

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST 2018

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"COME AWAY MAKE NO DELAY"*

MINISTER

REVEREND K MCKENNA

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CHURCH SERVICES

1 July	SERVICE AT BURY UNITED REFORMED CHURCH at 11 am.	
8 July	11.15am	The Minister – Flower Communion service - Bury United Reformed Church Members will join us.
15 July	11.15am	The Minister
22 July	11.15am	The Minister
29 July	11.15am	Reverend John Allerton
5 August	11.15am	The Minister
12 August	11.15am	The Minister
19 August	11.15am	T.B.A.
26 August	11.15am	The Minister – a Favourite Hymns service - followed by a Communion service at 12.30.

CHURCH STEWARDS

8 July	Lois Williams & George Scaife
15 July	Barbara Bamford & Allan Hodgert
22 July	Alf Howson & Roger Mills
29 July	Betty & Neville Kenyon

5 August	Marian Price & Di Scaife
12 August	Beryl Bowden & Janet Thatcher
19 August	Sue McMullen & 'as available'
26 August	Jean Brookhouse & Susan Mitchell

CHURCH FLOWERS

8 July	Barbara Chadwick – In memory of Joseph Chadwick
15 July	Kathryn Jackson & Sally Broadhurst – In memory of Tom Jackson
22 July	Lois, Leah & Zilpha – In memory of Eileen & Fred Bowden
29 July	Janet Thatcher– In memory of Minnie Sharp Beryl Allerton - to celebrate Dawn's 50 th birthday
5 August	Val Chamberlain & Jean – In memory of Madie & Jim Hargreaves
12 August	Andrew Gerrard – In memory of Ted & Eda Gerrard
19 August	Kathryn Jackson & Sally Broadhurst – In memory of Irene Rogers
26 August	Neville & Betty Kenyon – In memory of Tilda & Vincent Ashworth

*Please consider making an extra donation towards the church flowers.
There are unsponsored weeks in September, October, November and
particularly in December. Thank you. **Janet Thatcher***

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

7 July	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
14 July	June Clarke & Sue McMullen
21 July	Brenda Ainsworth & Susan Holt
28 July	Pam Gilbert & Di Scaife
4 August	Margaret Fitzpatrick & Norah Hickton
11 August	Betty Kenyon & Kate McKenna
18 August	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
25 August	June Clarke & Sue McMullen

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

8 July	Norah Hickton(M), Peter Whewell, Barbara Bamford
15 July	Margaret Fitzpatrick(M), Lois Williams, Di Scaife
22 July	Marian Price(M), Susan Mitchell, Fred Mitchell
29 July	Jean Maden(M), Brenda Ainsworth, George Scaife
5 August	Anne Mills(M), Beryl Bowden, Damion Langford
12 August	Norah Hickton(M), Peter Whewell, Barbara Bamford
19 August	Margaret Fitzpatrick(M), Lois Williams, Di Scaife
26 August	Marian Price(M), Susan Mitchell, Fred Mitchell

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING JULY AND AUGUST

Tuesday 17 th July at 7pm	Worship
Monday 6 th August at 7pm	Finance & General Purposes
Weds. 8 th August at 7pm	Church Council
Weds. 15 th August	Trustees

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The **deadline** for items to be included in the September Calendar will be Sunday 26th August.

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

Apologies for the mistake over last month's date! We meet next on Tuesday, July 17th, when Susan and Margaret will host, and on August 14th, when Anne and Roger will be in charge; please note that the August date is a week earlier than usual. Watch out for announcements, nearer the time, and sign up on the board. Lunch is served at 12.30 pm.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE – there are no meetings in July & August

CAMERA CLUB

Towards the end of June, members of the Camera Club will be busy mounting their promised exhibition of photographs. The exhibition will be sited at the back of the worship-area and can be viewed from July 2nd, for the following two weeks, at least. Popular viewing-times are likely to be Saturday and Sunday mornings. If you have queries about the pictures, or

comments to make, please speak to Roger, Howard, Ade or Janet. The exhibition marks the culmination of several months of preparation and much photo-shooting; please give the club's members your support.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at **7pm on Wednesday 25 July**. The book to be discussed is: *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield.

We will meet in **August on Wednesday 29th** – the book for that occasion will be *DICTATORLAND* by Paul Kenyon. We have two or three of this book circulating – please email or speak to Pam Gilbert if you would like to read it before the August meeting. This book is available on Kindle for £6.99. At the August meeting of the Book Club we will be formulating some questions ready for Paul Kenyon's visit in September. (see below) All welcome as usual.

