



KATE'S INDUCTION – 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017

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## BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2017

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*Rene and June running the raffle at our Grand Quiz Evening.*

MINISTER  
REVEREND K MCKENNA

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#### CHURCH SERVICES

2 April	11.15am	The Minister
9 April	11.15am	Marian Price
16 April	11.15am	The Minister
23 April	11.15am	Abi Elliott-McGuffie
30 April	11.15am	The Minister

***Please Note – there will be NO JUNIOR CHURCH on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL.***

#### CHURCH STEWARDS

2 April	Margaret & John Fitzpatrick
9 April	Betty & Neville Kenyon
16 April	Marian Price & Di Scaife
23 April	Beryl Bowden & Janet Thatcher
30 April	Sue McMullen & Marc Peters

*If the above dates are not possible for you, please exchange with another steward(s). – Thank you.*

#### CHURCH FLOWERS

2 April	Church Flowers
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9 April	Church Flowers
16 April	Janet & Ron Thatcher – for their Ruby Wedding
23 April	Margaret Miller – In memory of Derek Miller
30 April	Church Flowers

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#### SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

1 April	June Clarke & Sue McMullen
8 April	Betty Kenyon & Molly Ratcliffe
15 April	Jean Maden & Margaret Pollard
22 April	June Clarke, Sue McMullen, Marc Peters
29 April	Brenda Ainsworth & Jean Taylor

#### SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

2 April	Anne Mills(M), Beryl Bowden, Rene Hollos
9 April	Norah Hickton(M), Peter Whewell, Barbara Bamford
16 April	Margaret Fitzpatrick(M), Lois Williams, Di Scaife
22 April	Marian Price(M), Jean Taylor, Susan Mitchell
29 April	Jean Maden(M), Brenda Ainsworth, George Scaife

**FLASHING LIGHT IN CHURCH – a couple of people must leave quietly and go upstairs to the Junior Church room to assist June Clarke.**

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN APRIL**

Monday 17 April at 7pm                      Trustees

## **CALENDAR DEADLINE**

The last day for items to be included in the May edition of The Calendar will be Sunday 23 April.

## **LUNCHEON CLUB**

The April meeting will take place on the 18th, at 12.30 p.m; when Susan and Margaret will act as hosts. Please watch the notice-board for further details. All are welcome to join us---just sign up.

## **WOMEN'S LEAGUE**

Thursday 6 April at 7.30pm                      Speaker to be announced.

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

The Men's Fellowship will not meet during April.

## **BOOK CLUB**

The Book Club will meet on Monday 24 April at 7pm. The book to be discussed will be in the lounge cupboard by 28 March, all being well. All welcome.

## **KATE'S INDUCTION SERVICE**

Kate's Induction Service took place on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. Rev. Cody Coyne conducted and devised the service, with help from Kate, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Jim Corrigan. The Charge to the Minister was offered by Rev. Lynne Readett, who stressed that ministry was a vocation, and one which almost always, nowadays, concerned the minister in many different aspects; however, she advised Kate to leave sufficient time for her own personal development, despite the demands of her work. Rev. Gillian Peel issued The Charge to the Congregation, suggesting that they use their Minister wisely, involving her in all aspects of church-life and keeping her informed of their needs. Jim's sermon concentrated on the changes which perpetually occur, in all churches, wherever they may be; change requires careful handling, if it is to succeed, and changes should evolve from within the congregation, as is best suited to them.

During the service, there were several musical offerings. Catherine Coyne played the Sarabande from J.S. Bach's Partita in A, on the flute, and also conducted an augmented choir, composed of the church choir and members of Roundelay, from Cross Street, Manchester; the choir sang an introit, a choral interlude, and a vesper. Barrie played the organ, and all the music was very well-received.

