

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2010

WORSHIP SERVICES

1 August 11.15am

The Minister
Lammas Service

8 August 11.15am

The Minister

15 August 11.15am

The Minister

22 August 11.15am

Vince McCully

(Chorley) *The minister*

29 August 11.15am

will be on holiday.
To be announced. *The minister will be on holiday.*

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Junior Church during the month of August.

CHURCH STEWARDS

1 August Sue McMullen and Olive Westhead

8 August Pat Haworth and Jean Taylor

15 August Lois and Alan Williams

22 August Barbara Bamford and Allan Hodgert

29 August Sybil Poulson and Valerie Chamberlain

If you are unable to fulfil your duties on the date given, please inform Harry so that a stand-in steward can be allocated to that date. Thank you.

STEWARDS' SUPPORT

New Guidelines for church members who act as stewards at Sunday services have been compiled for the benefit of all people who wish to contribute to the life of the congregation in this special role. Please see the Chair of the Worship and Communications Sub-Committee, Betty Kenyon, who will be pleased to provide you with a copy of this document.

CHURCH FLOWERS

1 August In loving memory of Norman C Haworth

8 August In loving memory of Jim & Madie Hargreaves

15 August Mrs A Whewell. In loving memory of Jack

22 August In memory of Bill Tracy

29 August In loving memory of Marian & Bernard
Haughton

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READINGS FROM ANYWHERE!

It isn't necessary to walk to the pulpit in order to give a reading at any point in the usual Sunday service. Thanks to the excellent sound system at the church, and the provision of a "roving" hand-held microphone, it is possible for members of the congregation to deliver a reading from their seats. If you would like to contribute to a Sunday service by giving a reading, but do not feel able to make your way to the pulpit, please let the minister know. He would be happy to give you the microphone before the service begins, thus enabling you to switch it on at the appropriate point in the service.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

7 August Anne & Roger Mills

14 August Jean Maden and Margaret Pollard

21 August Margaret Fitzpatrick and Jean Jackson

28 August Pat Haworth and Jean Taylor

LUNCH CIRCLE

The Lunch Circle will meet on Tuesday 18th August at 12.30pm. The organisers are Susan, Margaret and Jeff. Please let Jeff know if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE AND MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

There will be no meetings in August.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Saturday, 31 July	11.00am	Charity
Monday, 2 August	7.30pm	Efforts
Monday, 9 August	7.00pm	Church Council
Wednesday, 25 August	7.30pm	Trustees
Monday, 6 Sept.	7.00pm	Communications, Worship/Young People

CALENDAR DEADLINE

All items for the September edition of the Calendar should be in the yellow folder by Sunday 22 August, please. Any last-minute items may be emailed or phoned through on Monday morning.

THE DOG DAYS ARE NOW WITH US

The typical heat and humidity of August remind us that it is the peak of the summer holiday season. What we often don't reflect on is the meaning of the description of this time of year as "the dog days of summer." This term is derived from the ancient habit of watching the constellations for signs. The brightest of the stars seen at this time of the year is *Canis Major* (the big dog), otherwise known as Sirius. From the end of July to the middle of August, this star rises and sets with the sun, and the star-gazers of the past believed that its heat amplified the sun's warmth, thus ushering in a spell of muggy weather. The dog days were thus a reference to the prominence of the dog star, and the accompanying weather.

Our own body-clocks can sense the change in the air, and the need to "cool off" somewhat. We have the opportunity at this time of the year to freshen-up our own lives—with a holiday away from home, through added time spent out of doors (especially in the garden), or

possibly the challenge of a summer project that will give shape and purpose to these days of greater freedom and flexibility. My own plans include visits with friends (mostly clergy of other denominations) in North Wales, where I hope to visit some old Celtic sites. One goal I have set is to walk some of the pilgrim path on the Lleyn Peninsula to Bardsey (the "island of 20,000 saints). Many churches, chapels, wells and monuments are to be found along the path, and each has its story to tell of the different ages of settlement in that region of Wales. It should be an enjoyable journey, with the added attraction of stopping with friends along the way.

I hope that all readers of our church calendar will find some new adventures in the "dog days" of August, and that we will have stories to share once the season of autumn begins. Go well.

JEFF

Visit to Manjushri Kadampa Buddhist Centre, Conishead Priory, Ulverston

A visit to the Buddhist Centre in Ulverston is planned for the afternoon of Weds 8th September. The visit will be an interesting experience in itself but will also provide us with an opportunity to consider whether it would be a suitable venue for a retreat in the future. The Centre is based in a historic house in a beautiful parkland setting near Ulverston. There is a leaflet on the notice board with pictures of the grounds and buildings.

There will be a guided tour of approx 1 ½ hours which will begin with a DVD about the history of Conishead followed by an opportunity to view the historic features of the mansion. This will be followed by a short walk through the gardens to the Buddhist Temple where the guide will explain its spiritual meaning and how it is

used for prayers and meditation. The visit will conclude with Tea/Coffee and Cake in the refectory.

The tour is planned to start at 2pm and we anticipate leaving at approximately 4pm. The cost will be £3.75 per person to cover the cost of the guided tour and refreshments.

If you are interested in joining this excursion, please sign your name on the list on the lounge notice board. Depending on the numbers who wish to attend, a decision will be taken about whether we travel by coach or by private car. Of course there will be further costs involved if we decide to travel by coach.

The planning of our visit is in its early stages, at present; further details will be available in the September Calendar and regular pulpit-announcements will be made. If you have queries, Jeff or I will do our best to answer. *Val Chamberlain*

RICE MATTERS

Please make a note in your diaries that our Rice Challenge will take place during the Harvest Weekend (October 2nd and 3rd), when we will hope to sell 90 kilograms of Kilombero Rice. Each 1 kilogram bag costs £2.50, which will raise £225---enough to support a young person through high school in Malawi for a year.

Several people have asked whether it will be possible to buy brown rice, rather than white, and Just Trading Scotland have agreed to include brown rice in the delivery; however, this will have to be specifically ordered, so please speak to Anne Mills, if you would prefer brown to white.

Further details about our Rice Challenge will be available in the September Calendar; keep thinking about the number of packets of rice you will buy!

MINISTERIAL MATTERS

Rev. J. L. Gould, our minister for the last three and a half years, has been offered and has accepted the ministry of the Nazareth Unitarian Chapel in Padiham.

He is now serving his three months notice with Bury Unitarian Church.

We would like to thank him for his service to the members of our congregation and hope that he finds a satisfying future with the members of the Padiham church.

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AINSWORTH VILLAGE DAY: Saturday 7 August

NEWS OF PEOPLE:

Joan & Fred Smith celebrated their Pearl Wedding recently and we send them our warmest congratulations.

Mr Kenneth Brooks is unwell at the moment but responding to medication. We hope to see you back at Chapel very soon, Kenneth.

Kenneth & Quita Brooks will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 31st August. Our warmest Congratulations to you both on this special occasion.

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

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SUNDAY SERVICES in AUGUST 2010

10.00 am 1 August Mr Granville Leather

10.00 am 15 August Mrs Jennifer Whitelaw

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