



Hull Unitarians Newsletter

September 2017

JESUS QUEEN OF HEAVEN- Bookings Open

The acclaimed one person play 'the Gospel according to 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 (2.30 pm).

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Events to note:

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A memorial service for Mrs. Margaret Knight, former President of the Unitarian Women's League from 1987 to 1988 and widow of Rev. Sydney Knight former minister of St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, will be held at the York Unitarian Chapel in St. Saviourgate, York YO1 8NQ on Saturday 23rd September at 4 p.m. The service will be conducted by Revd. Margaret Kirk. All are welcome.

GUIDED MEDITATION SESSIONS, THURSDAY 2.30 FOR 2 .40 PM, July 20 and 27

Meditation continues every Thursday in August. Beginners are invited to join the meditation group. 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 in September

Date	Worship Leader	Music	Topic
3	Jon Cape	Andrew Palfreman	Cutting greenhouse emissions
10	Bernard McHugh	Ilina Ivancheva	The myth of the self-made man.
17	Ralph Catts	Ilina Ivancheva	40 th anniversary service.
24	Ralph Catts	Ilina Ivancheva	Harvest Festival

It is an exciting month for worship. On September 3, we have a visit from an internationally recognised consultant on elimination of fossil fuel. More information is available at <https://geetotal.org>. After the service, we will continue the discussion over a light lunch (donation invited). Please bring friends who may be interested.

On September 10, we welcome Bernard McHugh who will tackle the myth of the self-made man. Then on Sept 17 it is the 40th anniversary of the opening of our building and on September 24 we will hold our harvest festival. Please bring food for our harvest table, which we will donate to the Open Doors Refugee Centre.

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Summer Issue of Magazine

Our summer issue will be available shortly. If you are not on our mailing list, please contact the church.

Decisions about our building

The tiles in the store rooms that contained inert asbestos have been removed and we will shortly have a report from a structural engineer on the issues raised in the building survey. We will announce further initiatives in our October newsletter.

Action to support our activities

Support is needed to set up our church 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.

Join us for our Outing to the North Yorkshire Moors

Subject to confirmation of bookings, 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 Thursday, Friday or Sunday events. 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.

Our Work with Charities: Friday Gatherings, 10.30 until noon

During September, our charity coffee mornings will be in support of the Open Doors Refuge Centre on September 8 and on September 29 we will celebrate the MacMillan 'Big Coffee Morning'. On other weeks, we will raise funds to support the subsidised tickets for our summer outing and other needs for members.

We urgently need items for our table top sales and we also welcome prizes that we can offer for our raffle or tombola. But most of all we welcome your company!

Publicity Workshop

On Saturday September 23, we will hold a publicity workshop to plan how to spend £8,000 on promoting awareness of Hull Unitarian Church. All members and friends are requested to set aside Saturday afternoon from 1 pm to 5pm to hear how Newcastle Unitarians succeeding in growing their congregation and to prepare plans for making our church community more evident in Hull. This is an opportunity for all to contribute ideas and to be part of the way forward. We have a lot to offer our community and now is the time to take action. Please speak to Ralph or Mavis.

Participating in the UK Unitarian Community

Hull Unitarians encourage our members to take part in UK wide activities. There are many clubs and societies including meditation and music (see <https://www.unitarian.org.uk/pages/community>). There are also fun weekends and weeklong events at Hucklow throughout the year. Our trustees will consider offering subsidies for members to attend. We also seek a delegate for the annual UK meetings in 2018.

Blessings from Revd Ralph Catts

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