

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH



November 2022

Letter from the Minister

Dear all,

Last time I wrote, I was about to go on leave for just over three weeks, so for me it feels like no time at all since the last edition. I had a very nourishing and relaxing break, including sorting out a few things at home which haven't really seen the light of day since we moved in, which is six years ago on Halloween. As I mentioned in the last *Calendar*, we also spent a few days at Butlins in Minehead: I was a bit anxious about how we'd find it, and had half-formed plans for what we'd do if we got there and hated it, but it turns out that we absolutely loved it. We didn't make use of any of the restaurants and we didn't go to any of the entertainments, but we did spend a bit of time (and £2) on the amusements, and I had a couple of goes on the free merry-go-round. It was just rather lovely being in an environment neither of us is used to, in a clean and comfortable chalet, not having any household tasks and just 'getting away' from our normal lives. It made me think a lot about all the different ways there are of being 'on retreat', and that's not something I thought I'd find at Butlins! Neither, to be honest, did I expect that before we left we'd have booked for the exact same chalet for the exact same four nights next year. We're never too old to learn to enjoy new things!

I know I always say this, but my time off was greatly enhanced by knowing that everything was running smoothly in my absence. Believe me when I say that I know there is a lot of work involved in making sure good quality worship happens, and believe me, too, when I say that I really appreciate how hard people work when I'm not around (and when I am, of course!)

Lovely though it was to be away, and to have time pottering around at home, it was also really good to be back at work. I've had jobs in the past where the thought of going back was just awful and one job in particular

where the thought of going back was downright distressing, and this return was nothing like that: as I write I've only been back a days, but I am really looking forward to catching up with you all and finding out how you are.

The time from Remembrance Day to New Year is, of course, just about the busiest in the church year, and certainly the busiest for ministers, and it's also possibly my favourite, with so many familiar and important and sacred events: Remembrance Sunday will never, I think, lose its power and importance, and then we move on to Advent, the Christingle Service, The Carols by Candlelight service, and through to Christmas and New Year. It's a very special time.

As well as news of all of our own activities, this month's edition includes news of several events in other parts of the district and denomination: I love this! It's really important to remember that we're part of something bigger, and all these opportunities to spend time with people from other congregations are wonderful. If you hear about events in other places which you think people in our congregation might like to attend, please bring it to my attention - I do find out about a lot of things, but not everything!

By the time most of you get this, the clocks will have changed. I know that some people really struggle with the dark and cold, and if you're included in that group, please know that I'm around for a chat. And this year, of course, it will be harder for some of us to remain warm: if you are struggling please let someone know.

I hope that as Autumn progresses into winter, you will find blessings and warmth amidst the chill.

As ever, I send you my love.

Kate.

News of our community

If you would like to use the Calendar to let people know what is happening in your life – whether to ask for our prayers, to celebrate good news, or to mark an anniversary or other event – please let Kate know: she is always happy to print personal news, providing, of course, that the person the news is about is happy for that to happen.

Peter Sedgwick

I have been asked by a member of Ansdell Unitarian Church whether anybody at our church remembers Peter, who was born in Bury and spent his formative years there. He was educated at Bury Grammar School and the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, graduation in 1958 with a degree in Civil Engineering. Subsequently, he moved to the South of England, in order to pursue his career; tiring of civil engineering, he retrained as a financial adviser, a post from which he retired in 2004. Peter has been in the lives of the Methodist Church and the Elim Pentecostal Church, and may have sampled Unitarianism in his early years, whilst he was still in the Bury area. He has written two books: “An Incomplete A to Z of God” and “I’m with King David: please join us.”

If anyone has any memories of Peter and would like to share them, please contact me, thanks

Anne Mills

We hold all of those who are in need of support and love in our prayers
and in our thoughts.

Molly Ratcliffe: a message from Molly's daughter Lis

Mum is remarkably well and her general health is good for an 89 year old. She is still able to get about with her trolley. Mum has moved over to the dementia unit within the home. She does seem more settled after the move after some very upsetting times when her anxiety seemed to take over her lovely nature. We have removed her telephone as the ringing was causing upset, especially when she didn't pick up in time.

I bring her home every week and she loves the dogs and catching up with the family. Mum also comes shopping with me We get out and about going for coffee and she has been doing the occasional flower arrangement. The care home is small and the staff are very kind and caring. There is also a regular visit from the hairdresser and her nails are always done!

