

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2011

SERVICES

4 September	11.15am	The Minister
11 September	11.15am	Rev John Allerton
18 September	11.15am	To be announced
25 September	11.15am	Short Service

*This service will be a short, half-hour morning service and it will be followed by an **Open Meeting of the Congregation.***

OPEN MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

This will take place on Sunday, September 25th, after a short, half-hour, morning-service. I will summarize the work of the Working-Group, during the last year, and state the present position; there will also be an opportunity to discuss whether an earlier start-time for morning-service would be desirable. If members of the congregation have additional matters they wish to raise, I should appreciate it if they would notify me in advance of the meeting.

Anne

CHURCH STEWARDS

4 September	Susan McMullen & Olive Westhead
11 September	Lois & Alan Williams
18 September	Miriam Murphy & June Seddon
25 September	Barbara Bamford & Allan Hodgert

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

4 September	In loving memory of Fred Moore
11 September	Anne & Roger Mills – In Memoriam
18 September	In memory of Pat Haworth
25 September	Church Flowers

Distributors: Barbara Ashworth & Vera Stephenson

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

3 September	Molly Ratcliffe & Betty Kenyon
10 September	Anne & Roger Mills
17 September	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
24 September	Margaret Fitzpatrick & Jean Jackson

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

The Luncheon Circle will meet on Tuesday 20 September at 12.30pm. The organisers are Anne & Roger Mills. Please inform them if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

There will be a short meeting on Thursday, September 1 at 7.30pm to discuss the Project Evening, which will be a Coffee Evening as follows:

COFFEE EVENING WITH BRING & BUY SALE THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

RAFFLE AND POSSIBLY A GAME OF BINGO
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
PROCEEDS WILL BE FOR THE NATIONAL CHARITY 'COM-
BAT STRESS'
ADMISSION £2.50

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

We will hold our usual **Coffee evening on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm. Admission will be by a bottle (or bottles) for the Bottle Stall at the bazaar. There will also be a raffle. Please support this effort.**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING SEPTEMBER

26 September at 7.30pm	Finance & General Purposes
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CALENDAR DEADLINE

The deadline for the October edition of the Calendar is **Sunday 18 September**. Please make sure all items are in the yellow folder by that date. Thank you.

P.S. If you know of anyone who would appreciate a 'Large-Print' copy of the Calendar, please tell Pam Gilbert – thank you.

GENERAL MATTERS

At Church Council, on August 8th, the question of standing at the start of the service was ratified. The ballot of the congregation indicated that there was overwhelming support for this, and it will now continue indefinitely. However, the ratification comes with the proviso that no-one who is unable or unwilling to stand is obliged to do so.

Beryl Bowden has now joined the Ministerial Appointments Group; she will represent Church Council. Unfortunately, Alan Williams has been obliged to leave the group, as it must consist of Council members and trustees; we thank him for his contribution, which has been much appreciated.

The question was raised of whether we could start morning-service earlier than 11.15 a.m. On the first and third Sundays of the month, Harry Taylor plays the organ at Ainsworth; he has indicated that he could be at Bury, ready for an 11 o'clock start, but no sooner than that. What we now need to consider is whether an 11 o'clock start would inconvenience any of our members, and I would like to hear from anyone who would experience difficulties, if this were the case; indeed, I am interested in hearing everyone's views on this matter.
Anne

TRAIDCRAFT

The stall will be open, this month, on September 11th and 25th; please note this change, to the second and fourth Sundays, in order to accommodate my holidays. September 11th will see the first display of this year's Christmas items, and the new brochures will be available then. On September 25th, the stall will be open before the service and after the Open Meeting. *Anne*

CHARITY GROUP EVENT

There will be an unusual social event this month organised by the charity group and held at the church. **On Saturday 10th September at 7.30pm.**

“Musings and Music” will feature Dorothy Haughton reading a series of amusing monologues interspersed with music provided by Dorothy Bertenshaw.

Following this entertainment there will be a supper of cheese and wine. The price for this event inclusive of all the entertainment and refreshments is a modest £5 and tickets are available from any member of the Charity Group or direct from Harry Taylor (tel. 0161 797 4414).

Proceeds from this event are for the benefit of the Bury Cancer Support Centre.

