

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2016



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HARVEST SERVICE – 2ND OCTOBER

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CHURCH SERVICES

2 October	11.15am	Abi Elliot-McGuffie, Seminar Group – HARVEST SERVICE
9 October	11.15am	Tom Grimshaw
16 October	11.15am	Rev Tony McNeile
23 October	11.15am	Rev Bill Darlison
30 October	11.15am	Janet Thatcher, Seminar Group

CHURCH STEWARDS

2 October	Marian Price & Janet Thatcher
9 October	Beryl Bowden & Di Scaife
16 October	Sue McMullen & Marc Peters
23 October	Alf Howson & Roger Mills
30 October	Barbara Bamford & Allan Hodgett

If you are not available on the given date, please change with another steward(s) – thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS

2 October	Marian Price – In memory of Margaret Ince
9 October	Sheila Houghton – In memory of Doris Houghton
16 October	Dorothy Nortley – In memory of Muriel Smith
23 October	June Clarke – In memory of Jean
30 October	Church Flowers

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY FOR FLOWERS IN CHURCH DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY OR MARCH 2017, PLEASE SPEAK TO JANET THATCHER.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

1 October	Brenda Ainsworth & Jean Taylor
8 October	Margaret Fitzpatrick & Norah Hickton
15 October	Marc Peters & Philip Peters
22 October	Rene Hollos & Alison Hollos
29 October	Betty Kenyon & Molly Ratcliffe

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

2 October	Anne Mills(M), Beryl Bowden & Rene Hollos
9 October	Norah Hickton(M), Peter Whewell & John Allerton

16 October Margaret Fitzpatrick(M), Lois Williams & Di Scaife
23 October Marian Price(M), Jean Taylor & Susan Mitchell
30 October Jean Maden(M), Brenda Ainsworth & George Scaife

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Tuesday 4 October at 7pm Finance & General Purposes
Wednesday 5 October at 7pm Social & Fund Raising
Wednesday 12 October at 7pm Church Council
Monday 17 October at 7pm Worship Support Group
Wednesday 26 October at 7pm Trustees

DATE IN ADVANCE

Tuesday 1 November at 7pm Communications & Worship with
Junior Church

CALENDAR DEADLINE

All items for the November edition of the Calendar should be in the hands of the editor by Sunday 23 October, please.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet at 7pm on Monday 31st October. The book to be discussed will be *On Beauty* by Zadie Smith and it should be in the lounge cupboard by Thursday 3 November

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday 6 October at 7,30pm **INDIAN EVENING** – *Anne Mills will talk about her and Roger's recent Indian holiday. There will be INDIAN NIBBLES, A BRING AND BUY STALL AND A RAFFLE. COST WILL BE £5. All profit will be given to the Women's League National Project – THE NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY – Tea and coffee will be provided – you are invited to bring your own beer, wine or soft drinks. This will be an Open Evening – ALL WELCOME.*

TRAIDCRAFT

The stall will be open on October 2nd and 16th; the new brochures and packs of Christmas cards are now available. If you need items at other times, please speak to Anne or Jean.

LUNCHEON CLUB

The October meeting will take place on the 18th, and Anne and Roger will host it. Please watch the notice-board for announcements and sign up if you wish to attend. All are welcome!

10K FUN RUN

The closure of Silver Street, on September 18th, because of the Run, meant that our service on that day had to be cancelled. Anne and Betty have been working hard, on behalf of the congregation, to try to ensure that our requirements are taken into account in the future, as it seems likely that

this will become an annual event. Hopefully, next time, we will be kept informed and invited to a consultative meeting, at an early stage.

GLASTON-BURY

The organiser of this event has conveyed his abject apologies to the members of the Book Club for the excessive amount of noise which disturbed their August meeting. He promises to keep us much better informed, in future, and acknowledges our past co-operation, for which he is grateful.

ART EXHIBITION

The members of Bury Art Society will be using our premises for an exhibition, on Saturday, October 8th; please come along and join us; the pictures display a wealth of talent and are well worth viewing. We will be serving coffee and cakes, from 10 a. m. to 4 p.m. We have volunteers to staff this, throughout the day, but promises of a few cakes would be welcome; please speak to Jean Maden, if you are willing to do a little extra baking.

BRASS BAND CONCERT

Rochdale Unitarian Church are organising a concert, on October 8th, at 7.30 p.m; to be given by The Band and Corps of Drums of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Lancashire). We are cordially invited to join them; full details are on the notice-board.

COURSES

There are details on the notice-board of a Worship Studies Course, in York, and a Rites of Passage Course, in Bolton, both of which begin in October.

MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS GROUP

The group met on September 9th, to discuss details of Rev. Kate McKenna's forthcoming ministry at Bury. Kate's contract will begin from November 1st and will run for 6 months, initially. The manse will be vacant by mid-October, and Kate will move in, later in the month. At present, all sorts of arrangements are being negotiated with Kate, and we look forward to welcoming her into our midst very shortly. Kate is hoping to visit Bury, before her ministry begins, so we shall look forward to seeing her again during October. The work of this group will last until the start of October, and one further meeting will probably be necessary; after that, the Ministerial Support Group will come into operation, the members of which will be the Chairman of Trustees, the Chairman of the Congregation, the Church Secretary, and the Chairman of the Communications and Worship Committee. Formal announcements of Kate's ministry will be made, once she begins her work with us.

THE SING-A-LONG BAND CONCERT

What a thoroughly enjoyable evening we had, full of melody and atmosphere! Egged on by the Band, we sang our hearts out (but still had enough voice left for Sunday!) to old favourites---amazing how many of them we remembered, when it came to the crunch! We found we needed constant liquid refreshment to keep our throats irrigated---very important, in the circumstances! Thanks to all those who supported this event; more than £300 was raised.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of October; June Clarke can supply these, whether you wish to buy them for yourselves or to sell to others. A magnificent food hamper is the first prize, and other prizes include a Christmas Cake (made by Beryl), a bottle of whisky, bottles of wine, and a box of chocolates, plus a variety of smaller prizes. If you have

promised items for the hamper, please make sure that these are handed to June by the start of October, so that she can make up and display the hamper. The draw will be made after the service on December 4th. Our Grand Christmas Raffle is one of the replacements for the Bazaar---let's make it a Grand Success, too!

THANKS

We continue to be grateful to our service-leaders, each week, and offer thanks to Sarah Simpson-Bostock, from our Ansdell congregation. Sarah's service, on August 28th, had a very Japanese flavour, and she linked her theme to a Japanese proverb: "Fall down seven times---jump up eight times". Those who observe this instruction display qualities of perseverance and determination, which, in religious terms, translates into ideas of belief and faith. Sarah's service encouraged us to follow the path described, and proved inspirational.

Marian Price, on the first Sunday in September, revealed her talents as a member of the Worship Support Group; it is heartening to realise what a wealth of experience we have to draw on, from amongst our own congregation---a very valuable resource! Marian's theme was that we should have confidence in our own abilities---in ourselves---to live life to the full, by extending our boundaries, and by not being unduly fearful of the unknown; in this way, we grow, improve, and achieve more than we might imagine; although this may be a practical proposition, on the face of it, it links clearly with the spiritual aspect of our lives. Marian's service was very well-prepared and delivered, and her theme was reinforced with humour, via her story of the baby owl and her two poems; as we laughed, we realised the more serious implications of what she was saying---a triumph, indeed!

Thank you to both ladies for sharing their thoughts and feelings with us; there was much to contemplate in both services, and much to pursue.

FUNERAL

On Monday 12th September, at the church followed by interment at Bury Cemetary, the funeral of Sheila Houghton was conducted by Reverend Beryl Allerton. Sheila was a long-standing member of the church and a church trustee. She will be remembered with affection.

PROFILES

We would like to encourage folk to contribute 'a profile' for the Calendar. These are some suggestions produced by Val Chamberlain to help us, if necessary:

Profile – Sample Questions

There is no set format. Please feel free to include whatever you would like to tell us and don't feel obliged to answer all the questions or work through these in order. Think about these as 'conversation starters.' You might like to imagine that a new member of the congregation is trying to get to know you and has asked you a few questions. Answers in note form are fine. If you'd like to have a go orally, rather than in writing, please have a word with Val.

How did you become connected with Bury Unitarian Church?

When did your connection with the Church start?

Is there anything you'd like to tell us about:

your family (including pets)

your working life

What do you like to do in your spare time? (eg hobbies, interests, exercise, charity or voluntary work, what are you 'good at' – don't be modest!)

Do you have any favourite books, films or TV programmes?

What do you enjoy or appreciate about coming to Bury Unitarian Church?

*Please return to Val Chamberlain by hand or email
valchamberlain@btinternet.com*

YELLOW FOLDER

In the lounge cupboard, beneath the bookshelf, is a yellow transparent folder. It usually contains the yearly diary. In this may be placed any items for the monthly Calendar. If you don't have email or for some reason the email is not working, this may be useful. It is labelled with the editor's name.

CALENDAR ONLINE

If you would like to receive the Calendar online each month, please inform the editor.

AN ANTIQUES VALUATION EVENING at BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

FRIDAY 28 OCTOBER FROM 6.30pm

**With Peter Ashburner and his colleague from Wright
Marshall Antiques.**

**ADMISSION £5 + Valuation Ticket £1 to include a
glass of wine and light refreshments**

**Valuation Tickets will be limited to a set number
(as advised by our valuers) who will discuss a small
number of items and auction a few in aid of Church
Funds.**

**This event is organised by the Social & Fund-raising
committee. Please support it and bring family and
friends.**

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