I do hope that everyone at church is keeping well and please pass on my love and best wishes to everyone.



December Calendar

The deadline for entries for the December Calendar is Tuesday 22nd November, and we'll be collating it in church on Saturday 26th. We will be including Christmas greetings in this edition.

There won't be a Calendar for January 2023: we'll make sure any news is given out in notices or by email (or phone if necessary).

Name and address lists and GDPR

Thank you all for your really prompt responses to the recent GDPR collection, and for indicating whether you want your details to be included in the upcoming list of names and addresses. It's been really helpful! If you haven't already responded then you have until Sunday 6th November.

I hope to have the booklets with you with the December Calendar: please remember that they will only be given to people who have chosen to be included in them, and that the information is confidential.

Christmas Greetings in the December Calendar.

As we've done in previous years, we will be including Christmas greetings in the December 2022 edition of the Calendar: if you would like a message to the congregation and our friends included, please let Kate know what you'd like to say: you can drop her an email, write it down and put it in the box at the back of the worship area, or give her a call and read it out to her. The length is entirely up to you!

Social Events

Book Club

The November meeting of the Book Club will take place on Wednesday, 30th November at 2.00pm in the lounge. The book to be discussed is: *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be available and you are welcome to bring your lunch if necessary. Please note parking at church will be strictly for those with accessibility needs.

All are welcome, and no need to have read the book!

Camera Club

The Camera Club normally meets either on Zoom, in person, or both, on the second and fourth Monday of each month, at 7pm. Everyone is very welcome to join them for these sociable and productive evenings.

The October meetings will be on 14th and 28th November

Saturday Social Gatherings.

We're continuing to hold our Saturday Social Gatherings on the last Saturday of each month.

These Gatherings are still slowly turning into what they are meant to be, which is whatever we want and need them to be.

We are also taking tentative steps toward bring coffee mornings back: watch this space for updates.

The next Saturday Social Gathering will be on 26th November.

Worship:

Sunday Services

We continue to meet on Sundays at 11.15am to worship together (the service lasts around an hour and is followed by refreshments and conversation) and on the second and fourth Sunday of most months we also meet on Zoom at 2pm (the service lasts around half an hour, and you are welcome to stay for a chat afterwards).

There will be a Zoom service on Sunday 27th November, but not on Sunday 13th (this is because of the Remembrance Sunday services).

Inclusive Communion Services

There will be a Communion service on Sunday 6th November. Everyone is welcome to this simple and sacred sharing of food, juice, and community.

You're very welcome, even if you've never been before.

Monthly midweek online meditations

I will be offering an online meditation on Tuesday 8th November, at 7pm.

Sunday 20th November

The Bury Run will be taking place on Sunday 20th November, and will make it nigh on impossible for us to access the church building in the morning, so **the service on that day will take place at 3pm.**

Arrangements for Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday

Friday 11th November, 10.55am:

Remembrance Day observance in the worship area.

You are welcome to join the minister in a short service honouring the anniversary of the Armistice. We will hear music and a reading, and at 11am we will honour the 2 minutes' silence.

Sunday 13th November, 10.55am:

Remembrance Sunday service, beginning outside at the war memorial.

If you have mobility or health issues, please know that you are welcome to observe the silence from inside the worship area.

Sunday 13th November, 12.45pm (approx.):

Laying of wreaths at the Holebottom War Graves. Kate and Ade will be driving to Holebottom after coffee after the service, and everyone is very welcome to join them for this short but significant ritual.

Please be aware that we welcome everyone to these services, and have no expectation that you wear any specific poppy or any poppy at all.

Red and white poppies will be available in church from Sunday 30th October, but we honour and respect everybody's individual decisions on this matter.

Samhain and All Hallows

We will be marking Samhain (Halloween) and All Saints' Day on Tuesday 1st November.

If the weather is conducive to meeting outside, we'll gather at Holebottom, and if not we'll meet in church to celebrate this important moment in the year, when we honour and celebrate our loved ones who have died, and our ancestors.

Whether you see yourself as someone who is attuned to the cycles of the year or not, you are very welcome to join us as we mark the constant movement of the world.