CHANGE COLLECTING BOXES

This is a reminder that the small change collecting boxes in support of the Bury Cancer Support Centre should be handed in to the charity group treasurer, Colin Smith, by the end of September. Thank you to everybody for your donations.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday 19 September at 7.30pm. The Book to be discussed is ***The Hare with Amber Eyes*** by Edmund De Waal. This book is available from the cupboard in the lounge courtesy of Bury Library. Please sign for any book you take and return it at the meeting. We share light refreshments and usually finish at around 9.00pm. All are welcome – it's not necessary to have read the designated book or to be a church member.

CAR PARKING PROBLEMS

Difficulty is being reported because non-church members are using our car park. It was agreed at Church Council to try to restrict entry by locking the access post on Friday evenings.

MINISTER'S MONTH

I, like everyone else, am still waiting for summer. Those balmy evenings when you can sit outside with a glass of wine, relax, look at what has flourished and what has not of this year's planting. At the back of the house we have a variety of perennial plants mostly chosen to attract bees and butterflies, this year they resemble a jungle no doubt due to the copious amount of rain. What we have not had in the garden (other than the rain) was any source of water so while on holiday we acquired half of a large wooden barrel which, once lined, made an excellent little pond. The only problem is with so much rain I have to bail it out regularly to prevent it from overflowing. The upside is that we discovered that we had lots of frogs in the garden now making themselves at home in the pond.

A wedding anniversary meal at a favourite restaurant meant an overnight stay at our caravan, only the second opportunity this year for me to see the family of red squirrels that live in the wood nearby. Earlier this year we bought a squirrel feeding box to stop them wrecking the bird feeders. I discovered, when drinking my morning cup of tea, that this had not been altogether successful when I watched a squirrel swinging happily on the bird feeder and a coal-tit trying very hard to break into the squirrel feeder.

I will be away on holiday for two weeks in September and I am very conscious that following my return I will have only four weeks left of my interim ministry. It feels a little like one of those strange dreams where you are running but not actually moving as I try to fit in everything I want to do. During the time remaining I would like to hold one more seminar similar to the two we held at the beginning of the interim to look at where we are now. As September is already looking very busy I think this will have to be in October.

Beryl *I will be away Sept 10th until Sept 24th*

VISIT TO GORTON MONASTERY

This will take place on Sunday, October 9th; a tour has been provisionally booked for 2.00 p.m. The cost is £7.50 per head; please sign

up on the list on the lounge notice-board if you wish to go. Money should be paid to Anne Mills on Sunday, September 11.

AFTER- CHRISTMAS TREAT

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET (FORMERLY SADLERS WELLS)

BEAUTY & THE BEAST

MATINEE PERFORMANCE AT THE LOWRY THEATRE

SATURDAY 28 JANUARY

**20 TICKETS HAVE BEEN BOOKED – COST £35.50 EACH
please note that payment is due by the end of September**

If you wish to come, please put your name on the list on the Notice Board in the lounge. Transport will be arranged. Molly

A DATE FOR OUR DIARIES

HARVEST LUNCH Sunday 2 october

**Hot Bacon Muffins
Autumn Fruit Crumble
tea or Coffee**

£5.00

please put your name on the list on the board if you wish to stay for lunch

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A fragment from *Church Going* by Philip Larkin

A serious house on serious earth it is,
In whose blent air all our compulsions meet,
Are recognised, and robed as destinies.
And that much never can be obsolete,
Since someone will forever be surprising
A hunger in himself to be more serious,
And gravitating with it to this ground,
Which, he once heard, was proper to grow wise in,

(28 July 1954)

SUNDAY SERVICES in SEPTEMBER 2011

10.00am 4 September Mrs Jennifer Whitelaw
(Chowbent Chapel)

**3.00pm 18 September HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

Rev Danny Crosby
(Altrincham &

Urmston)

Please note: No morning service this day

*Normal Services take place twice a month
(1st and 3rd Sundays) with visiting preachers*



HARVEST FESTIVAL

'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness'

3.00 pm Sunday 18th September

The Rev Danny Crosby will be conducting our Harvest Festival on Sunday 18th September. Following the service, everyone is welcome to join us for Tea and cakes in the schoolroom.

'Jim's Bench'

Generous donations to Chapel in memory of James Alan Partington have enabled the purchase of a new wooden bench in the Chapel yard

We are most grateful to Ivy and Nigel for arranging this and also providing a plaque in Jim's memory.

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

