



Hull Unitarians Newsletter

July 2017

AGM WELL ATTENDED

Seventeen members and friends joined us for our service and annual meeting on June 25. The annual report was adopted and the trustees for 2017-18 were welcomed. After the meeting, the trustees confirmed that Mavis Lake will continue as Chair, with John Williams as Secretary, Chris Carr as Treasurer and Tim Fountain as Safeguarding Officer. Sheena McKinnon who is a member of the YUU executive, and now also on the UK General Assembly executive, was co-opted by the trustees in accordance with the church constitution.

Our Work with Charities: Friday Gatherings, 10.30 until noon

During June, our charity coffee mornings raised £60 for UK Cancer Research, and £75 for the MS Society. Congratulations to Georgina Hawkes, Sarah Lupton and all who came to support. In July, we raise funds for Water Aid on June 14. 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, July 20 and 27

Please note that Meditation on Thursdays is suspended until July 20 due to Minister's ill health.

Meditation will be led by Bernard McHugh on July 20 and by Elizabeth Williams on July 27. Come and join the meditation group to try out the experience.

PLANS FOR SERVICES

In the coming month, we will have musicians for most of our services

Date	Worship Leader	Music	Topic
July 2	Chris Carr	Andrew Palfreman	A new Unitarian
July 9	Ralph Catts	Recorded music	A time for peace
July 16	Ralph Catts	Stanislava Svarogina	Liberty, Fraternity, Equality
July 23	Rosemary Francis	Stanislava Svarogina	Polish Unitarians today
July 30	Shenna McKinnon	Stanislava Svarogina	Spiritual but not religious

In July, we have the welcome return of Rosemary Frances who will talk about her recent visit to Poland, and our newly co-opted trustee Sheena McKinnon will share a reflection on her faith perspective. Also, Chris Carr will share his thoughts about Unitarianism in the UK. Ralph Catts will lead a reflection on peace on July 9, and then remind us of the impact of the French Revolution on the emerging UK Unitarian communities, and especially the impact on Joseph Priestley, and the consequences for Unitarianism in the USA.

Summer Issue of Magazine

Contributions to the summer 2017 issue of our magazine are welcome. Please share an article, poem, or photos. If you have never published before, make this the time. The deadline for publication is July 31 2017.

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

For once it is our Minister who we need to be holding in our thoughts as he recovers from illness. There will not be home visits by the Minister during July, so anyone in need of assistance should ring the church and leave a message, which normally will be checked Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

The fellowship at the AGM was especially warm and made the more so by the presence of several who have been infrequent attenders in recent months. It was encouraging to share with so many old and new friends. A visitor from London said of the Sunday AGM group that he felt really welcome and included. The spirit of our aspiration is clearly evident – as we strive to be a caring community that helps one another.

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 July. 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 the last two Thursdays from 2 pm. The willing help of all to pack up after events is much appreciated.

SUPPORT PRIDE JULY 22

Hull Unitarians have a stall at the UK National Pride Parade and Festival on July 22. This is an opportunity for all Unitarians to celebrate our commitment to equality and our embrace of diversity. Please offer to attend and assist on the stall for an hour during the day from 11 am to 4 pm. Please leave a message for Chris Carr on the church phone. We will have Unitarian pamphlets, and leaflets promoting our stance on equality in marriage. The event in York was a lot of fun for young and old so come and enjoy Pride in Hull.

Join us for our next Outing

Our next outing will be on a **Wednesday** after the school holidays in September. We will take 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.

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.

Decisions about our building

The trustees have deferred decisions about our building to a special meeting on August 8 2017. At the annual meeting on June 25, a capital works budget was noted to allow limited works to proceed, but these are subject to a report by a structural engineer on the underlying condition of the building.

Institute of Applied Ethics Event: Conference on Ancient Legal and Political Philosophy¹. **Thursday 6th July & Friday 7th July 2017:** Bookings and Enquiries - iae@hull.ac.uk

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Blessings from Revd Ralph Catts

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