If you'd like to come, please let Kate know so she can keep you informed about where we'll be: if you're not on email please call her on the Tuesday.

Advance notice: Advent and Christmas.

I am really excited that our plans for our Advent and Christmas services are well under way: I know that singers are preparing a piece for the Carols and Readings by candlelight services, and other things are falling into place.

Saturday 3rd December, 11am: Christingle workshop, with snacks and music.

Sunday 4th December, 11.15am: Christingle Service

Sunday 11th December, 3pm: Carols and Readings by candlelight.

Sunday 18th December, 12.15pm approx: Congregational Christmas Lunch.

Sunday 25th December, 11.15am: Christmas worship, preceded by a light breakfast.

We are gathering a choir, facilitated by Alan Taylor, to support the singing at the Carols and Readings service: if you would be interested in being a part of the choir, whether you were previously in the choir or not, please contact either Alan, or Kate (who will put you in touch with Alan).

If you would like to be a part of the Carols and Readings by Candlelight service, or to suggest a reading or request a carol, please start speaking to Kate sometime soon: she would love volunteers to read (something of your choice or hers), to sing, or to suggest readings and other elements of the service.

Nearer the time she will also be inviting you to help out with refreshments and with setting up the worship area for the service.

Notes from the building

The author Suzanne Collins, wrote in *Mockingjay* that “*Knowing it and seeing it are two different things*”. I would argue that this often seems to be the case when it comes to things that are close to us. Now, I’m a bit of an evangelist for our building. I’m far too frequently explaining to people why I love it, and talking with members of the congregation about just how wonderful the space is and how fortunate we all are to have it. I’d like to say that ‘I see it’, in Collins terms more often than ‘I know it’ but I’m not so sure that’s always the case.

So it’s always nice to have visitors, particularly when they are looking to rent a part of our building. Whenever someone new comes to view the building I am inundated with delighted comments about how beautiful the light is in any given room, or how nicely designed each space is, and always, always when a new person comes by and wants to see the sanctuary, just how amazing the acoustics are. These visitors have never had the chance to know our building, they can only see it, because they are seeing it for the very first time.

And while we can’t see our own building for the first time again, we can know it is wonderful.. Knowing we have a great space is all we can do now, but believe me, when our visitors see it, they react with genuine delight and that delight is really something we can take pride in.

Adrian Brady

Fire extinguisher training

It has been a while since we last had training in fire safety and the appropriate use of fire extinguishers, and so another session has been arranged for **Monday 31st October at 2pm.**

Everyone is very welcome, including people who’ve been trained previously. The more of us who know how to use this life-saving equipment, the safer we will all be: it is useful training not just for when we’re in the church building but for the rest of our lives as well.

Church building open (and warm) on Fridays.

As you probably know, the church building is normally open on Fridays between 10-3, to allow Kate to work in the vestry and be available to people who prefer to pop in to church rather than to have her visit at home.

Please know that you are very welcome to come into church even if you don't particularly want to see Kate! As the weather gets colder, and as fuel prices continue to rise, please know that at least on a Friday we would love you (and your friends, and anyone you know who could make use of this) to pop in and keep warm here. The kettle is always on, and there will be biscuits. You are welcome to bring your lunch, your books, your knitting or any other hobby.

Please do spread the word about this.

If I am ever not going to be able to be here, I will try to arrange for someone else to open up instead.

Minister's schedule, November 2022

After an October in which I wasn't around much, I have no holidays or conferences planned for November, so will be very much more available, and I look forward to catching up.

My 'official' day off in the week is Thursday, and I try very hard to avoid work commitments of any sort on that day: Ade also tries not to work on Thursday. I sometimes also take Wednesdays off, but I'm a bit more flexible about that. Of course, if there's an absolute emergency I want you to contact me even on a day off!

I am usually in the vestry between at least 10am and 3pm on Fridays, and if you'd like to pop in for a chat you would be very welcome: the kettle is always on.

Ypres 1914-18 - Remembering in 2022: Val Chamberlain

Earlier this year Neil and I spent some time in Ypres in Belgium. Knowing that we intended to visit and pay our respects to those who died in WW1, we borrowed a copy of the record of those named on the church's war memorial, researched and compiled by Beryl Allerton.

