about which licences we buy for our premises. From April, this year, we are no longer licensed to use commercially pre-recorded music in church, except during worship. This mainly affects the playing of recorded music, in the worship-area, during Saturday coffee-morning sessions. We hope to be able to offer alternative music, in due course, including the CD's of "Sing Your Faith", which are already covered and, therefore, allowable. Please do not infringe the licensing-regulations; if in doubt, check.

G.A. WEEKEND

This is to be held between June 29th and July 1st, this year, but, as we have no service on July 1st, the collection for the G.A. will take place, instead, on July 8th. Special envelopes will be available then. A message from the G.A. President, Lis Dyson-Jones has been pinned on the notice-board for everyone to read.

HARVEST

This is an advance notice of the date: our Harvest Festival will take place on October 7th; on the previous evening, October 6th, Tony Berry will give a concert, which should be both entertaining and enjoyable. We are requesting a few, good raffle-prizes; if you are willing to contribute an item, please see June Clarke.

LOUNGE-CHAIRS

We are considering some changes to the way in which the easy chairs in the lounge are set out. Also, there have been requests from some of our members that the higher easy chairs, especially the gold ones, should be left unoccupied, so that people who require the extra support they offer may use them. This would be greatly appreciated; thank you.

GENERAL SECURITY

Two incidents, during the weekend of June 9th and 10th, have caused me concern, and information needs to be passed on, so that we are all alert to potential problems. On the Saturday morning, a young man came into the church, seeking the Minister; his real purpose was to ask for money. Whilst appreciating that we all wish to help those less fortunate than ourselves, it is probably a better idea to offer goods in kind (a cup of coffee, or the use of the telephone, for example) than cash.

On the Sunday morning, two young women entered the worship-area, at the start of the service, and sat at the back; they did not participate in the worship and twice left, to go into the lounge; they were joined in church by a young man, who also left early, and went upstairs.

Fortunately, all three exited by the main door, and I was satisfied that no harm had been done. However, the behaviour of these people was not only disruptive but suspicious.

I think we all need to be vigilant, and this applies especially to the stewards. If you are on duty, please be aware of what is happening throughout the entire service, and take appropriate action; someone may feel unwell, be short of a hymnbook, or need a glass of water. If there is a problem, enlist the help of others in the congregation, as necessary.

Thank you.

Anne

CHARITY EVENT IN EARLY JULY

Tea at Molly's

**A Strawberry Tea
at Ivy House, Holcombe Brook**

Saturday 7 July between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

During the afternoon the Youth Support group of the Samaritans will enact a short presentation outlining the work of The Samaritans, our charity for the year.

Tickets are £3.00 available from Molly, Betty, Beryl
All proceeds to Samaritans

MINISTER'S MONTH

This month is a little different because rather than writing a piece about my month I have invited people from the congregation to write about what, for them, were the highlights of the Jubilee weekend. It was the biggest event that has been put on for some time and it turned out to be a great success. I would like to say thank you to everyone for their enthusiasm about the event and a big than you to the many people who helped to make it happen.

The highlights of the Jubilee celebrations can, for me, be summed up in one word 'big'! Great big scones at Saturday Coffee Morning in aid of 'Help for Heroes' - no lunch needed! The big exciting sound of Philharmonic Brass at the 'Last Night of the Proms' concert on Saturday evening and the big contribution of the choir to the Sunday Service singing 4 songs to celebrate the union of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

ROGER

Our celebrations at church were a huge success and a most memorable occasion. The Saturday morning coffee so popular it spilled over to the rear of the church. Philharmonic Brass in the evening excelled, this to be followed on the Sunday morning by an excellent service with the theme of sixty years ago being so very inspirational. Difficult to isolate a particular highlight but for us it has to be the decoration of the table in church, 'a touch of class', and the finale on Saturday night when the audience sang 'Rule Britannia' and 'Land of Hope and Glory' accompanied by the brass ensemble. The whole proceedings were a credit to everyone involved.

ROY AND EDNA

It is good to hear that the Duke of Edinburgh has recovered from his infection. Perhaps if he had worn an extra pair of the Queen's knickers (children's story the week before) they would have saved him from a stay in hospital. John's bible reading and the quality of the organ music was a great pleasure to me

FREDA

The Sermon, memories of sixty years ago. The singing of 'British' songs by our Choir, accompanied by John on the piano. The toast to THE QUEEN and a glass of bubbly drunk in church was an enjoyable first for me!! The best was the Brass Band Concert on Saturday evening. Their rendering of 'The St. Louis Blues March' was superb. My kind of music.

