

BURY UNITARIAN CHURCH

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2012

SUNDAY SERVICES

7 October 11.15am The Minister – Harvest Service – *at this service our Charity cheque will be handed over to Bury Samaritans by the Deputy Mayor & Mayoress of Bury, Mr Alan Matthews and Mrs Betty Matthews*

14 October 11.15am The Minister

21 October 11.15am Webster from UCM

28 October 11.15am The Shammy Minister

CHURCH STEWARDS

7 October Jean Jackson & Beryl Bowden

14 October Rebecca Warburton & Marc Peters

21 October Alfred Howson & Roger Mills

28 October Rebecca Warburton & Sue McMullen

If you are not able to fulfil our duties on the above dates, please rearrange it with another steward personally.

CHURCH FLOWERS

7 October In loving memory of Margaret Ince

14 October In loving memory of Doris Houghton

21 October Mrs Pam Oxley

28 October Mrs June Clarke – in loving memory of Jean

Distributors: Barbara Bamford & Sue McMullen

HARVEST GIFTS NOTICE

Gifts to church please 10am to 2pm on Friday 5 October

If you wish to give a donation to Molly to purchase a harvest gift, that would be gratefully received by her the Sunday before the service.

HELP is needed to distribute the harvest gifts on Monday 8 October between 11am and 1pm.

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE ROTA

October 6 Jean Seddon and Vera Stephenson

October 13 Anne and Roger Mills

October 20 Rene Hollos and Alison Hollos

October 27 Betty Kenyon and Molly Ratcliffe

LUNCHEON CIRCLE

The Luncheon Circle will meet on Tuesday 16 October at 12 30pm. The organizers are Harry, June and Marc. Please let Harry know if you are unable to attend.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Thursday 11 October at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Mr Sid Richards, who will be talking about *Music in Hospitals*. It is an open meeting, so men are invited.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men's Fellowship are holding a Film Show and Potato Hash Supper Evening in aid of the Bottle Stall for the Bazaar. On Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm. Roy Turner will present a film *Old Bury and the Surrounding District*. Admission will be £2 per head plus a good bottle, payable on the night. Ladies and gentlemen are invited. Please put your name on the list on the notice board.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Monday 1 October at 7pm. Finance and General Purposes

Monday 8 October at 7pm Church Council

Saturday 20 October at 11am Charity

Monday 22 October at 7pm Bazaar Group

Tuesday 23 October at 7pm Trustees

BOOK CLUB

Monday 29 October at 7pm. e

The book to be discussed is *THE LAMENTS* BY George Hagen. Everyone is welcome. Please bring suggestions for the next four books to this meeting

CALENDAR DEADLINE

The last day for items for the November calendar will be Sunday 12 November. Thank you.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE ADVANCE NOTICE

The service on Sunday 11 November will begin at 10.50am – please note.

HYMN BOOKS 4 U

If you would be willing to sponsor one of our excellent new purple hymn books, possibly as a memorial, or to mark a celebration, or as a gift - please have a word with Beryl Allerton or Janet Thatcher.

NEWS FROM AINSWORTH UNITARIAN CHAPEL

October Services

Sunday 7 October at 10am Mr Granville Leather

Sunday 21 October at 10am Veronica & Gordon Walker

Harvest Festival 16 September

How lovely to see friends from Bury and other visitors at our Harvest Service. Thank you to Rev John Midgely for taking this special service for us and to everyone who helped in any way.

All good wishes to members and friends of the Chapel, especially those who are not well at the moment.

Minister's Month

The Charity committee were experiencing trouble the planned Murder Mystery Evening, they didn't have a script. 'Oh', I said, 'that isn't a problem I know someone who has written and produced and organised a number of these'. I expected to hand over a script and that would be that. Instead of which I ended up wearing a false moustache, trilby and raincoat and being told I looked like David Jason as the detective Jack Frost. I was not quite sure if I should take that as a compliment or not. Due to the absence or shyness of church members I was dragooned into thespian action. I have to say that sticky moustaches are very painful and when the temperature rises

they go walk-about around one's face. I think everyone enjoyed the evening, though I think some people spent more time guessing who the dark-haired stranger in the dinner suit was rather than solving the murder. Roger Mills does 007.