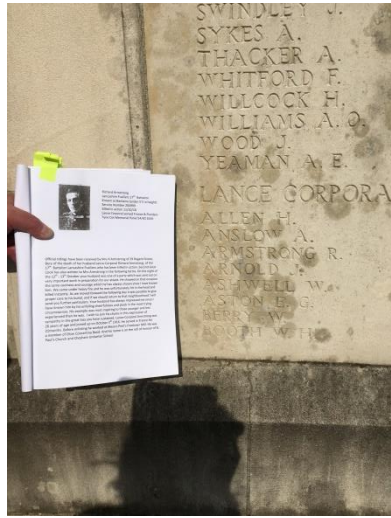
We were privileged to be able to find and leave a small floral tribute on the graves or under the memorial panels of:

Tyne Cot Cemetery

William Crowther
Alfred W Smith
Richard Armstrong
John Hutchinson
Frank Greenwood



Tyne Cot Cemetery



Richard Armstrong's entry and name on the panel



Small flowers under the panel for Richard Armstrong, John Hutchinson, Frank Greenwood



Vera's relative

As those of you who have visited Tyne Cot will know, the rows and rows of white headstones seem to stretch for miles. The sight really brings home the scale of the devastating loss of life. Vera Stephenson has visited this cemetery on several occasions to visit the grave of her uncle Alfred Smith. We can assure Vera that his grave, like all the others, continues to be tended with great care. The names of the last three in this list are on the Lancashire Fusiliers' panel round the edge of the cemetery as they have no individual graves.

Passchendaele New British Cemetery 1918

Arthur Entwistle



Chester Farm Military Cemetery

Arthur Henderson

In contrast to Tyne Cot Cemetery, Chester Farm is small and contains approximately 100 graves. Once again the graves were beautifully tended with different flowers blooming next to each individual headstone.



Gunner Henderson (middle) along with other men from the Royal Artillery also killed on 22nd June 1917 . Chester Farm Cemetery

The book's notes on each person gave us a real sense of them as individuals with full lives and loving families. When their names are read out at our remembrance service I will be able to picture exactly where each one is commemorated, and hopefully we will find a way to share some of the images. Sadly of course there will be similar stories for all the others whose names we will hear. All our members who served in any way are respected and certainly not forgotten.

News from Ainsworth Chapel



Dear Members & Friends of Ainsworth Chapel

Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who brought gifts for our Harvest Festival last Sunday, and to the helpers who attended on Saturday to decorate the Chapel; it looked beautiful.

The fruit, flowers and vegetables were all handed out and the tins/packets have been delivered to the local Porch Box Foodbank.

Many thanks to Joanne for providing the delicious home-made cakes.

We are grateful to the Rev Beryl Allerton for taking this special service, which started with a short tribute to the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Beryl spoke about how alienated most people are from the land and its produce, buying plastic -wrapped fruit and vegetables from the supermarket. Evocative memories of country harvests were read from Laurie Lee's 'Cider with Rosie'

'A Responsible Society'

There are a few copies available in Chapel of the hardback book 'A Responsible Society' written by G.M. Ramsden in 1985. This is a comprehensive, excellent record of the 'Life and Times of the Congregation of Bank St Chapel, Bolton'. Sadly, this historic and important Chapel has now closed and been sold, but thankfully the building itself will be retained.

Service of Remembrance: 10.30 am Sunday 6th November

Our next service will be our usual 'Service of Remembrance' led by myself, with our Organist, Barry Scanlon, on his Yamaha keyboard. This is always a special time to remember with gratitude all those who have given their lives in the service of this country. Everyone is invited to share in this service, with a short reading, poem or just a few personal words.

with good wishes to you all and keep warm as these Autumn days draw in and turn chillier.

New Chapel Notice Board

The new Chapel Notice Board has now been installed by Steve, near the gate, making the Chapel look more welcoming and alive.

It has a clear, opening front, so the posters are fully protected from the weather. Small magnets hold the posters securely in place to the magnetic back panel. The old, rotten notice board has now been removed.

We have one Commonwealth War Grave (Edgar Wilkinson) in the Chapel Yard and are awaiting a small sign from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to attach to the Notice Board

Christmas Service

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Our Christmas Service will take place at 3.00 pm Sunday, 4th December when we look forward to welcoming Rev John D Allerton to take this special, festive service.

