

You are welcome at our church.

You are welcome here whatever your age, your gender, your ethnic or religious background, or your sexuality.

You are welcome here with your doubts, your fears, and your questions.

You are welcome here whether you have come alone, or with friends, family, or with another group.

You are welcome here wherever you have come from, and for however long you wish to stay.

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You are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday morning at 11.15am.

You can find out more about us by speaking to someone, by phone on 0161 761 3785, by email at buryunitarianchurch@gmail.com, on our website at www.bury-unitarian-church.org.uk, or on our Facebook page (Bury Unitarians).

If you would like to know more about Unitarianism in general, there is excellent information available online at www.unitarian.org.uk.



God: what some of us believe:

- God is a force directing the world and all on it.
- God created the universe (big bang!)
- There is something of “God” in each one of us
- God sees and oversees our actions.
- There is a positive force for good in the world, which some people may call God.
- God is love.
- God is a benevolent loving spirit that tends to ‘good’.

And what some of us don’t:

That God is a person; that God created the world as Genesis says; that God intervenes in our lives.

Jesus: what some of us believe:

- Jesus Christ was a man – but sent by God.
- Jesus was a saint and did good things.
- Jesus was a very special person.
- Jesus was a good man. He was an ordinary man. He was kind and loving.
- Jesus was an influential teacher, healer, and ‘revolutionary’.
- Jesus was crucified.
- Jesus performed miracles.

And what some of us don’t:

That Jesus performed miracles; that he was God; that he was born of a virgin; that he was resurrected.

Some of our other beliefs:

- How I live affects the world.
- We should aim to follow a path of love. We should be open to others.
- There is something beyond understanding.
- Everyone has the right to follow their own conscience and choice of faith
- The Bible can teach us valuable truths – if we take the time and trouble to think around the topics.
- Mankind is inherently good.

And some things we don't tend to believe in:

Hell; original sin; the Trinity;
biblical infallibility; intolerance; magic.

Unitarians are individuals with their own ethos, their own beliefs, and their own principles. It is notoriously difficult to define 'what Unitarians believe'. This leaflet presents the beliefs of a variety of members of Bury Unitarian Church.

Your own beliefs will be welcome here.

Welcome to Bury Unitarians.

We believe in love. We welcome everyone, with their own faith and their own opinions, and we encourage open and enquiring minds.

We are part of a liberal religious tradition. With no creed and no dogma, we are here to support each other on our journeys of spiritual exploration. We take our inspiration from religious teachings, the arts, and science, and we use that inspiration to work on living the best lives we can.

Many of us believe in a spirit of life, and many of us call that spirit God. Others of us are religious humanists, and still others are agnostic. We all believe in the potential for good in all people, and in working for the improvement of the world for all those who inhabit it. We respect the human Jesus, as one amongst many spiritual teachers.

We take our faith and our worship seriously, but we hold ourselves lightly.

As a community we are moving towards a world of love, kindness, and hope, with justice and integrity at its core.



What we believe