

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2010

WORSHIP SERVICES

6 June	11.15am	Sunday Service	
13 June	11.15am	Sunday Service	
20 June	11.15am	Summer Solstice	
Service, <i>followed by</i>			<i>the Summer Luncheon</i>
27 June	11.15am	Sunday Service	

MEDITATION GROUP

The church's Meditation Group will meet in June on Thursday evening, 24 June from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. in the lounge. New members are always welcome to join this group, as it explores varieties of meditation from different religious and cultural traditions. For further information, please speak with Jeff Gould (telephone 0161 764 4925).

HOLEBOTTOM CEMETERY SERVICE

A special open-air service will be held in the grounds of Holebottom Cemetery in Bury on Sunday 11 July at three o'clock in the afternoon. The thirty-minute act of devotion will honour the 65th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and pay tribute to those war casualties who are interred there. A group of musicians, led by Stand Unitarian member, Mr Cody Coyne, will provide musical accompaniment to the worship. Immediately following the service, afternoon tea will be served at Holebottom Cottage, which is the home of Jean and Les Heal, members of the Bury congregation. In order to assist with catering provisions, please sign your name on the list that appears on the noticeboard in the church lounge. Please encourage anyone you know who might appreciate this event to attend.

CHURCH STEWARDS

6 June	Freda & Derek Worthington
13 June	Margaret & John Fitzpatrick
20 June	Jean Jackson and Beryl Bowden
27 June	Marc and Philip Peters

If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the date given, please inform Harry so that stand-in stewards can be allocated to that date – thank you

CHURCH FLOWERS

6 June	In loving memory of Mr & Mrs Burnside Caroline, Melanie and families								
13 June	In loving memory of Jim Pollitt Caroline, Melanie and families								
20 June	In loving memory of William and Marjorie parents of Angela, Vivien and Rachel							Healey,	
27 June	Mrs Barbara Chadwick	–	In	memory	of	Joe			

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE

5 June Rene Hollos and Alison Hollos
12 June Betty Kenyon and Molly Ratcliffe
19 June Anne & Roger Mills
26 June Jean Maden and Margaret Pollard

CALENDAR DEADLINE

Items for the **July Calendar** should be in the yellow folder by Sunday, 20 June please

LUNCH CIRCLE

The Lunch Circle meets on Tuesday, 15th June at 12.30pm. The organisers are Anne and Roger Mills. Please let them know if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday, 17 June at 7.30pm **PROJECT EVENING**

This year's project is in aid of Margaret Barr's school in the Karsai Hills. We are having a Bring & Buy Stall and a Raffle. Susan Holt will talk on her holiday 'Hunting Tigers' and there will be Indian nibbles. **Tickets will be £2.**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, 30 June at 7.30pm Speaker to be
announced

All men cordially invited

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Monday, 7 June	7.30pm	Finance & General Purposes
Monday, 14 June	7.00pm	Church Council
Weds., 23 June	7.30pm	Trustees

UNITARIAN COLLEGE MANCHESTER

The training centre for Unitarian ministers in the North of England is at the bottom of the “Curry Mile” in Rusholme. The Unitarian College Manchester will hold its end of session proceedings on Tuesday, 8 June, beginning with an act of devotion led by the current students at 3.45 p.m. The Reverend Principal, Alex Bradley, will deliver his first annual report, and then the Principal of the Northern College (United Reformed Church), the Reverend Doctor John Campbell, will speak on the topic, “Whose God? Which Story?—Deciphering the palimpsest of Palestine.” A buffet tea will then be served in the college dining room. The events will conclude with a valedictory service at 7 p.m., in the course of which Mr Danny Crosby and Mr Bob Pounder will officially conclude their studies and attain the status of an accredited minister. The address will be given by the Reverend David Shaw, the newly-appointed minister of Upper Chapel, Sheffield, and the former minister of Old Chapel, Great Hucklow. It would be good to help our former ministerial student, Bob, celebrate this milestone in his life by attending either the entire day’s proceedings, or just the valedictory service in the evening. The cost of the buffet tea is £9.50 per person, which is to be made payable to “Unitarian College Manchester,” and sent to Liz Shaw, College Administrator, UCM, Luther King House, Brighton Grove, Rusholme, Manchester, M14 5JP (telephone 0161 249 2501).