The Christening of Harry Alexander Bowman will follow this service and there will be refreshments available in the Hall.

We look forward to welcoming Harry's family and friends to this happy occasion.

January 2023

Please note that there will **not** be a service on 1st January, as it is a Bank Holiday and Steve & I will be away visiting family.

with good wishes to you all

Shirley



News from around the district and the denomination

GA Meetings 2023: Advance notice

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce that the 2023 Annual Meetings of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches will be held at Staverton Park Hotel and Golf Club in Northamptonshire on 4-6 April 2023.

We are looking forward to returning to Staverton Park, having previously held our Annual Meetings there in 2018. Staverton Park is in the Northamptonshire countryside near Daventry, and offers fresh air, natural light and a relaxed atmosphere. The excellent conference facilities are complemented by a golf course and spa. As well as parking being available at the venue for those travelling by car, we will be providing shuttle-bus transport from nearby Northampton train station for those travelling by public transport.

Film night at Rochdale

FILM NIGHT



In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sends ransom notes saying that he will return the painting if the government invests more in care for the elderly.

Saturday 12th November 2022

7pm prompt

Rochdale Unitarian Church, Clover St.,
Rochdale OL12 6TP

RSVP - It is essential for catering purposes that you add your name to the notice board list or email helen@illingworth.org.uk

Cross Street Manchester, Anthems for Advent

FREE ENTRY

FRIDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 1PM

ANTHEMS FOR ADVENT

"SING, SING FOR JOY"



Music & Readings

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Reserve your seats at
[Tinyurl.com/Anthems22](https://tinyurl.com/Anthems22) or via email



Cross St Unitarian Chapel, Mcr, M2 1NL
Music@CrossStChapel.org.uk | #CrossStMusic

Donations in aid of the charity

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Supporting people who face social exclusion in Greater Manchester



7pm and 11am / 17 & 19 Nov 2022 / Online

This session aims to provide a fuller understanding of what it means to be transgender and non-binary, specifically from a gender identity perspective . It will be delivered by Ellie Lowther FRSA. She delivers highly regarded education and support around being trans, being non-binary, and the wider values of inclusion in regards to gender variance. Her training sessions openly and inclusively tackle the pressing issues of the day. If you want to be welcoming but worry, you'll get the language wrong, would like to know more about using pronouns, are just curious, or have any similar questions, this is the session for you! Ellie welcomes all questions around gender variance so please feel free to ask. These sessions are being supported by the FOY Society and Northern Unitarian Association.

We are running the same session on two dates, so please choose one to attend. **Please note that pre-registration is essential.**

- Thursday 17 November, 7-9pm via Zoom (pre-register here)
- Saturday 19 November, 11am-1pm via Zoom (pre-register here)

Together in Meditation: a weekly meditation session offered by the GA:

Dear friends,

You are warmly invited to Together in Meditation, a new, national, weekly, online group for Unitarians and friends to practice meditation together in a supportive environment, every Thursday evening at 7.15.

The group is open to everyone, and we hope that those with no experience of meditation can join alongside those with an established practice. The group will be an open, loving, and inclusive space for us all to find tranquillity and insight together. We aim to provide basic instruction in simple and well-established meditation methods and offer formal guided practices in which to try them out, including around 20 minutes of silence. At the end of the session, there will be a chance to stay for reflection and mutual support as we deepen our practice together. In keeping with the Unitarian ethos, the session will not be orientated to any particular religious, spiritual, or psychological system, though it will freely draw on the wisdom and methods of many different traditions.

The sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Sheena Gabriel and Rob Oulton who have held weekly meditations for Godalming Unitarians for the past 13 years alongside Richard Bober from The Meditational Fellowship and Lizzie Kingston Harrison, Congregational Connections Lead. Please contact Lizzie if you would like more information.

Meeting ID: 874 4505 5226

Passcode: 949149

Very warm wishes,

Lizzie Kingston Harrison

Congregational Connections Lead

Rev'd Ashley Hills

Many of you will have known Rev'd Ashley Hills, who was minister at Rochdale Unitarian Church between 1965 and 1967. He was also active in NELUM during this time. His obituary, from Rev'd Jim Corrigall, London and District Provisional Minister, is below.

Rev'd Ashley Hills has died peacefully at his home in south London on Thursday 20th October, at the age of 85.