Throughout the year members of the Samaritans have supported and helped at all the charity fund-raising events. I feel we have built up a real friendship with them and look forward to welcoming them to the Harvest Service to receive the money raised over the year. Not least was their participation in the Murder Mystery Evening'. they were very enthusiastic participants in the play and the young Samaritans made sure that the wine flowed during the evening. I hope our next charity will be equally involved in our fund-raising efforts next year;

Sad to say the tree planting to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee was a bit underwhelming. A lot of people were away on holiday and the weather was not favourable, even so the very low numbers attending were disappointing. Six adults and three children braved the weather and planted, a cherry, a crab apple and a maple tree in the graveyard at Holebottom. There were a few words and a prayer to dedicate the trees and then as a heavy shower swept in, our bedraggled band retreated to our cars.

On my week off this month I went, with a friend, to Dublin, a city I have driven through but never stayed in. We flew out on Monday morning and had decided on an early flight so that we could have a full day in Dublin. I didn't realise when this was booked that it would entail getting up at 4am to catch an 8 o'clock flight. We had found a lovely 'arts and crafts' cottage in the middle of the city which was situated in a very quiet little square. I am going to name drop now – the cottage next door was owned by Sinead Cusack and Jeremy Irons – Oooh! (actually we never saw them while we were there). The city itself is full of beautiful and imposing buildings and we visited almost all of them, or so my feet told me. We had lunch in the converted church where Handel and used the organ to rehearse Messiah before the first performance at the theatre in Fishamble Lane.

On the Sunday morning, before we flew home, we went to service at the Unitarian church on St Stephens Green. There was a congregation of about eighty people and the service was taken by Reverend Bridget Spain who, like myself, undertook the ministry two years ago while the congregation looked for a permanent minister. It was a good service, Bridget has a really lovely relaxed way of conducting worship, and the content was excellent, very Unitarian. A perfect end to a splendid week.

Beryl

My week off this month is 20th to 27th October when I am going to Northumberland.

Concert with Tony Berry

Saturday 6th October 7.30pm.

Tony Berry will entertain with stories-jokes and songs It is sure to be a good evening as those who have seen Tony before will know.

Tickets from members of the Efforts Committee £8.00 ins refreshments.

Tickets for the Christmas Concert

Tickets will be on sale from 14th October

Tickets have already been ordered for this evening because it was enjoyed so much last year. It was a full house last year and we are Mulled wine and Mince Pies will be served at the interval.

Lawrence Killan will be here with the brass quintet, Minster Brass. Notobility Choir will be with us again.

Cody and Catherine Coyne are returning.

Finishing the evening with some carols for everyone.

Saturday 1st December at 7.30pm – get Christmas off to a great start.

Autumn Seminars

A series of seminars will begin at the end of October. The title is 'Journeying Home and Away' and they will explore what home as a place both outside and within ourselves and look at the spiritual meaning of home. There is a list on the notice board with a sample of the content of the seminars. They will run for six weeks on Tuesday evening from 7pm for two hours. The dates are

October 30th November 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th December 4th.

It is important if you wish to take part that you attend all the sessions as it is not possible to dip in and out of these seminars. If you want to know any more see Beryl.

BAZAAR IN NOVEMBER

The following Sundays have been designated for bringing specific donations:

September 30 – Good as New

October 7 – Books

October 14 – Tombola

October 21 – Christmas Items, Jewellery, Scarves, Accessories

October 28 –

Chocolate Tombola

Thank you for your co-operation.

APOLOGIES

Due to circumstances beyond my control, this edition of the Calendar probably incorporates more errors than usual. Many thanks to Beryl, Margaret Pollard and David for their help. *Pam*

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