

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JULY 2013

SERVICES

7 July 11.00am **NO SERVICE AT Bury - We are invited to The United Reformed Church. *Please note earlier time.***

14 July 11.15am **The Minister - Friends from The United Reformed Church will join us at Bury.**

21 July 11.15a.m **The Minister**

28 July 11.15am **The Minister**

CHURCH STEWARDS

7 July **NO SERVICE AT Bury**

14 July Sue McMullen & Rebecca Warburton

21 July Lois & Alan Williams

28 July Barbara Bamford & Allan Hodgert

CHURCH FLOWERS

14 July In loving memory of Tom Jackson

21 July In loving memory of Mrs Minnie Sharp

28 July In loving memory of Fred & Eileen Bowdon

Lois, Zilpah & Leah

Distributors: Barbara Bamford & Molly Ratcliffe

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

6 July Jean Jackson & Margaret Fitzpatrick

13 July June Clarke & Freda Worthington

20 July Beryl Allerton & Nora Hickson

27 July Anne & Roger Mills & Becky Warburton

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

There will be no meetings in July and August.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship held their first meeting in the new format on Wednesday 29 May. We met in the lounge at church at 11.00am where we were given a very interesting talk by Bill Hargreaves on 'His Life and Work at the Manchester Guardian'. There were 9 present. After the talk we had a brief business meeting where it was agreed we would have our next meeting on Wednesday 25 September at 11.00am. The speaker will be announced later. After the meeting we moved on to the 'Trackside' bar and restaurant at the East Lancs Railway station. A tasty pint and some good wholesome food was enjoyed by all of us. We all agreed it had been an enjoyable morning and that we should continue with this form of meeting.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY

Saturday 13 July 11.00am Charity

Wednesday 17 July 7.00pm Finance & General Purposes

Monday 22 July 7.00pm Bazaar Meeting

Wednesday 24 July 7.00pm Communications, Worship & Junior C.

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for items to be included in the August edition of the Calendar will be Sunday, July,21. Thank you.

100 CLUB

We are now more than half-way through the year of the **100 CLUB**. We have more members this year so we can therefore increase the number of prizes. In the July Draw there will be 2 numbers drawn and an extra Summer Bonus Prize of £25 will be given. GOOD LUCK to you all. There are still blank numbers so if anyone would like another number, or to join for the first time, please see Derek Worthington. It only costs £1 a month and the prizes are as follows: 12 X £25, a Summer Bonus of £25 and a Christmas Bonus of £75.

BOOK CLUB

The Bookclub will meet on Monday 29 July at 7.00pm. The book to be discussed is ***Bring up the Bodies*** by Hilary Mantel.

TRAI DCRAFT

The stall will be open on June 30th, as well as on July 14th and 28th.

I have received a letter of thanks and a certificate from Just Trading Scotland for our assistance in selling Kilombero Rice; since we staged our original Rice Challenge, we have sold 191 kilograms of rice! I will pin the letter and certificate on the notice-board.

I should like to acknowledge the tremendous amount of support and help I have received from June Seddon; her contribution to Traidcraft in our church has always been of high value. ***Anne***

NWAA COFFEE-MORNING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this event; more than £300.00 was raised, and we attracted a goodly number of visitors to the church, as well. "The Bury Times" gave us excellent coverage, and we even managed a photograph, this time!

SUNSHINE SMARTIES

If anyone has filled a Smartie tube, money can be handed to Brenda Ainsworth, at any time. Thank you

CONCERT

Our sister congregation at Bank Street, Bolton, will be holding a concert, on Monday, July 8th, at 7 p.m. The Sudbury Youth Orchestra from Ontario, Canada, will be performing, on this occasion---the final concert of a successful UK tour; the concert will be free, and refreshments will be provided, but donations to charity will be requested. Members from Bury will be very welcome. Details on the notice-board.

VISITORS GALORE!