He had been seriously ill for several months with bouts of hospital treatment. He was an active Unitarian to the end, continuing to lead services this year in the London District and further afield. He led his last service at Stannington in April; he'd preached at Maidstone the previous month. He was wisely admired and loved, and will be sorely missed.

Rev'd Ashley was an Honorary Life Member of the LDPA District, and a District President, as well as a General Baptist Messenger (a lifetime honour). Funeral arrangements are still to be made. Our thoughts and prayers are with Liz and the family.

By Gone Times No. 30, by Betty Kenyon:

Bury Times dated 27 April 1957

Neville has done some sorting out and come across a Bury Times dated 28 April 1957.

How about this:

Long Term Planning

Bank Street Amateur Dramatic Society will present two plays in the next season, it was agreed at the annual meeting of members on Wednesday. They will take place in November this year and in March 1958.

The next musical will be produced in October, 1958. A musical cannot be presented this year because it would clash with a church event already planned.

Members were told that the society had finished the season with a credit balance "Off the Deep End", offsetting losses incurred on the musical "The Country Girl."

Mr. A. Rogers, chairman, Miss I. Richardson secretary, and Mrs. A. Rogers, treasurer, were re-elected.

And this:

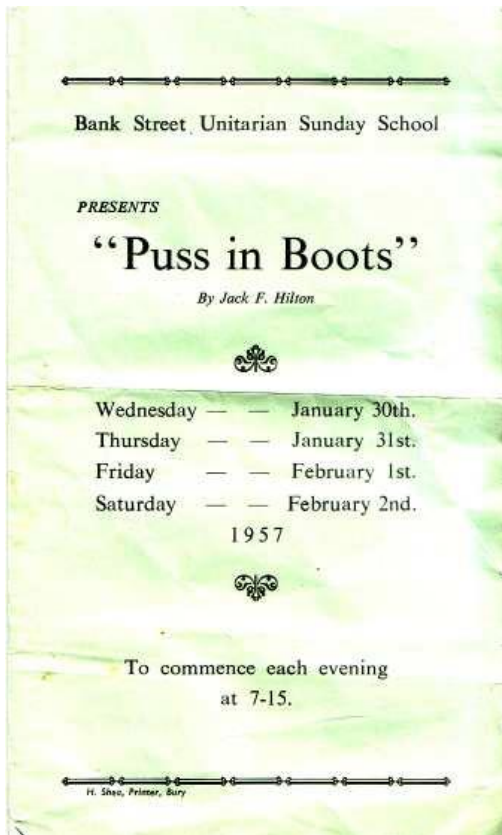
Bank Street Unitarian Chapel— Tomorrow (Sun), April 28th.

11a.m., Rev Fred M. Ryde, M.A. "Nature and Nature's God."

6.30p.m., Women's League Service. Preacher: Mrs. A. Jessel, M.A.

Evening Collection for League Funds.

From our website



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As in most years a pantomime was held at the Sunday School. In 1957 "Puss in Boots".

Over: the cast and helpers.

You will recognise some of these names!

CAST

(in order of appearance)

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|------------------------------|-------------------|-----|--------------------|
| Cobbler | ... | ... | James Pollitt |
| Marmaduke | } Jack's brothers | ... | Robert Tunnicliffe |
| Montmorency | | ... | Jack Hudson |
| Omnivar, the ogre's henchman | ... | ... | Norman Haworth |
| Simple Simon | ... | ... | Norman Parker |
| Jack | ... | ... | Patricia Wood |
| Valentine | ... | ... | Valerie Cockayne |
| Olivia | ... | ... | Pamela Hulton |
| Court Chamberlain | ... | ... | Gillian Howley |
| King Humphrey | ... | ... | Wilf Gallagher |
| Princess Rosalind | ... | ... | Margaret Spencer |
| Cat | ... | ... | Noel Butterworth |
| Puss-in-Boots | ... | ... | Sandra Moore |
| Queen Maggie | ... | ... | Keith Heywood |
| Cat Queen | ... | ... | Jean Spencer |
| Ogre | ... | ... | Norman Haworth |
| Other parts | ... | ... | Kathleen Stott |

