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BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JULY & AUGUST 2017



For never in this world do hatreds cease through hatred.

Through love alone do they cease.

This is the ancient and eternal law.

From the teachings of Buddha

MINISTER

REVEREND K MCKENNA

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CHURCH SERVICES

2 July	No service at Bury Unitarian Church	
	Service at Bury United Reformed Church at 11am.	
9 July	11.15am	The Minister – Bury U.R.C.visit us.
16 July	11.15am	The Minister
23 July	11.15am	The Minister
30 July	11.15am	The Minister
6 August	11.15am	The Minister
13 August	11.15am	The Minister
20 August	11.15am	To be arranged.
27 August	11.15am	To be arranged.

23 July is the last Junior Church until 10 September.

CHURCH STEWARDS

9 July	Alf Howson & Roger Mills
16 July	Jean Brookhouse & Susan Mitchell
23 July	Lois & Alan Williams
30 July	Barbara Bamford & Allan Hodgert
6 th August	Alf Howson & Roger Mills

13 August	Betty & Neville Kenyon
20 August	Marian Price & Di Scaife
27 August	Beryl Bowden & Janet Thatcher

If you find your given date difficult, please re-arrange with another steward(s).

CHURCH FLOWERS

9 July	Lois, Leah & Zilpha – In memory of Fred & Eileen Bowden
16 July	Kathryn Jackson & Sally Broadhurst – In memory of Tom Jackson
23 July	Janet Thatcher – In memory of Minnie Sharp
30 July	Anne & Roger Mills – In memory of Rene and Sybil
6 August	Val Chamberlain – In memory of Madie & Jim Hargreaves
13 August	Kathryn Jackson & Sally Broadhurst – In memory of Irene Rogers
20 August	Flowers supplied by the church
27 August	Lorraine & Pete – for Hope's 1 st birthday

If you would like to donate money for flowers on any of the following dates, please speak to Janet Thatcher: September 17 and 24, October 1 and 29, November 5, 12, 19 and December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

1 July Margaret Fitzpatrick & Norah Hickton
8 July Brenda Ainsworth & Jean Taylor
15 July Jean Taylor & ?
22 July Betty Kenyon & Anne Mills
29 July Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard

5 August June Clarke & Sue McMullen
12 August Margaret Pollard & Jean Taylor
19 August Pam Gilbert & Di Scaife
26 August Margaret Fitzpatrick & Norah Hickton

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

9 July Norah Hickton(M), Peter Whewell, Barbara Bamford
16 July Margaret Fitzpatrick(M), Lois Williams, Di Scaife
23 July Marian Price(M), Jean Taylor, Susan Mitchell
30 July Jean Maden(M), Brenda Ainsworth, George Scaife
6 August Anne Mills(M), Beryl Bowden, Rene Hollos
13 August Norah Hickton(M), Peter Whewell, Barbara Bamford
20 August Margaret Fitzpatrick(M), Lois Williams, Di Scaife
27 August Marian Price(M), Jean Taylor, Susan Mitchell

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JULY & AUGUST

Wednesday 5 July at 7pm Social & Fund-raising
Wednesday 19 July at 7pm Worship, Communications, Junior Church
Monday 7 August at 7pm Finance & General Purposes
Wednesday 9 August at 7pm Church Council

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for items to be included in the September edition of The Calendar will be Sunday 19 August.

LUNCH CIRCLE

We will meet on July 18th, at 12.30 pm; when Anne and Roger will host a buffet lunch. This is to be a Bring A Friend event, so members will invite others to join them. If you'd like to come, don't wait to be asked; be like Lulu, and come by yourself!

In August, the date for the meeting is the 15th; details will be confirmed at a later stage. In both cases, please sign up on the list on the notice-board, so that numbers for catering are available.

TRAIDCRAFT

The stall will be open on July 9th and 23rd, and on August 6th and 20th. Anne has recently been in contact with members of The Bury Fair Trade Group and has been commended on her annual sales-figures; our church regularly sells more than £2,000 worth of goods, each year, and this is far more than other Bury churches manage. Well done and thank you, BUC!

CAMERA CLUB

Members will meet on July 5th, for outside pictures, and on July 12th, as well, probably inside!

The August meeting will probably be on the 16th, but please check with Roger beforehand for confirmation.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Wednesday 26 July at 7pm. The book to be discussed will be in the lounge cupboard by Thursday 29 June, all being well. In August the Book Club will meet on Wednesday 30 August at 7pm. The book for that occasion should be in the lounge cupboard by Thursday 27 July.