IN MEMORIAM

The ashes of former Bank Street Chapel and Ainsworth Chapel member, Mrs Dorothy Whitworth Hayward, were interred in the Garden of Remembrance at Ainsworth Unitarian Chapel on Sunday, 9 May. Dorothy had died on 27 January this year, and her funeral service took place on 8 February at the Overdale Crematorium in Bolton. The minister officiated at both services.

The funeral service for Mrs Marie Stella Lupton took place at the East Lancashire Crematorium in Radcliffe on Friday, 21 May. She was known as “Paddy” since childhood, and moved to Epworth Grange in Bury in the last year of her life in order to be closer to one of her daughters in Prestwich. Her attendance at church services and events soon became important to her, and she often remarked on how warmly she had been welcomed into the life of the Bury Unitarian congregation. The service of thanksgiving for her life benefited from the contributions of her daughters, Jane and Sheila, and her grandchildren. The minister officiated and Mr Harry Taylor provided organ accompaniment to the hymns. Paddy died after a brief hospitalisation in Fairfield Hospital on 14 May at the age of 88.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR STEWARDING

MUSIC EXAMS – The Music Exams will be held some time between Monday 14th June and Saturday 26th June (excluding Tues. 15th and Saturday 19th). Final dates yet to be confirmed. If you are able to assist with the stewarding (i.e. opening or closing of the premises) during these dates please contact the Church Secretary, Marian Price.

YOGA CLASS— Yoga classes are held between 7 and 9 pm on a Wednesday evening (premises to be opened at 6.45 pm) If you are able to assist with stewarding at any time, but **particularly during July or August**, please contact the Church Secretary, Marian Price.

A YANK IN OXFORD

From Monday, 21 June to Wednesday, 23 June, I will be in the city of Oxford in order to take part in the annual meeting of the Old Students' Association of Harris Manchester College, of which I am President this year. The theme of this year's gathering is "Towards a Theology of Unitarian Ministry," and invited speakers will address the topic from a variety of perspectives. I have been asked to conduct the Annual Service on the final day of the proceedings in the college's chapel, in addition to chairing the lectures, workshops and Annual General Meeting.

It will be good to spend some time with colleagues and friends amidst the "dreaming spires" of the ancient university, and to focus on a subject that lies at the heart of my own vocation. Returning to a place where one has been a student is always a humbling experience, as it forces certain questions, for example: "Did I learn enough to pursue the career I chose?" and "What more do I have to learn in order to be better at what I do?" I look forward to addressing these and other quandaries in the company of ministerial colleagues. Of course, other benefits of the gathering will be the sheer beauty of the surroundings and the joys of the fellowship to be savoured over meals in the college's refectory. The collegiate environment can be rather intoxicating at the end of Trinity Term in Oxford, as finalists parade round the city streets dressed in their required uniform of 'subfusc,' in order to sit their examinations, and people punting on the Rivers Cherwell and Isis can be seen testing their navigational skills! It does feel somewhat like a scene from 'Brideshead Revisted,' but the reality of it all does sink in when there is work to be done.

I am looking forward to this year's gathering of the Old Students, and am delighted that it will include the valediction of the college's final year student, Mr Daniel Costley, who is a member of our sister congregation in Horsham. No doubt, I will have a good deal of information to share with the congregation on my return, and may even have learned something that I can pass on directly or indirectly. My 'alma mater' calls . . .

JEFF

FAIR TRADE MATTERS

Please note that the Traidcraft stall will not operate on June 20th, the day of the Summer Lunch.