JUNIOR CHORUS

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| Marjorie Barnes, | Jaqueline Blunt, | Ann Booth, |
| Brenda Clark, | Rosemary Eley, | Elaine Howarth |
| Nadine Elwers, | Margaret Greenhalgh, | Dawn Holden, |
| Susan Southworth, | Pat Sutherland, | Adele Wilkinson, |
| | Barbara Clark. | |

SENIOR CHORUS

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| Adrienne Allen, | Christine McClelland, | Olive Leach, |
| Sandra Harrison, | Gillian Howley, | Pamela Hulton, |
| Jean Peachy, | Judith Robinson, | Jean Spencer, |
| | Kathleen Stott, | Kathleen Sweeney. |

BOYS

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|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Brian Griffiths, | Gerald Reid, | Trevor Rumens, |
| Anthony Slater, | Ian Thorley, | Kenneth Harlech. |

SCENES

1. The Old Water Mill.
2. A Copse by the Roadside.
3. The Courtyard of the Inn.
4. The Backyard of the Palace.
5. A Meadow by the River.
6. Catland.

INTERVAL

7. The Palace.
8. A Corridor.
9. The Market Place.
10. Outside the Ogre's Castle.
11. The Back Door of the Ogre's Castle.
12. The Ogre's Dungeon.
13. Just Around the Corner.
14. Finale.

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| Producer | — — — | Brian Heywood |
| Dancing Mistress | — — — | Brenda Tod |
| Stage Manager | — — — | Nevil V. Garnett |
| Stage Electrician | — — — | Harry Hardman |
| Properties | — — — | Jean Moore |
| | | Nora Greenhalgh |
| | | Brenda Fletcher |
| | | Edith Clarke |
| Make-up | — — — | Alex Rogers |
| House Managers | — — — | George Sutherland |
| Pianist | — — — | Rose Davenport |
| Percussion | — — — | Derek Brierley |
| Violinist | — — — | Robert Bentley |
| Dresses | — — — | Annie Richardson and helpers |
| Treasurer and Ticket Manager | — — — | Jean Jackson |
| Secretary | — — — | Violet Rogers |

The Pantomime Committee extends thanks to all who have in any way helped with the production.

Cast (in order of appearance):

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| Cobbler | James Pollitt |
| Marmaduke | Robert Tunnicliffe |
| Montmorency | Jack Hudson |
| Omnivar, the ogre's henchman | Norman Haworth |
| Simple Simon | Norman Parker |
| Jack | Patricia Wood |
| Valentine | Valerie Cockayne |
| Olivia | Pamela Hulton |
| Court Chamberlain | Gillian Howley |
| King Humphrey | Wilf Gallagher |
| Princess Rosalind | Margaret Spencer |
| Cat | Noel Butterworth |
| Puss-in-Boots | Sandra Moore |
| Queen Maggie | Keith Heywood |
| Cat Queen | Jean Spencer |
| Ogre | Norman Haworth |
| Other parts | Kathleen Stott |

Junior Chorus:

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|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Marjorie Barnes | Jacqueline Blunt | Ann Booth |
| Brenda Clark | Rosemary Eley | Elaine Howarth |
| Nadine Elwers | Margaret Greenhalgh | Dawn Holden |
| Susan Southworth | Pat Sutherst | Adele Wilkinson |
| Barbara Clark | | |

Senior Chorus

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| Pianist | Rose Davenport |
| Percussion | Derek Brierley |
| Violinist | Robert Bentley |
| Dresses | Annie Richardson and helpers |
| Treasurer and Ticket Manager | Jean Jackson |
| Secretary | Violet Rogers |

“From the Old Codger”

A sparke may raise an awful blaze
Little deeds are like little seeds: they grow to flowers or to weeds.

Good nature collects honey from every herb:
Ill nature sucks poison from the sweetest flower.

Deep rivers flow with silent majesty.
Let hope be our handmaid and faith be our staff.

Tea seldom spoils when water boils.
To obtain coffee hot, well warm the pot.

Never spend your money before you have it.
To Obtain Coffee hot, well Warm The Pot.

Never spend your money before you have it.
Never put off til tomorrow what you can do today.

Virtue is the fairest of all, vice is the most hurtful of all.

Do you find this easier to read?

Almost everything we provide in print at church (including services, Calendars, letters, reports, and the minutes of most meetings) is available in a large-print format, and a recorded version of the Calendar is available on CD and on memory disk.