ADVANCE NOTICE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 7PM

THE BOOK CLUB IS TO HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US.

PAUL KENYON will talk and invite discussion on his latest book

DICTATORLAND

This will be an interesting evening – all welcome.

TRAIDCRAFT

The stall will be open on July 8th and 15th, and on August 12th and 26th. Please ask Anne or Jean if you need items at other times.

THE FREEMANTLES

Barbara and Bryan joined us for worship, for the last time, on June 10th; they are moving to Staffordshire, to be nearer to their family. They treated us to coffee, and Anne baked a cake for the occasion. Barbara left cake for us to eat and enjoy, on the following week, and we thank them for their generosity. Since Barbara and Bryan first visited us, just over a year ago, they have become regular attenders and supporters of our congregation, and Barbara, in particular, made herself useful, in many ways. We will miss their cheerful presence and their help; they leave a gap which will be difficult to fill. We wish them all the best in their new home, and in the future; they have promised to come back and see us, so we can look forward to seeing them again very soon.

OUR BELL, as featured on this month's calendar-cover

Following recent reorganisation of the foyer, because of the lift-installation, we have moved the bell into the worship-area, where it is now more visible, as well as a reminder of the history of our church and its heritage.

The bell was cast, originally, for the first chapel on the Bury Bank Street site; this was built in 1719, although the bell bears a later date. It was subsequently transferred to the second chapel, after 1837, and to the third chapel, after 1852, as its use continued. The fourth chapel, the new Bury Unitarian Church, which was dedicated in 1974, has no bell-tower, but the bell has occupied a prominent position in the vestibule, ever since the church was built. The bell thus provides a historic link between all four churches.

It bears the date of 1777 and is inscribed with the legend "Come away make no delay"; the initials "TR" appear at each side of these words, signifying that the bell was cast by Thomas Rudhall, of Gloucester. Thomas belonged to a family of bell-founders: his great-grandfather, Abraham Rudhall I, cast the bell for Platt Chapel; his grandfather, Abraham Rudhall II, produced earlier bells at Monton and Gateacre; and his father, Abel, was also a bell-founder of note.

(The contribution to the above information of the late Rev. Dr. Len Smith is acknowledged.)

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

If you can spare an hour, on the morning of Saturday, July 21st, between 10 a.m. and 12 noon, please come along and help, either with cleaning the premises, or with tidying the gardens---or both, if you have the energy and inclination! You can reward yourself with coffee and cake, too. The working-party, on June 2nd, achieved great things, being both well-attended and vigorous! Judging for Bury in Bloom takes place, on July 25th, and we always like to present our gardens at their very best. All assistance will be greatly appreciated---thank you!

FILMS AT ROCHDALE

Our Rochdale church will be holding one of its regular film-shows, on Saturday evening, September 22nd, when the film, "Darkest Hour" will be shown. Tickets cost £6.00 per head; proceeds will go to Henshaws---this year's charity at Rochdale; the price includes ice-cream at the interval, and a pie and peas supper afterwards. Nearer the time, there will be a list on the board, so that anyone wishing to go may sign up; we will try to provide transport, if at all possible. A second film-evening is planned for November 17th, but the title of the film has yet to be announced.

SUNDAY COFFEE

Marian Price has taken over the organisation of the Sunday Morning Coffee Rota. If you wish to pay for coffee to celebrate a special occasion, please speak to Marian. Also, please note that the suggested donation towards Sunday Coffee is to rise from the beginning of August to £15. Thank you to Marian for volunteering to undertake this task on our behalf.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Dear all,

Weird though it seems, it's summer (I write this in a downpour).

Firstly, although many of you know this already, I can tell you that the vote on applying for a licence to offer same-sex marriage services was successful, with forty-one votes in favour and eight against. You will know that I am personally delighted by this decision, and by the fact that we can now prove our open and welcoming nature by offering equal services to everyone.

But I am also delighted by the way in which the process happened. In any discussion of this nature there are going to be differing opinions, and sometimes these can be expressed in ways that don't show people at their best. I am very proud that those people who didn't feel this was the best way forward felt able to express their opinions openly and without fear of being criticised. As someone pointed out, it's hard to speak against the majority, and it can be hard to speak against the minister. So although I

know some people will be disappointed in the outcome, we can all be very pleased with how we conducted ourselves throughout.

