

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR MAY 2015

CHURCH SERVICES

3 May	11.15am	Seminar Group – ‘Heart to Heart’
10 May	11.15am	Rev. J. Corrigan, , Minister at Rawtenstall and Padiham
17 May	11.15am	Dawn Buckle, newly appointed at the G.A. Meeting as Honorary Member. <i>She is the only woman to have ever been thus honoured by the G.A.</i>
24 May	11.15am	The Minister
31 May	11.15am	The Minister

CHURCH STEWARDS

3 May	Margaret & John Fitzpatrick
10 May	Betty Kenyon & John Allerton
17 May	Marian Price & Di Scaife
24 May	Beryl Bowden & Jean Jackson
31 May	Sue McMullen & Marc Peters

If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the above date please re-arrange with another steward(s).

CHURCH FLOWERS

3 May	Mrs Jean Brookhouse
10 May	Church Flowers
17 May	In memory of Rhona & John Smith
24 May	Mr & Mrs Roger Mills
31 May	Dorothy – in memory of Mr & Mrs Stanley Warburton

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

2 May	Beryl Allerton & Norah Hickson
9 May	Anne & Roger Mills
16 May	Rene Hollos and Alison Hollos
23 May	Betty Kenyon & Molly Ratcliffe
30 May	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard

LUNCHEON CLUB

This month's Luncheon Club will meet on Tuesday, May 20th, at 12.30 pm. Susan will host the proceedings; please watch the notice-board and sign the list, once it is available. New members are always welcome to join us.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday 7 May at 7.30pm – Anne Mills will speak on the topic of -

A Holiday in Norway

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN MAY

Wednesday 6 May at 7pm Worship, Junior Church &
Communications

Advance notice – Monday 1 June – Finance & Gen. Purposes

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for items to be handed in for the June edition of The Calendar is Sunday 24 May.

TRADCRAFT

The stall will be open on May 3rd, May 10th, and May 24th; if you require goods at other times, please speak to Anne or Jean.

CHRIS PRICE

Those of you who sponsored Chris to swim with sharks, in February, may be interested to know that he raised nearly £700 for the cause of Muscular Dystrophy. A worthy cause---well done, Chris!

THANKS

Peter, Norah, Dawn, Hayley, Gail, and all the Whewell family, would like to thank everyone from the congregation for the many messages of sympathy and support they received after Alice's death. The cards and letters they received were very much appreciated for their kindness and concern.

Alice was our oldest member, at 101, and had been a member of the congregation for many years; she was held in great affection and esteem and will be much missed. On Sunday, April 12th, we enjoyed Bailey's with our coffee, and biscuits and chocolates, as a tribute to Alice---a small ceremony by way of a tribute to a wonderful lady.

FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

At the April Council Meeting, it was agreed that a digest of each session's Minutes would no longer appear in the relevant calendar. Instead, a full copy of the Minutes will be pinned to the notice board, once the Minutes are available. There they will stay, for approximately two weeks; they will then be filed in the bookcase cupboard, where all Council Minutes are kept. If anyone wishes for further information about Council-matters, please speak to Anne Mills.

NORTH WEST UNITARIAN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY

The Annual General Meeting of this group will be held on Saturday, May 16th, 2015, at Rochdale Unitarian Church; the proceedings will commence at 10.30 a.m. and last until 4.00 p.m. We are all invited to attend; please let me know, by Sunday, May 10th, if you will be going, so that I can pass the information on to Rochdale. Further details are available from the poster on the notice-board.

BOOK CLUB

Monday 25 May at 7pm. - The book to be discussed will be in the lounge cupboard from Thursday 30 April.

VISIT TO ELIZABETH GASKELL'S HOUSE, PLYMOUTH GROVE, MANCHESTER

Plans are underway to organise an outing to visit the former home of author Elizabeth Gaskell and her husband William, the assistant minister at Cross Street Unitarian Chapel in Manchester, to take place either in August or September.

Further details of the date, cost and transport will be confirmed shortly via pulpit announcement and the noticeboard.

Val Chamberlain

PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Group's first meeting took place on Tuesday, April 14th, and attracted approximately 14 people, many of whom expressed great interest in attending regularly. We appreciated the presence of several members of the Bolton Prostate Cancer Support Group, who have very kindly offered their help and expertise over the next few months. The day after the meeting, we heard about two further men who intend to join us. The main task, now, is to continue to spread the word about the meetings, so that more people may avail themselves of what is on offer; once the group begins to feel more cohesive, they will, hopefully, start to assume responsibility for organising their own meetings. It would be appreciated if a few church-members, particularly the men, could attend and show support.

The next meeting has been fixed for Tuesday, May 12th, between 7 and 9 p.m. Please come along and meet the others. One of the ladies, whose husband has only recently been diagnosed, has already offered to bake refreshments---"as a way of putting something back" for the support she has already received. If you can help, in any way at all, please come along.

APOLOGIES

MINISTER'S MONTH – Due to communication difficulties this item will appear on a separate sheet this month.

BOOK AUCTION

THURSDAY 28 May at 7.30pm

TICKETS £2 includes a glass of wine and nibbles - available from members of the Efforts Committee

Everyone attending is asked to bring at least one book with them to be auctioned off.

BURY ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION

FRIDAY 29 AND SATURDAY 30 MAY

10AM. TO 4PM.

ADMISSION FREE

We will be serving refreshments in the lounge during the Art Exhibition. If anyone could spare time on Friday or Saturday afternoon to help, we would be most grateful. Please speak to Beryl – just one hour would help. Thank you.

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