Three meaningful readings were given by Betty Kenyon (The New Beatitudes); Anne Mills (The Diet of Torda: 1568); and Marian Price (Ephesians 4: 1-16). Greetings were expressed by Dorothy Hewerdine, the President of the G. A; and by Helen Illingworth, on behalf of NELUM; Geoff Levermore, from the Manchester District; and Dawn Buckle, from the East Cheshire Union. Anne read special greetings from Beryl and John. All of them offered congratulations and best wishes to Kate for a long and successful Ministry, and many more goodwill messages were received by people unable to attend the service.

More than 120 people were present, and this included members of the congregation, Kate's family and friends, representatives from nearby Unitarian and local churches, and specially invited guests, including The Mayor of Bury, Councillor Mike Connolly, and his Consort; the Bury North

M.P; David Nuttall; and Simon Bland, relatively recently appointed as the G.A. Ministry and Congregational Support Officer. We appreciated the presence of everyone; the atmosphere was positive, inspirational and warmly enthusiastic---never more so than when Kate herself addressed the congregation.

She reminded us of the words she had used at her first service as Bury's Minister, at the beginning of November, when, using an analogy from "Alice in Wonderland", she asked us whether we were prepared to strike a bargain: "If you'll believe in me, I'll believe in you." She again requested, and received, that assurance from the congregation. She also declared her strong commitment to her Ministry at Bury, saying that she felt very privileged to be amongst us, and greatly appreciated the warm welcome she and Ade had received.

The afternoon continued with a magnificent buffet tea, when all present were able to welcome and greet Kate; the occasion was highly and successful, and excellent foundations for the future have been laid.

(A display of photographs can be found on the church website.)

## **FIRST AID COURSE**

A Basic First Aid Course has been arranged for Saturday, May 13th; it will be conducted by Judith Jones, of The British Red Cross, on church-premises, and will be free to all church-members who wish to attend; it may also be thrown open to others. The course will commence at 1 p.m. and will last for about two and a half hours; we need a minimum of six people for the course to run. Participants will receive a Certificate of Attendance, but there will not be an exam at the end. Subjects to be covered will include what to do in case of heart-attack, stroke, choking, unconsciousness, and broken bones. Best of all, you do not need to get down on the floor, although you may do so, if you wish! If you are interested in attending the course, please sign up on the list on the notice-board. If you cannot attend

this course, but are interested in First Aid, it may be possible to arrange another course, later in the year.

## **QUIZ EVENING**

Our Quiz Evening, on February 25th, was an extremely successful evening; more than 90 people attended, and an excellent time was had by all. The Minister and team won---again---despite the fact that this was a different Minister from last year! The sum of £764.00 has been handed over to *Streetwise*. Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported this popular event.

## **CAMERA CLUB**

The new photography group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Ade or Howard. All are welcome to come along and join in---you don't need special skills, just a shared interest in all aspects of photography.

## **TRAIDCRAFT**

The stall will be open on April 2nd and 16th; offers of help, during Anne's absence, will be much appreciated. Jean will be in charge; speak to her if you need goods. We now have new items in stock, such as shortbread biscuits, white chocolate raspberry ripple crispy bars, and pineapple pots; also, limited amounts of decaffeinated coffee, brown rice, and coffee milk chocolate bars. If you have a copy of the new Spring catalogue and have finished with it, please return it.

**WORKSHOP – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm – Julian of Norwich**

## OBITUARIES

With great regret, we record the passing of members of our church community:

Harvey Evitts died on December 22nd, in Fairfield Hospital; his funeral, conducted by the Minister, took place on January 5th, and was followed by a private burial.

Ted Gerrard died on February 24th, in North Manchester Hospital; his son, Andrew, and the Minister were with him. His funeral was conducted by the Minister, on March 13th; this was followed by committal at the East Lancashire Crematorium.

Derek Worthington died on February 23rd, in St. Ann's Hospice, Heald Green, surrounded by his family. His funeral was conducted by Rev. John Allerton, on March 24th, and followed by committal at the East Lancashire Crematorium.

