

# May 2019 Newsletter



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## Hull Unitarian Church

Chamberlain House, Park Street, Hull, HU2 8TA

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### Re-dedication of Our Chalice Garden - 12<sup>th</sup> May 2.30 to 4.30 pm

Our chalice Garden has new benches and the garden has been renewed by the efforts of many of those who attend meditation on Thursdays. We will welcome the work and remember those to whom the benches have been dedicated and give thanks for the continuing renewal of our church community.

The chalice Garden was originally prepared and opened in 1991, and rededicated to the memory of the Revd Ernest Penn in 2011. It is a quiet sanctuary where people can sit in quietness, and where on warm still days we gather for meditation.

### Farewell for our Minister June 30 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Our Minister, Ralph Catts takes leave prior to his retirement on June 30. All members and friends of Hull Unitarians are invited to join us to thank Ralph and Sue for his service to the church.

Ralph was given a demanding brief and has enabled our church to realise our ambitions nationally, regionally and internally. Our congregation is now in good standing nationally, and has contributed to the Yorkshire Unitarian Union. We have established a positive reputation in the Hull and East Riding Interfaith community, and in the City of Hull. Most importantly, we have many new members and friends in regular attendance.

### Mindfulness at Park Street

Every Thursday we gather from 2.00 pm for meditation from 2.30 pm to 3.20 pm followed by discussion and refreshments. Please see this month's subjects.

Date	Leader	Topic
2	Ralph Catts	Loving Kindness
9	Ralph Catts	Visualisation
16	Ralph Catts	Intuitive Solutions
23	Molly Belle	
30	Paula Chearman	

### Charity Coffee Mornings - Fridays 10.30 to Noon

Our coffee mornings are an opportunity for enjoyable refreshments and good fellowship. Funds raised will be used for the relief of need in our community and to help to subsidise our next outing. In April, thanks to the efforts of Richard Winslow we raised £40 for Solar Aid.

### Support your Charity

Your trustees invite you to arrange a fund-raising coffee morning for a charity of your choice. The church will assist financially and we have bric-a-brac to sell to help swell the funds. Please speak with Mavis or Chris who can advise you on how to proceed. It does not take a lot of effort and it can be rewarding.

## Unitarian Sunday Services in May at 11.00 am

Our worship this month is all about our connections in the hull and East Riding communities and beyond. ON May 5 we will hear reports from the UK Unitarian annual meetings where we made quite a contribution. Then we will welcome members of the Institute of Applied Ethics on may 12, to hear about what it all means for our daily lives. On may 19 we will celebrate our involvement in the Interfaith community, and then on May 26, Chris Carr will inspire us as we look forward to our future as a church community. Please also offer a poem, or a song, for our café church on June 2. Make a note of June 9 when Revd John Carter will join us. Subject to funding he could be your interim Minister from summer.

Date	Worship Leader	Topic	Music
May 5	James Bell, Helen Anderson, Ambrose Brown, & C Carr	GA report	Graziana Preccise
12	Ralph Catts	Applied Ethics	recorded
19	Ralph Catts	The purposes of Interfaith dialogue	recorded
26	Chris Carr	What is love?	Andrew Palfreman
June 2	Martin King	Café church	
9	John Carter	A Splendid Hallelujah	Graziana Preccise

## Hull Unitarians at the UK Unitarian Annual Meetings

At the General Assembly Annual Meetings, Hull Unitarians were represented by James Bell as delegate, with two of our new trustees Helen Anderson and Ambrose Brown attending as first timers with generous GA support. Together with Chris Carr, who represented the Yorkshire Unitarian Union, and our Minister Ralph Catts, we were a visible presence. We will report to the congregation on May 5 on our observations.

## Hull Sound Circles secures funding!

Paula Chearman has been 'instrumental' in securing funding for a project that offers musical activities as a form of therapy for mental health and physical well-being. Paula wrote as follows:

*Thank you, friends - from the bottom of my heart, I am overwhelmed with gratitude and love. We are one of the winners of the People's Project 2019! We feel so fortunate that so many people believe in Music for All and the work we do - Community Music! Thanks to the crew for all their hard work, dedication, heart and musicianship, and thank you to all who voted for us, shared our poster online, and encouraged people to vote. Further details about the project and how we will spend the funding to benefit our communities is on our Hull Sound Circles website. <https://hullsoundcircles.com/>*

## Dates for Your Diary

**May 8** 3.30 – 5.30 pm Moral Recklessness in Politics Wilberforce Lecture Theatre 29 Hull University

**May 12** 2.30 – 4.30 pm Re-dedication of the Chalice Garden and remembrance of those whose names are recorded on plaques. Please join us to celebrate.

**June 23** Annual General Meeting following service. Notice and call for nominations will be forthcoming.

**June 30** 2.30 – 4.30 pm. Celebration of ministry and farewell for Ralph and Sue Catts in the chalice garden (weather permitting).

**Blessings, Revd Dr Ralph Catts and Chris Carr, Secretary**

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