Thanks to June Seddon and Les Keating for attending Bury Metro Fairtrade Group Meeting, on April 21st.

The petition, to which we contributed, during Fair Trade Fortnight, contained 500 signatures and was presented to the Mayor, on April 6th. The Co-op has made available a grant of £200 for Fair Trade initiatives. Concern was expressed that local convenience-stores stock little fairly-traded food, such as bananas, and that awareness of and publicity for Fair Trade Fortnight, in such stores, had been almost non-existent, this year.

I hope to attend the next meeting, on June 30th, and will report back.
Anne.

SUMMER LUNCH

Sunday 20 June following the service

A THREE-COURSE BUFFET LUNCH

Bring your own wine/soft drinks

TICKETS - £7 from Margaret Fitzpatrick

THANKS

The Efforts Committee would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Organ Concert on 8th May. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make the evening a success. We had a very enjoyable evening as Byron is a top class entertainer. He showed us how versatile he is by not only playing his electric organ but also the church organ and the piano. He complimented us on having such a lovely piano in our church and said he enjoyed playing it very much. We raised £172 towards church funds.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday, 28 June at 7.30pm in the coffee lounge at Bury. The book to be discussed is *The Sunday Philosophers' Club* by Alexander McCall Smith. Library copies of this book are in the cupboard in the lounge for you to borrow. All are welcome. We share light refreshments during the evening which ends at 9.00pm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 26 July and the book for this meeting will be: *In Another Light* by Andrew Greig. This book will also be available from the Library List.

VISIT TO KENDAL

This will take place on Wednesday, July 28th; we plan to leave Bury at 9 am and to return there at 7 pm. (approximately).

Once we reach Kendal, we will visit the Unitarian Chapel there, joining the congregation at their coffee-morning, participating in a short service conducted by Rev. Celia Cartwright, and eating our packed-lunches. At 2 pm we will move on to The Quaker Tapestry, just round the corner from the church; this is a fascinating exhibition and well-worth a visit, especially for those interested in craft-work, or in social and religious history.

If you are interested in joining this excursion, please sign your name on the list on the lounge notice-board; to begin with, places will be limited to members of the Bury and Ainsworth congregations; depending on the response, we may be able to extend the invitation to friends. Space at The Quaker Tapestry is quite modest which may mean limiting numbers. Also, depending on the numbers who wish to attend, a decision will be taken about whether we travel by coach or by private car. Entry to The Quaker Tapestry costs £4 per head, if our party consists of 15 people or more.

The planning of our visit is in its early stages, at present; further details will be available in the July Calendar, and regular pulpit-announcements will be made. If you have queries, I shall do my best to answer them.

Anne Mills.

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LADIES' SOCIAL GROUP

The Ladies' Social Group will meet for Tea at 4.30 pm
Wednesday 2nd June in the Schoolroom.

IN MEMORIAM - MRS DORIS SEWELL 1921 - 2010

Mrs Doris Sewell passed away 26 April aged 89 years. Doris was a long standing member of The Chapel and had been resident at Four Seasons Nursing Home for eight years.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held in Chapel on Friday 7 May, followed by interment in the Sewell family grave in the Ainsworth Methodist Church yard, The Rev Beryl Allerton officiating. We send our deepest condolences to her cousins, Mrs Nora Evans and Mrs Freda Topping.

IN RETROSPECT: Chapel Anniversary 9th May

A big 'Thank you' to everyone who helped in any way to make this occasion such a success. We particularly wish to thank Mr Neville Kenyon, our GA President, for taking the service. Our appreciation also to our organist, Mr Harry Taylor, and choir members from Bury, for the beautiful choral contributions to the service. We were delighted to welcome visitors and friends from other churches, including Bury, Walmsley, Stand and Urmston, and thank them for their support.

We send our best wishes to any member of friend of The Chapel who is not well at the moment.