All these men were staunch supporters of Bury Unitarian Church, over a lengthy period of time, and will be much missed; we extend our sincere sympathies to their families and close friends.

## BAPTISM

On February 11th, the Minister baptised Hope Maden Hunter, the daughter of Lorraine and Peter. Hope is a third-generation Bury Unitarian, which makes her very special; we welcome her into our midst and enjoy her cheerful presence with us, on Sunday mornings.

## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

March has brought sadness to our community here at Bury Unitarians, with the funerals of both Ted Gerrard and Derek Worthington – both well-loved and important members of our church family. Ted and Derek's deaths

came within a very short time of the death of Harvey Evitts, another popular member, and it is right that as a community we mourn their deaths and the loss to us and to those who loved and love them the most.

It is right, too, though, that we celebrate not only what Ted, Derek, and Harvey brought to us, but the way in which we pulled closer as a community to love and support their families and ourselves through a very difficult time.

I am very proud that these sad occasions have been occasions where we have been sad *together*, and where we have acted well and lovingly.

This month has also seen joy, though. I was overwhelmed with the loveliness of my induction service on 4<sup>th</sup> March. Not only did the service itself go well, thanks to all the work everyone put in, but – and this is almost more important – so many of my non-Bury and non-Unitarian friends commented on what a lovely sense of welcome they had, and on how very lovely Bury Unitarians are. I can only echo that!

And by the time you're reading this, the clocks will have sprung forward. Theoretically, I'm never sure what I think of daylight savings – but I do know I love the lighter evenings. Something I have noticed since moving up here is that the days are already longer, and that is a very very good thing!

I'm managing to get round to seeing more people, and it's lovely that some of you are starting to pop in on my vestry days and when I'm drinking tea in the tea rooms. And I've been welcomed into several of your homes, which has been a great pleasure, too.

This next month, April is, of course, a very busy one. Several of us will be attending the GA meetings in Birmingham where we will gather with hundreds of Unitarians from all over the UK and share worship, business meetings, and workshops, as well as food and drink. And it is, of course, the month which brings us Easter – as I've already mentioned there will be an inclusive communion on Good Friday, as well as the usual Easter Service on Easter Sunday. There may be presents that morning . . .

In personal news, we do still have plans to invite everyone to the manse for tea and cakes at some point soon – we're nearly unpacked, and as soon as downstairs is painted, we should be able to come up with a date. We had a big splurge at the garden centre recently, so at least the front garden should be nice by then!

And, in late news, I am very honoured that the decision at the congregational AGM was to invite me to remain as your settled minister – I have no doubts whatsoever that it is what I want to do!

***With best wishes, Kate***

## CONGREGATIONAL AGM

This was held on Sunday, March 19th, at 12.30 p.m; and was well-attended. 2016 was a busy, successful year, as all the reports presented indicated; appreciation was expressed to all those who had contributed to our success by giving freely of their time, energy and expertise.

All the church-officers were re-elected for the coming year: Anne Mills as Chairman of the Congregation, and Church Secretary; Betty Kenyon as Chairman of Church Council; John Fitzpatrick as Treasurer; and Roger Mills as Assistant Treasurer. Four new members to Church Council were also elected: Abi Elliott-McGuffie, Lorraine Maden, Sue McMullen, and Jean Taylor; they will serve for the next three years.

Those present voted unanimously to convert Rev. Kate McKenna's contract to a permanent one, with effect from May 1st, 2017, and Susan Holt, on behalf of the Trustees, will be asked to make the necessary arrangements.

There was, on the whole, general agreement that our congregation should donate money in support of the Unitarian Ministry; however, the details of any such donation are still to be decided, by Church Council and the Trustees, both separately and together, and the final decision will be reported, at a later date.

The Minutes of the 48th Congregational AGM and a copy of the 2016 Annual Report have been posted on the notice-board; once removed, they will be filed in the bookcase cupboard, in the lounge. If anyone would like a copy of either document, please speak to Anne Mills.

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