Accessibility

We want our church and our community to be as accessible to everyone as it possibly can be. As well as providing everything in large print, we have a hearing loop, wheelchair access at the back of the building, and an accessible toilet.

Our services and other events are fidget-friendly!

We have also recently taken possession of a new lightweight, easily collapsible, sturdy wheelchair. The wheelchair lives in the cupboard under the front stairs, and you are free to use it at any time it would be useful in church.

If you have a short-term need at home and would like to borrow it, please speak to one of the church officers.

We know that there will be needs we haven't accounted for: if there is anything which would make it easier for you to engage with what we do, please please do tell us!

Regular Events (all subject to change)

Sundays:

11.15am Worship in person at Bury

First Sunday of each month:

10.30am Worship in person at Ainsworth

12.30pm Inclusive Communion Service at Bury

Second Sunday of each month:

12.30 (approx.) Second Sunday Lunch. Please join Kate at a local pub for lunch, a coffee, or a drink. We'll all be buying our own (if you would like to come and the cost would be a problem please have a quiet word with Kate).

Second and fourth Sundays of each month:

2pm Zoom worship

Second and fourth Mondays of each month:

7pm Camera club (normally online)

Second Tuesday of each month:

7pm Online midweek meditation session

Last Wednesday of each month:

2pm Book club

Most Fridays:

10am til 3pm (approx.) Minister's Vestry Day:

Last Saturday of each month:

11am-1pm (approx.) Saturday Social Gathering

What's on: November 2022

- Monday 31st October** 2pm: Fire extinguisher training. Open to everyone.
- Tuesday 1st November** 6pm: Celebration of Samhain / All Saints' Day, either at Holebottom or in church – please contact Kate on the day for further details.
- Friday 4th November** 10-3 at least: Minister's Vestry Day. The church building will be open and warm and you are welcome to come and use the space.

Sunday 6th November

- 10.30am, Ainsworth: Service of Remembrance, led by Shirley Horrocks.
- 11.15am, Bury: Service in church
- 12.30pm, Bury: Inclusive Communion Service.

Tuesday 8th November

7pm: Online meditation

Friday 11th November

10.55am: Remembrance observation in church.

Friday 11th November

10-3 at least: Minister's Vestry Day. The church building will be open and warm and you are welcome to come and use the space.

Saturday 12th November

Film night at Rochdale (see poster).

Sunday 13th November

- 10.55am:** Remembrance Service, starting outside at the war memorial (but please remember that you can also honour the two minutes' silence from within the worship area).
- 12.45 (approx.): Laying of poppies at the War Graves at Holebottom Cemetery.

No second Sunday lunch or Zoom service this week.

Monday 14th November 7pm: Camera club, on Zoom
Thursday 17th November 7pm *and*
Saturday 19th November 11am: Transgender Awareness Training, provided by the FOY society, and hosted online.
Friday 18th November 10-3 at least: Minister's Vestry Day. The church building will be open and warm and you are welcome to come and use the space.

Sunday 20th November
3pm: Service in church.
Please note the change of time for this service.

Tuesday 22nd November Deadline for items for the December newsletter, including Christmas greetings.
Friday 25th November 1pm: Anthems for Advent concert at Cross Street Unitarian Chapel Manchester.
Friday 25th November The minister is performing in the concert at Cross Street, but will try to arrange for someone else to open the church.
Saturday 26th November 11am-1pm approx: Saturday Social Gathering, and calendar collating party.

Sunday 27th November
11.15am Bury: Service in church, led by the minister.
2pm: Zoom service (Zoom 849 7456 6116)

Monday 28th November 7pm: Camera club, on Zoom
Wed 30th November 2pm: Book club, meeting to discuss *Pride and Prejudice*, by Jane Austen.

Sunday 4th December
11.15am Bury: Christingle Service
3pm Ainsworth: Christmas Service, led by Rev John D Allerton

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Tyne Cot Cemetery



Alfred Smith

Arthur Henderson

Gunner Henderson

Gunner Henderson is in the middle of the last picture along with other men from the Royal Artillery who were also killed on 22nd June 1917.

Chester Farm Cemetery



Camera Club Pictures of Autumn

Janine Hurley taking a recent morning service.