STEWARDING ISSUES

On occasions, noise from the lounge and foyer disturbs those who wish to sit quietly in church, before the start of Sunday worship (and during Communion). Would stewards please keep the lounge and worship-area doors closed, as much as possible, especially in the last five minutes before a service begins, so that those in the church are not disturbed. Please remember that quietness is appreciated during services, also. *Thank you.*

On Wednesday evenings, two slight problems have been identified; if you are stewarding then, please check that the boiler in the downstairs kitchen has not been switched off at the socket, and that the upstairs kitchen windows have been closed. *Thank you.*

GLASTONBURY

This event will be taking place, on Bank Street and Silver Street, on August Bank Holiday Monday (the 28th). Last year, it was extremely noisy throughout the daytime and evening; we have, therefore, rescheduled meetings on that day.

BURY IN BLOOM

We have been contacted by the organisers of this event, thanking us for our efforts and encouraging us to continue them. Judging takes place, this year, on July 11th and August 4th, so we hope that our gardens will look at their best then. To this end, we have arranged a tidy-up session, on Monday, July 10th, from 6pm.

Please come along and help for an hour or so, if you can.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Anne and Roger will be giving an illustrated talk, entitled "**Travels Down Under**", on Wednesday, August 23rd, at 7 pm. Further details will be available, after the Social and Fund Raising Committee has met on July 5th; please watch the notice-board and listen for pulpit-announcements.

A second First Aid Course has been arranged for Saturday, September 16th, between, approximately, 1pm. and 3.30pm. This will be a repeat of the very successful session held on May 13th; it will again be led by Judith Jones, of The British Red Cross, and will cover the same topics: how to cope in case of heart-attack, stroke, unconsciousness, choking, broken limbs (and much more!) Those who attended the earlier session found it very informative, practical, down to earth and helpful. Please come along, if you feel that the course would be useful; those who attended in May are welcome to return. Sign up on the list on the notice-board; we need a minimum of 6 to run---there is no maximum!

Church Council has agreed to send a donation to the British Red Cross, in appreciation of the course; some of the course-attendees have indicated that they wish to make personal donations, in addition; if so, please hand your donation to Anne Mills, by Sunday, July 9th, at the latest.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS.....

...to Val, Abi, Susan (Mitchell) and Betty for the service on May 28th. Originally envisaged as a GA Feedback Service, this had to be altered considerably, and at the last minute, on account of the Manchester Arena attack. By linking the tragedy with the sense of community displayed in and around Manchester, and extending the analogy to the sense of community shared at the GA Meetings, our group involved us in their experience. Their reports were concise, beginning with objective overview, which then developed into personal highlight, and their enthusiasm and desire to extend what they had learned were evident.....

.....to Kate for her Flower Communion Service, on June 4th; again, this had to be changed, to reflect our feelings, as we observed a minute's silence, not only for the Manchester Arena tragedy, but also for events, on the evening before, on London Bridge and in Borough Market. Each person who had died, in Manchester, was commemorated by a single yellow rose, placed by our Junior Church members amongst the other floral offerings, as the name and details of each were spoken---a most poignant part of proceedings. Later, Kate spoke about Norbert Capek and the 100th Anniversary of the Flower Communion, which originated in Transylvania, and we sang hymns that complemented beautifully the theme and relativity of the service.....

.....to Abi, who conducted the service on June 11th, again, at the last minute. She spoke about the difference between hearing and listening, and commented that it was important to listen with every sense---"with the ear of the heart"---and to pray and worship with the same intensity of purpose in order to approach God as nearly as possible.

These three consecutive services illustrate how well-supplied we are at Bury Unitarian Church, when Minister and members are able to preach so eloquently, and can demonstrate their flexibility, at the same time. To all of them, we extend our gratitude and appreciation.

FIRE DRILL

A church fire-drill is long overdue and will be held shortly. Just a reminder that the two fire-exits from the building are through the main front door, and through the back door; the back gate will be open when the drill is carried out. If, by any chance, either door is locked, turn the door-knob in an anti-clockwise direction, in order to open it. The Meeting Point will be the War Memorial.

Dear all,

Well, someone, somewhere, finally seems to have decided to send summer to our part of Lancashire, and very lovely it is too.

We are really lucky to live in a country with such variable weather (no, honestly, we are!) and I love watching the seasons shift and change.

I'm writing this on the eve of the summer solstice - the time when the night is at its shortest and the day at its longest - and I've definitely noticed that not only are the nights getting shorter, but the light stays longer up here than it does in Norfolk. I can't pretend I haven't gloated to my friends back in Norwich about that, when I've been taking the dog out for walks in the not-quite-dark at 1030.

