

November/December 2020 Special Newsletter



Hull Unitarian Church

Chamberlain House, Park Street, Hull, HU2 8TA

Dear members and friends of Hull Unitarians,

We hope all is well. Work on the church has continued, but the November lockdown has further delayed our reopening plans, along with other unforeseen circumstances.

Our work on the church has included:

Clearing years of clutter from the cupboards and loft, with many items donated to Dove House

Stripping the old wallpaper in the kitchen ready for a fresh coat of paint

Installing a brand new CCTV system and cameras, allowing us to monitor the church remotely and see who is at the door

Changed main locks and padlocks to increase security and ease of access

Removing the wood panelling in preparation for an overhaul of the church area

Taking down the grey guttering and tube lighting, replacing it with new LED lights

This work has its financial cost, and in the absence of our weekly collections, donations are very appreciated.

In the course of our renovation we discovered asbestos behind the wood panelling; it was undisturbed but required inspection and treatment. This has been completed and we now have an air monitoring certificate to confirm that the church is safe.

Due to the lockdown and the ongoing work, it now seems likely that reopening will be in early 2021. When we first closed the doors back in March, we couldn't imagine that it would be nearly a full year before we could safely reopen. (On a personal note, when I turned off the heating I set it to "holiday mode" until the 1st of January, slightly chuckling to myself and thinking it couldn't possibly be that long until we were back. Well here we are...)

Due to the ongoing work as well as the uncertainty of future government restrictions as we approach Christmas, we regret that our usual Christmas carol service and Christmas dinner will have to be cancelled this year.

We'll continue to send out John's alternative Sunday services by email. Please contact us if you'd like to be added to the mailing list. We also recommend the Yorkshire Unitarian Union's site for details of online services, events and Zoom meetings:

unitariansinyorkshire.wordpress.com

We hope everyone is safe and well during lockdown. If you need to talk to someone, John's number is below and you can also reach us on the church number and email. At times like this it's good to remember that the church isn't just a building, and our community continues to exist.

On behalf of Hull Unitarians,
Daniel
Administrator

If you would like to send a donation to the church, cheques can be posted to us at the address below. For our bank transfers, our details are: account number 00031483, sort code: 40-52-40.

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