

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2010

SERVICES

7 November 11.15am	Joyce Ashworth, G.A. President 2008/9 and former administration officer	at Unitarian College
14 November 10.55am	Remembrance Sunday- Beginning in the garden – Rev Tony McNeile, retired	minister of Bolton Bank St. Chapel
21 November 11.15am	David Buckley from Wirral, Cheshire	
28 November 11.15am	Rev Dr Ann Peart, former Principal of Unitarian College, Manchester and G.A. Vice-President, 2010/11	

CHURCH STEWARDS

7 November	Miriam Murphy and June Seddon
14 November	Barbara Bamford and Allan Hodgert
21 November	Freda & Derek Worthington
28 November	Margaret & John Fitzpatrick

If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the date given, please inform Harry so that stand-in steward(s) can be arranged. Thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS

7 November	In memory of Connie & Ron Mainwaring
14 November	In loving memory of Barbara Pollitt from Carolyn, Melanie & families
21 November	In memory of Mr & Mrs J Davenport
28 November	Mr & Mrs R Wilkinson – In memory of Joshua

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

6 November	Bazaar
13 November	Rene Hollos and Alison Hollos
20 November	Molly Ratcliffe and Betty Kenyon
27 November	Anne & Roger Mills

IN MEMORIAM

We are sad to report the death of our long-standing member Pat Haworth (nee Leather) who died on 23rd September 2010 aged 72 years. A childhood member of New Road Congregational Church, Pat joined the Young People's League at Bank Street Unitarian Church in the 1950s. Here she met Norman Haworth whom she later married and both gave great service to Bury Unitarians. The funeral service, conducted by Rev J L Gould took place at Bury Unitarian Church on 7th October. Pat is survived by her son and daughter, Martin and Linda to whom and their families we send our deepest sympathy.

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

We meet on Tuesday 16 November at 12.30pm. The organisers are Harry, June, Marc and Michael. Please inform Harry if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday, 11 November at 7.30pm Richard Hall will give a talk entitled:

The Golden Age of Operetta

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

As agreed at the Annual General Meeting, there will be no more meetings until March 2011.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

15 November	7.30pm	Efforts
22 November	7.00pm	Communications & Worship/Young People

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for contributions to the **DECEMBER CALENDAR is Sunday, 14 November.** *Please note the early date.* The Calendar will be available in church on 21.12.10 if all goes according to plan.

PASTORAL VISITING

While we are without a minister, some members of the congregation have volunteered to make home and hospital visits to those who are ill or who cannot join us for Sunday services. If you are willing to join our list of visitors, please contact Janet Thatcher on 01204 846573. *Please also let me know if there is anyone who would appreciate a visit.*

POINTS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL MEETING

The following issues were discussed at the recent Council Meeting on 11th October

The Wednesday **Yoga** classes have been cancelled due to lack of interest but classes continue on Monday evenings.

Thanks were expressed to John Fitzpatrick for cleaning and polishing the **presentation table** which now looks splendid and is situated at the rear of the Church.

As alterations will inevitably have to be made to the **noticeboard** outside the front of the Church enquiries are being made to see if this could be enlarged sufficiently to be able to display 'wayside pulpit' posters.

Thanks were expressed to Anne Mills for her hard work and effort in arranging the **Rice Challenge** which made a total of £400.

A lot of work behind the scenes will be going on during the period of time that we are **without a Minister**. Betty Kenyon will be arranging **service leaders** for Sunday worship, and volunteers are required to act as '**host**' to the leader on a Sunday (details are on the noticeboard). Janet Thatcher is compiling a list of people in need of **pastoral care** and of people willing to volunteer as '**visitors**.' First **contacts** for people wanting to arrange **rites of passage** will be Harry Taylor and Marc Peters. A list is being compiled of **Ministers** in the area willing to undertake **rites of passage** and **urgent pastoral care**.

As agreed at the **Special Congregational Meeting** in September, a **small group** will be meeting to look into the feasibility of an interim ministry initially and to arrange an assessment through the Congregational Assessment Process (CAP). Following this assessment further discussions will be held with the congregation to decide on the way forward.

DON'T FORGET!!!!!!

OUR BANK STREET BAZAAR

IS BEING HELD ON

SATURDAY, 6 NOVEMBER

11.00AM TO 2.00PM

COME AND JOIN US. THERE ARE ALL THE USUAL STALLS AND DELICIOUS HOT AND COLD LUNCHES. YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A MAGNIFICENT HAMPER IN MURIEL'S RAFFLE!!!!!!

CAN YOU HELP?

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS TREES

3RD, 4TH AND 5TH DECEMBER 2010

Friday, 3rd December 1pm until 5pm

Saturday, 4th December 10am to 4pm

Sunday, 5th December 1pm until 4pm

Help is needed please during the above opening times - one person to steward and one person in the kitchen to serve biscuits, mince pies, tea & coffee. Also, assistance in setting up in preparation, during Thursday, 2nd December would be welcomed.

