

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2012

SERVICES

3 June	11.15am	The Minister – Special Jubilee Service
10 June	11.00am	Connie Diggle
17 June	11.15am	The Minister – Fathers Day Service
24 June	11.15am	The Minister

CHURCH STEWARDS

3 June	Marc & Philip Peters
10 June	Alfred Howson & Roger Mills
17 June	Rebecca Warburton & Sue McMullen
24 June	Lois and Alan Williams

If you cannot fulfil your duties on the date given please exchange your duty date with another member on the rota of stewards.

CHURCH FLOWERS

3 June	In loving memory of Mr & Mrs C Burnside Caroline, Melanie and families
10 June	In loving memory of Barbara & Jim Pollitt Caroline, Melanie and families
17 June	In loving memory of William & Marjorie Healey Parents of Angela, Vivian and Rachel
24 June	Barbara Chadwick In loving memory of Joe

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LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club will meet next on **Tuesday 12 June** when the organisers will be June and Harry. Please let Harry know if you are unable to attend, telephone 0161 797 4414. **Please note this is one week earlier than usual due to the organisers having other commitments.**

WOMENS' LEAGUE

Thursday 7 June 7.30pm Mrs Veronica Walker will talk on the subject of *The Children of Charles Dickens*

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN JUNE

11 June	at 7.00pm	Church Council
18 June	at 2.00pm	Communications, Worship and Young People
26 June	at 7.00pm	Trustees

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on Monday 25 June at 7.00pm in the lounge. The book to be discussed is ***Jamrach's Menagerie* by Carol Birch**. This should be available from the cupboard in the lounge – please sign if you take a book. All are welcome to come to the Book Club – it's not even necessary to have read the book! We share light refreshments after the discussion and usually finish around 9.00pm.

*For your information - our next two books for July and August respectively will be: **The History of Mr Polly** by H G Wells, and **One Good Turn** by Kate Atkinson.*

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for handing in items for the **July** edition of the **Calendar** is **Sunday June 17**. Any late items can be phoned through until Tuesday 19th June if necessary.

PRESENTATIONS

Sunday, April 29th, saw 2 presentations take place, during the service.

Harry Taylor, our organist and choirmaster for the last 23 years, retired after the service; he was presented with gift-vouchers, chocolates, biscuits and a card. We are grateful to Harry for his dedication and devotion to duty, for his contribution to church-life, and for the length of his service.

Roan Hodgson came to us, almost 18 months ago, as part of his Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. It was originally agreed that he would stay for 3 months and help to tidy up after Saturday coffee. Clearly, he stayed on because he liked us so much! Roan was presented with a gift-token and thanked for his help and for his cheerful willingness.

Thank you to Harry, and to Roan.

TRAI DCRAFT

The stall will be open, this month, on June 10th and June 24th.

BURY LIONS' CARNIVAL

This takes place on Sunday, June 10th, starting at 1.30 p.m. Our service will start, on that day, **at 11 am** - please note. If you wish to stay and watch the procession, bring your lunch with you; the premises will be open until the procession begins. If you park at church and need to get away promptly, after the service, please make sure that you leave in good time.

We hope to have additional information about timings for road-closures nearer the date.

NEW HYMNBOOKS

We expect to take delivery of additional copies of "Sing Your Faith", early in June. These copies cost £12.00 each. As before, it will be possible for individuals to sponsor hymnbooks; if you wish to do so, please speak to Beryl or Anne.

OUR MINISTER

The first 6 months of Beryl's Infill Ministry have now ended; we have offered---and she has accepted---a contract for a further 6 months, beginning on June 1st. Beryl works very hard on our behalf, and we owe her our thanks and appreciation.

Sadly, we have not received any applications for our pulpit-vacancy, as ministers are, generally, in very short supply. The Ministerial Appointments Group continues its work and will report on its progress, as before.
Anne.

SUNSHINE SMARTIES

This effort has now been under way for 6 months. If you have filled your Smartie tube with 20 pence pieces (one for each day that the sun shines!), please hand it to Brenda Ainsworth. If anyone still needs a Smartie tube (or would like another one!), please speak to Brenda. There are still a few tubes left!

NEWS FROM AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

SERVICES FOR JUNE

3 June	10.00am	Gordon & Veronica Walker (Bank St Chapel, Bolton)
CELEBRATION OF HM QUEEN'S JUBILEE		
17 June	10.00am	Mr Granville Leather (Bank St Chapel, Bolton)

Our kind thoughts and good wishes go to all members and friends of The Chapel.

MINISTER'S MONTH

The final vest has been knitted and along with another 150 plus it is now on its way to Africa via Scotland, This may sound odd but to ensure that the vests are distributed to those who really need them they are going first to the 'Loving Hands' Foundation in Scotland who have the experience to make the best use of them. Before they were dispatched they made a colourful display (see photo in the lounge) for the celebratory fish and chip lunch Thank you to Anne for this very good idea – there may be chance to knit more in the autumn.

Thank you to everyone who helped with and supported the Supper and Concert with the Radcliffe Male Voice Choir. It was a very successful evening with almost sixty people for supper and over eighty at the concert. The evening, organised by the Efforts Committee, raised £450.00 for church funds.

Now we are all getting ready for the Jubilee weekend. Even if you do not normally come to church for coffee on Saturday morning please try to come on the 2nd June when we are raising money for Help for Heroes as part of the weekend celebrations. The concert by Philharmonic Brass is already sold out a whole two weeks before the day. Sunday morning service is set to spring a few surprises. The choir already well into practice for their part in the service are sounding good. We are hoping one or two throat problems will be over by then. After service there will be bubbly and cake to finish the celebrations. In the middle of all this I have a wedding. Thank goodness the week after is my week off.

Over the last month we have had visiting musicians to play for our services each week and we have enjoyed some wonderful music from them. Most of them have come from The Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and it has been so enjoyable to welcome these very talented young people. I know that people particularly enjoyed the visit of Sam Ali to play the organ and I am delighted to say that he will be back to play for us at the Jubilee Service. Though we are looking to appoint an organist or maybe two before long it is a real pleasure in the interim to have the chance to listen to such a plethora of talented musicians. I would personally like to thank everyone in the congregation for giving our accompanists such a warm and friendly welcome. They are young and one or two have been very nervous but all of them have remarked on how nice people have been and how good the singing is. It is intended that we keep contact with these young people even after an organist has been appointed so that we can ask them to come and play sometimes during services.

I will be taking time off between 4th – 11th June.

From the 30th June until 14th July I will be away on holiday in Northumberland.

Beryl

FINAL ETHICS SEMINAR
Tuesday 12 June at 7.00pm

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JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

Saturday 2 June COFFEE MORNING
IN AID OF THE CHARITY
HELP FOR HEROES
10.00AM UNTIL 12 NOON

Saturday 2 June 7.30pm
LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS WITH
HUDDERSFIELD PHILHARMONIC
BRASS

Sunday 3 June SPECIAL JUBILEE
SERVICE AT 11.15AM WITH AN
AFTER-SERVICE GLASS OF BUBBLY
AND JUBILEE CAKE