The next stage is for the Trustees to give us the formal go-ahead to apply for the license, and then for considerable paperwork to be undertaken (by me!).

Another way in which we're now able to prove that we welcome everyone is that people with reduced mobility now have much easier access to our upstairs hall: thanks to a lot of hard work on the part of some of the congregation, we were able to formally open the lift a couple of weeks ago: we carried out the ceremony with full pomp, balloons, and streamers. Accessibility is so important (not just for ourselves, but for visitors) and I know many churches are envious that we were able to do this.

We also had a cleaning and tidying party (if you call it a party people might be fooled into thinking it's fun) after the lift work was finished. Several people joined in and we got a huge amount done. Further parties (ahem) are planned, and I think we're tackling the roof space next.

By the time you read this we'll have visited the URC for their worship, and they'll have visited us in return. Links with other denominations are so important, and I'm glad we have the chance to prove this in very real ways.

Later in July I'm leading worship back at the Octagon Chapel in Norwich: it's the first time in two years I'll have preached there, though I've visited more recently. It's

their annual Pride service, and I'm taking a list of things about Bury Unitarians which make me proud. You'll be glad to know it's a very long list, including the things I've mentioned above, but also the ministry we provide through our flower baskets (and make no mistake, that's ministry!); our coffee mornings; our perfectly-pitched welcome to NEWCOMERS and visitors; our singing of The Lord's Prayer (that will be a new departure for them!); and our glorious building; and quite a lot more.

A lot of us are out and about over the next two months (I'm off to Hucklow twice), but it doesn't lessen our community: if anything, the stories we'll all have to tell on our return will strengthen us.

With love,

Kate

CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP

There will be Contemplative Worship sessions on Friday 6th July and Friday 3rd August. These sessions are quiet and meditative, with a chance to reflect and to share your thoughts on the topic. There is recorded music and shared readings. Everyone is very welcome.

The Contemplative Worship sessions are a new departure, and Kate would really like feedback. Obviously, no form of worship suits everyone, but if the sessions are something you'd like to attend but the timing doesn't work, please let her know! The Friday evening timeslot was arbitrary, and can easily be varied.

COMMUNION

There will be a communion service on Sunday 26th August, at 12:30. Everyone is very welcome to join in this act of the sharing of bread and wine. Kate is away on Sunday 29th July, so there will be no communion that day: unless someone would like to experience leading a communion, in which case Kate will be happy to provide support and advice.

EQUAL MARRIAGE

As mentioned in Kate's message in this calendar, the vote to apply for a licence to carry out same-sex marriages in the church was passed with forty-one votes to eight. Kate would like to thank everyone for their involvement in the discussion, and for the amenable way in which this happened.

SUPPLIES FOR THOSE WHO NEED HELP

Sister Joan is still very grateful for our donations for the Foodbank. All items are very gratefully received, but if you are shopping specially for the Foodbank, Sr Joan says that the following items are particularly useful:

- Tinned hotdogs
- Tinned meatballs
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned peas
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned meat pies

FAVOURITE HYMNS:

The service on August 26th will be a celebration of our favourite hymns. Kate will be asking for nominations nearer to the time, but please start

thinking about the hymns you love the most, and why you love them. We won't be able to sing everyone's choices, but we'll do what we can, and you will be invited to speak briefly about what the hymns mean to you.

PASTORAL COVER DURING KATE'S UPCOMING ABSENCES:

Kate will be away for a couple of periods over the summer. She will be at a Ministry in the Making conference in Hucklow from Monday 9th to Friday 13th July (this is a ministers' development retreat, but takes place in work time, so she can be contacted if necessary), and at Summer School from Friday 17th to Saturday 25th August (Summer School is a significant part of the denomination's spiritual development and RE work, and Kate is on the organising panel: however, this time is Annual Leave).

Kate will make sure that pastoral cover is available locally during these times away, and will let everyone know who it is nearer the time.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP

The 'death cafe' afternoon workshop which was planned for 11th August has been moved to the 1st of September, due to a clash with another event (the Nelum summer meeting).

The Workshop will be a chance to chat about our wishes about the end of our lives in a non-judgemental and positive manner. And there will be tea and cake!!

Apologies for the change: further details will be available nearer the time.

Thank you.