Offers of help will be very much appreciated - please see Molly Ratcliffe

General Assembly President's Notes ii

Thanks to those members who have shown interest in my engagements as reported in the October calendar - here is the latest news!

After visiting the Sheffield District (Stannington and Fulwood), we spent a weekend in the East Cheshire District where I gave an address at Sta-lybridge on the Saturday following a Unitarian narrow boat cruise along the Ashton Canal from Portland Basin Museum at Ashton under Lyne. This museum is well worth a visit! On the following day I conducted morning worship at Mossley (which is a converted shop in the centre of town) and evening service at Dukinfield Old Chapel which is a magnificent building with an incredibly high pulpit and an even higher organ.

On the following weekend, Betty and I travelled to Lampeter in South Wales where on Saturday I spoke to the South Wales District meeting after a formal lunch in a village pub. We were entertained by a choir made up of young women members from the District who sang a medley of songs – in Welsh, of course – to a piano accompaniment. The morning had been spent on a tour of the thirteen little Unitarian chapels within a ten mile radius in the Black Spot led by local minister, Rev Cen LLwyd.

On the Sunday I led a special morning service at our Nottage chapel in Porthcawl for the South East Wales District – followed by a communal lunch. We are so grateful for the generous hospitality provided by all the Welsh Unitarians.

The weekend following I conducted the anniversary service for the Oxford Unitarian congregation in the beautiful Harris Manchester College chapel. The congregation covers all age groups and there is so much life and enthusiasm here. The College Principal, Rev [Dr Ralph Waller](#), a Methodist, attended the service as did two past presidents of our General Assembly, Rev Peter Hewis and Rev Eric Jones with their wives.

Next weekend I am to take the anniversary service of the Banbury Unitarian fellowship and on subsequent weekends the Stand Chapel anniversary, Remembrance Sunday parade in Whitehall, London and services at Richmond and Hastings.

On all my visits, I re-emphasise my theme for the year - Nurture your Freedom.

Although many of our congregations have adjusted to 21st century culture, others are still hooked on 19th century Unitarian traditions. We have the freedom denied to other denominations, to adapt to the times we live in and thereby attract today's seekers - not simply to reflect the rituals of all the other churches!

Neville Kenyon

RICE CHALLENGE

Many thanks to everyone who supported this project. At the time of writing, £400.00 has been raised by selling 140 kilograms of rice and from additional donations; I shall be forwarding this amount to Just Trading Scotland, and, from there, it will go to Malawi. This was a magnificent effort, and a chance to contribute to a very worthwhile cause. I am especially grateful to Dorothy Haughton, who sold 55 bags of rice, single-handedly, and whose efforts and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated. Anne.

CHURCHES TOGETHERThe group met on September 28th, when three churches were represented. The planned Carol Service is scheduled for Saturday, December 11th, in the morning, although the venue is not yet settled. Each church has been asked to supply details of its Christmas-services for an advertisement, on December 16th, in "The Bury Times"; also, it is hoped that an information-sheet, again with details about each church, can be compiled, to be included in a welcome-pack, supplied by the vendors to new property-owners in The Rock Triangle; the first buyers are expected to move in next February.

The Ambassadorial scheme, whereby we send representatives to all the other churches in the group and receive their representatives, in turn, is likely to be postponed, from January, until the spring, in the hope that the weather will be more suitable then. The group next meets on Thursday, December 2nd, after the evening Advent Reflection, at Bury United Reformed Church, which all are welcome to attend.

If anyone wishes to attend Churches Together meetings, to represent Bury Unitarian Church, please let me know; your support would be most welcome.

Anne.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet next on Monday 29 November at 7.30pm in the coffee lounge. The book to be discussed is **CASE HISTORIES** by Kate Atkinson. Copies of this book are available from the book cupboard in the lounge. Please sign for the book. All are welcome – it's not even necessary to have read the book!! We share light refreshments during the evening and finish at 9.00pm.

.TICKETS FOR THE 2010 CHRISTMAS LUNCH – 19 December

Will be on sale after the morning service on Sundays 5th and 12th December priced at £3.50.

HELP!

Christmas Lunch will be on Sunday 19th December after the morning service. The team is one short. If you could help on that day, to serve food and clear tables, please see or 'phone Pam Gilbert (01706 822651) – Thank you

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SUNDAY SERVICES

7 November	10.00am	Rev Beryl Allerton
14 November	9.45am	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Mr Granville Leather of Bank St Chapel, Bolton
21 November	10.00am	Mrs Jennifer Whitelaw

‘CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT’

6.30PM SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER 2010-10-25

Led by: Rev John D Allerton

Please join us for tea, coffee and mince pies after the service

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