On June 9th, we held a highly-successful Reunion Service, which was extremely well-attended; it was wonderful to see so many visitors and to have the opportunity to speak to old friends---not to mention the delicious lunch, plus a glass or two of wine! Despite all the hard work, this was a most pleasant occasion and a worthwhile venture. Here's to the next time!

On June 16th, a party from Bolton Unity Church paid us a visit; they, too, attended morning-service and were entertained to lunch. They enjoyed themselves so much that they're already planning a return-visit!

SPONSORED WALK

If you wish to sponsor Joyce Ashworth for her walk in aid of Unitarian College, Manchester, Anne will send off as many donations as reach her by June 30th; after this deadline, individuals should make their own arrangements.

CAR BOOT SALE

The Charity Committee is hoping to organise a Car Boot and Table Top Sale, on August Bank Holiday Monday, August 26th, in aid of North-West Air Ambulance. Pitches outside and stalls inside will be available, at a cost of £10.00 each. If you wish to reserve either of these, or know of anyone who might be interested, please speak to Roger or Molly, before July 12th. We need to be sure that we have sufficient interest for this event to go ahead. We hope to run a church stall (for church-funds), so please keep an eye open for suitable goods to donate.

.BAZAAR

There will be a meeting to discuss this year's Bazaar, on Monday, July 22nd, at 7 p.m. Please attend if you have ideas you wish to contribute.

G.A. WEEKEND

G.A. Weekend, this year will be held on June 29th and 30th. However, our collection for the G.A. will take place on Sunday, July 21st, when special envelopes will be available.

POSTLUDE

We are trying to incorporate the postlude into our service and hope that people will choose to stay to listen; the title of the piece will be announced, whenever possible. It would be helpful if those with tasks to perform at the end of the service could wait until the music has finished. Anyone wishing to leave before this point is asked to do so quietly, without disturbing those who wish to stay and listen. Thank you.

TEA AT MOLLY'S

At IVY HOUSE, HOLCOMBE BROOK

SATURDAY 6 JULY between 2.00pm and 4.00pm

DELICIOUS TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

Raffle, Stall selling NWAA items

Come along and enjoy a lovely afternoon in the sun!!

TICKETS: £3 from Molly

All proceeds to our current charity - THE NORTH WEST AIR
AMBULANCE

NOTES FROM CHURCH COUNCIL - JUNE 10TH

A minute's silence was observed in memory of June Seddon, whose friendship and commitment were remembered.

Matters arising

- The new church notice-board looks splendid.
- The new sound-system is now fully-operational.

Finance

- A decision has been taken not to buy Performing Rights licences and to refrain from activities which would incur such costs.
- We need stewards for most Monday and all Wednesday evenings.
- We hope to hire performance lighting during the Harvest weekend
- Live giving is falling, yet costs are rising.

Treasurer

Our Income and Expenditure, over the first 4 months of this year are level; our current balance is healthy; however, electricity and gas costs are set to rise, and this will mean an overall increase of 47% in this area and will take us over budget; John was thanked for his very sophisticated accounting-system, which enables us to exercise good control of our budget.

Communications and Worship, with Young People

- The G.A. President Rev. Bill Darlison will conduct our service, on December 8th.
- We need volunteers to help June and Olive; different arrangements are to be tried, in order to cater for the wide age-range of the children.
- We hope to have road-signage at the end of Bank Street.

The Minister

- Beryl reported on the success of the Reunion Service; thanks were minuted to her for all her hard work; this was Beryl's idea, and she had been the driving-force and inspiration behind the occasion.
- A visit to our Bradford church, and a trip to Saltaire, is to be arranged for September 8th.

Charity

Arrangements are in hand for the year's programme; the Mayor is to be invited to our Harvest Festival, when our cheque will be handed over to NWAA.

NELUM

The meeting on August 17th will be at Ansdell, at 11 a.m; this will be followed by lunch and a free afternoon; details will be posted on the notice-board.

It was agreed that the Ministerial Appointments Group should be formally wound up, and the members of this group were thanked for their efforts; A Ministerial Support Group will be formed, in due course.

It was suggested that we should investigate the possibility of a hand-wired microphone connected directly to the sound-system.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 12th at 7 p.m.