DEREK

The celebration for the Queen's Jubilee at church were fantastic. It started with the coffee morning in the lounge with scones filled with jam and cream they would have put a Big Mac burger to shame!! The Sunday service was very moving, capturing the occasion with choir and organ at their best. But the highlight of the weekend had to be 'The Last Night of the Proms' with the church full to capacity and Philharmonic Brass, it was a night to remember.

ALICE, NORAH AND PETER

Thanks to Beryl for a truly memorable weekend. The beautiful crown made by Rene surrounded by the flags. Coffee Morning for 'Help for Heroes', the fantastic Philharmonic Brass, Sunday's sermon reminiscing about friends from Chesham, the toast to the Queen and the lovely celebration cake to round off the weekend.

ALF AND JUNE

The whole thing was excellent

BARBARA ASHWORTH

The band was top class and the choice of music excellent. Particularly enjoyable was the audience participation which evoked a sense of pride to be British. A wonderful evening made more enjoyable by sharing it with friends.

MARIAN

Special for me over the wonderfully organised Jubilee weekend was the fantastic music – the loyal toast – the excited children of our future – the tireless hard work of Beryl and John (Queen & Consort) and their helpers. The highlight – no contest – it was the marvellous atmosphere of happy family oneness in which we celebrated and a timely reminder that, despite our many grumbles we should still be very proud of our 'Green and Pleasant Land.'

PAM OXLEY

We Had a plethora of highlights, where can I possibly begin:-

On Friday I popped down to church to return a Book Club book. Roger Mills and John Allerton were outside up the ladders, putting up bunting in the most inaccessible places even the top of the tower was festooned! At the Help for Heroes coffee morning; we ate the absolutely huge most scrumptious cream scones. No lunch was needed! We had friends for high tea and then came to the 'Last Night of the Proms'. Lawrence and Philharmonic Brass were fantastic. The event was a sell-out. What a joyous feeling; certainly everyone was in fine voice and energetically waving flags. Some wore red, white and blue having previously said they had no intention of doing so. The Jubilee theme continued into Sunday

Service. It was good to hear George Kenyon mentioned in the memories of 1952. The toast proposed by Anne Mills to the Queen and a magnificent cake. Certainly a time to remember.

BETTY

*I will be away on holiday from 29th June until 14th July.
My week off in August will be from Monday 6th until Monday 13th.*

Sunday 5th August the service will be conducted by John Allerton

Beryl

WEDDING

On Saturday 2nd June the wedding of Jamie Riley and Michelle Lee. The Minister officiated. Jaimie is the grandson of Brenda and Robin Ainsworth. To Jamie and Michelle we send our very best wishes for their future.

FUNERAL

On Monday 18th June at the church followed by committal at The East Lancashire Crematorium the Minister conducted the Funeral Service for Mary Warburton. Mary was a lifelong Unitarian being a member at Chesham Unitarian Chapel until the merger of the three churches and the opening of Bury Unitarian Church where she became a loyal and valued member. A lovely lady, Mary will be much missed by everyone at the church.

FIRE TEST

Please note there will be a fire test during the service on 29th July. When you hear the fire alarm those who can should leave their seats and exit the building guided by the stewards to the appropriate exit. Please assemble on the gardens by the war memorial. This exercise should only take a few minutes and you will be told when to come back inside. This is for everyone's safety and these few minutes could save someone's life.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

B-B-Q Saturday 4th August 7pm

Starter

Sirloin Steak or Free Range Chicken Breast

Selection of Sweets

Coffee

Bring wine or soft drinks if you wish

Tickets £8.00 each 30 tickets only available

Please give your name and choice of steak or chicken when you buy your tickets

Tickets available from Sunday 15th July (see Beryl)

TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

The cost is £13.00 per person for the coach.

It is hoped to find somewhere for a meal on the way home and details will be given as soon as possible. Please watch the notice board for these.

At this time there are two seats left on the coach.

Please pay for the trip on or before Sunday 5th August. Thank you.

NEWS FROM AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHURCH

SERVICES FOR JULY 2012

Sunday 1 July	10.00am	Rev Desmond Porter
Sunday 15 July	10.00am	Mrs Jean Longworth (Halliwell Road Church, Bolton)

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

LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE CALENDAR

If you would benefit from reading large-print version of the Calendar please tell Beryl or the editor and this can be arranged.

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