



# Hull Unitarians Newsletter

August 2017

## JESUS QUEEN OF HEAVEN

The acclaimed one person play Jesus Queen of Heaven will be performed at Hull Unitarian Church on November 3 and 4 2017. The play was performed at St Marks Unitarian Church during the Edinburgh Fringe in 2015, and was seen also at the UK Unitarian GA meeting in 2016. Hull Unitarians are bringing the play to Hull as our contribution to the UK City of Culture. It is a sensitive interpretation of the gospels from a transgender perspective. Tickets (£10) are available from the church for the Friday evening performance (7.30 pm) and for the Saturday matinee (3 pm).

### **Our Work with Charities: Friday Gatherings, 10.30 until noon**

During July, our charity coffee mornings raised £72.50 for Water Aid. Congratulations to Georgina Hawkes, Sarah Lupton, Mavis Lake and all who came to support. In August, we will raise funds for Willersley House on August 4. On other weeks, we will raise funds to support the subsidised tickets for our summer outing.

### **GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS, THURSDAY 2.30 FOR 2 .40 PM**

Meditation continues every Thursday in August and you are invited to join the meditation group to try out the experience. Thanks to Bernard McHugh and Elizabeth Williams for leading meditation session in July and to Andy Perrins and John Goforth for opening up and closing down for these sessions during the minister's absence.

### **PLANS FOR SERVICES**

During August we will revisit and reflect upon the words we share regularly in our affirmation. These words were chosen after a month of consultation during 2016 and have been well received by our visitors as an explanation of our purpose as a spiritual community. In the coming month, we will welcome a guest musician, Stanislava Svarõgina as well as our welcome friend Andrew Palfreman.

Date	Worship Leader	Music	Topic
6	Chris Carr	Stanislava Svarõgina	Gathering as a caring community
13	Ralph Catts	Recorded Music	To help one another
20	Ralph Catts;	Andrew Palfreman	To seek meaning and direction in our lives
27	Ralph Catts	Stanislava Svarõgina	Exploring the vast reaches of our mind and spirit

### **Celebrating the wedding of Dale Moore and Susan Jackson.**

On August 26 we look forward to the wedding of one of our Hull Veterans, Dale Moore, with his long term sweet heart Susan Jackson. Our minister is the honorary Padre of the Hull Veterans Support Centre (HVSC) who undertake great work in supporting local veterans.

On August 18, after our Friday gathering, we will visit East Park to see the work undertaken by the HVSC to refurbish the Pavilion. All welcome.

## Summer Issue of Magazine

The deadline has come for contributions to the summer 2017 issue of our magazine. If you have been thinking of submitting an article, poem, or photos please do so now. If you have never published before, make this the time. The deadline for publication is August 9, 2017.

### Decisions about our building

The trustees will hold a special meeting on August 8 2017 to consider the necessary work arising from our Building Survey in 2016. As a first step, we are taking up tiles in the store rooms that contain inert asbestos. There is no danger while the tiles remain in good condition but as they are now 40 years old we need to remove them as a precautionary step. We will announce further initiatives in our September newsletter.

### Action to support our activities

All able-bodied members and friends of the church are being contacted to ask for assistance to set up for one of our church events during August. If you have not yet been contacted, please do not wait to be asked. Support is needed each Sunday from 9.45 am, on Fridays from 9.30 am, and on Thursdays from 2 pm. The willing help of all to pack up after events is much appreciated.

### SUPPORT FOR PRIDE JULY 22

**Hull Unitarians** held a stall at the UK National Pride Parade and Festival on July 22. Chris Carr led our initiative and we were joined by Unitarians from across Yorkshire including Sheena McKinnon, Rosemary Frances and Stephen Carlisle (and Diva the Dog!). Also a big thanks to Andy Perrins and Lisa Walker for their hard work. We displayed a new Unitarian banner, funded by the YUU, which will be used at events and outside churches across the area, including Hull.

### Join us for our Outing to the North Yorkshire Moors Railway

Our next outing is on **Wednesday** September 13. We will depart from the church at 9 am and plan to return by 5.30 pm. Please let us know dietary and mobility needs. We will share a coach to Pickering and enjoy a rail trip to Goathland. The rail tickets are expensive, but will be subsidised for all who regularly attend and contribute to our Friday gatherings. Standard price is £29 which includes coach hire, packed lunch, and rail tickets on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. For our regular Thursday, Friday, or Sunday attendees, the cost is £12. Donations are welcome if you can afford to help cover the subsidies. **Payment in advance no later than Sunday September 10 is mandatory.**

### Church Membership

Membership of Hull Unitarian Church is open to people who attend regularly for a minimum of 6 months on Thursdays, Fridays and/or Sundays, who seek to follow their spiritual path, and to support others in a spirit of mutual respect. If interested, please speak with Revd Ralph Catts, our Pastor.

**Institute of Applied Ethics Event:** 'Free Will Scepticism & Criminal Behaviour: The Public-Health Quarantine Model' Wednesday 11th October 2017, 1pm **Attendance is free.** Bookings and Enquiries - [iae@hull.ac.uk](mailto:iae@hull.ac.uk)

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Blessings from Revd Ralph Catts