We've got a lot going on at church in the two months this calendar covers, from the workshop on Julian of Norwich which I'm running on July 1st, through our gatherings with our friends at the United Reformed Church, and on to Roger and Anne's talk on their travels down under. And all of this whilst we carry on with our usual activities of worship, lunches, book groups, and other social things.

And maybe some of us are going away - I have two work-related trips planned, both to Hucklow, and both important for spiritual development as well as being a chance to spend time in the peace of the countryside.

If you're going away - or if you're staying at home but taking some time off - I hope it's healing and calm for you. We all need a break, and these last few weeks, particularly, seem to have been a relentless round of horrible incidents and upsetting news. It seems that every week we're stopping to mark an event, and to wonder what we can do about the pain of the world.

And, like I always say, there always is something.

Crying, and praying: those are not nothing. They're the appropriate responses, sometimes. And I know some people say praying solves nothing, and perhaps it doesn't - or not directly, anyway. But it's been said that prayer changes people, and people change things: so maybe your prayers will have an effect.

And we can also behave in the way we want the world to behave. It may not seem that our being nice and kind

and gentle and loving will have an effect on the world at large, but I firmly believe it will. The more of us who act with compassion and gentleness in our daily lives, in the little things, the more that will spread. We can fight the horrible big things which happen by being nice in the small things. If we vow that our own interactions will be gentle, it can't fail to have a positive effect.

So if you want a challenge for the summer, how about modelling kindness? I'm the first to admit it's not always easy, and that's exactly why it's important.

I suspect there may be times over the summer when attendance on a Sunday morning is a bit low - and this may not be a fashionable thing for Minister to say, but actually, I suspect that's a good thing. God does want us to join together in worship, I'm sure of that, and maintaining our community is vital - but God also wants us to relax, to holiday, and to enjoy the pleasures of summer and the glorious countryside we're surrounded with. So if you wake up one Sunday and your soul says "country walk", please listen to your soul. But then come back to us the following Sunday and tell us about it!

Whatever you spend the summer doing, please stay hydrated. Please use sunscreen. Please bring us pictures and sticks of rock and tell us all about it.

With love,

Kate

BUILDING UNITARIAN COMMUNITY IN THE NORTH WEST

Ministers in the NE Lancs District have agreed to organise regular spirituality workshops and special services for all in the District (and beyond). They are designed for anyone who would like to meet with other Unitarians in the North West to explore aspects of spiritual practice, learn more about what goes on in other Unitarian chapels in our area and to enjoy meeting and exchanging ideas at informal gatherings. The first of these events is to be led by our own minister Rev Kate McKenna. She will lead a workshop including meditation to explore the mysticism of Julian of Norwich on Saturday 1st July at Bury Unitarian Church 1.30-3.30. The lounge will be open for those who would like to bring their lunch to eat beforehand between 12.30 -1.30. There is no need to book and it will be fine to just turn up, but if you are able, please sign the notice on the board to help us with planning. We already know that several visitors from other chapels will be coming. It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable event.

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE

JEAN MADEN – Christened at Bank Street Chapel. I went to Chesham School where I also attended Brownies, Guides and Sunday School.

I married Howard at Ainsworth Unitarian Church in 1973.

We have two daughters, Andrea and Lorraine, also three grandchildren, Eloise, Max and Hope.

Following education at Whitefield Preparatory School and Lloyds Commercial College in Bolton, I embarked on a clerical career, eventually progressing to become P.A. and secretary to a number of managers. (The managers came and went but my position was maintained.) However, as time went by, I became more and more dissatisfied with my job and decided to make a complete break. I started my own business, altering and repairing clothing. I also attended nightschool and took a City and Guilds course in pattern design and dressmaking. Over time I found this

particularly useful when making dancing costumes for our daughters whilst also dressmaking for others including Brides' and Bridesmaids' dresses.

My parents came to Bury from Scotland and with them I was a founder member of the Bury Caledonian Society.

I love dancing, and over the years I have done Scottish Country and Highland Dancing, Tap, Line, Salsa, Ballroom and even Belly-dancing.

Travel and holidays have seen me in a variety of places but now we prefer short-haul journeys to Spain and a quiet village where we are among family and friends just relaxing.

Thank you Jean.

NELUM WORKSHOP – SATURDAY 1ST JULY

AT BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

1.30PM TO 3.30PM

JULIAN OF NORWICH

ORGANISED BY REVEREND KATE MCKENNA

ALL WELCOME.

LAURIE LANCASHIRE

Our friend Laurie Lancashire passed away during the night of 19/20th June. He had been a resident of Ainsworth Nursing Home for the last 7 years and was 96. Details of his funeral are not yet available. Anne has expressed condolences to his son Steve and daughter-in-law Lavinia.