MINISTER'S MONTH

Phew ! What a busy month. It is definitely the season of visits. Firstly the many visitors to the Reunion Service which was such a great success. A lot of hard work beforehand was required to make the day itself run so smoothly. Many people have been in touch since to say how much they enjoyed it. I hope that some will come back next year when we celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the opening of the present church.

I was personally delighted when a number of the 'youngsters' from Sunday School, Uniformed Groups and Youth Club came along. They reminded me of the strenuous nature of Youth Club and the trail game that my Brownies used to play around Bury. An invitation from the 'lads' to go with them to the Trackside was only resisted because there was still a lot of work to do clearing up.

Thank you to all who helped make it such a special occasion I don't want to mention names but some people did a lot of work and I am most grateful.

Then of course the following Sunday members of Unity Church in Bolton were visitors for worship. They remarked how welcome they felt and how friendly everyone was and that they are coming back again – so be warned. This month we shall welcome members of the United Reformed Church for their annual visit, as I say a season of visiting.

Some of you may remember the blackbird which I wrote about last year. I wrote that, he wakened us each morning singing in the tree opposite the house and even drowned the traffic noise. This year we had no singing – tragedy. Then suddenly we had singing again, but with a difference. I think our blackbird now has a lie-in and instead of singing in the morning sings in the evening. So we can sit in the garden about 6 o'clock, gin and tonic in hand, and be serenaded,

The spring seminars have ended and we are no longer sinning each Tuesday evening. I think everyone enjoyed it and there may be more in the autumn but no sinning this time. I am about to go on holiday so am packing the ice axe and the sun lotion. Back soon. *Beryl*

The church was very grateful to receive several large donations which helped to fund the cost of the Reunion Buffet.

Mrs Dorothy Sloan £100.00

Revs Daphne and John Roberts £200.00

Anonymous donation of £100.00

Our thanks are extended to them for their gifts and cards of appreciation have been sent.

POSTLUDE

Just a gentle reminder that we now have a postlude to end the service. If you leave during the music, please do so quietly so that those who wish to have some quiet time to reflect on the service and listen to the music are not disturbed, Thank you.

TRIP TO BRADFORD – SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

The trip has had to be rescheduled for September as Bradford Unitarian Church could not host us in August.

The coach will leave Bury at 9.15am to travel to Bradford for morning service, to be conducted by Rev B Allerton.

We will have lunch at the church before travelling the short distance to Saltaire for the afternoon. Saltaire is the model village built by Sir Titas Salt for his workers. It is an interesting place with lots to see.

On the way home we will call for fish and chips.

Cost is £17.00

Please put your name on the list on the board, there are 34 places only. Payment by the end of August please.

SEMINARS ON THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS

Here are listed the Seven Deadly Sins, Mahatma Ghandi's Seven Sins and those that the Seminar group chose.

The Seven Deadly Sins are: Pride, Envy, Sloth, Greed, Gluttony, Lust and Wrath.

Ghandi's Sins are:

Wealth without work

Pleasure without conscience

Science without humanity

Knowledge without character

Politics without principle

Commerce without morality

Worship without sacrifice.

The Seminar group thought the following could be modern sins.

Brutality, Deceit, Greed, Self-centredness, Disrespect. Destruction (ecological), Bullying.

*This list was not easy to complete and was whittled down from a list that was originally very long. Perhaps other people have ideas about modern sins. I would be pleased to hear what you think. **Beryl***

FREDDIE Over the last few weeks since the terrible news that Freddie had contracted meningitis, he and his parents Zylphah and Paul have been in our thoughts and prayers. We are delighted that he is home again and is making a slow but steady recovery. We look forward to welcoming him back to Sunday School before too long.

AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

Sunday Services in JULY 2013

10.00 am Sunday 7th July 2013 Rev Desmond Porter

10.00 am Sunday 21st July 2013 Mrs Joyce Ashworth
(Rochdale Unitarian Church)

Services (which last 45 minutes) are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays 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*



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