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# **Elder Yard Unitarian Chapel**

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## ***Newsletter Jan-Feb 2019***



*...In the light of truth and the warmth of love,  
we gather to seek, to sustain, to share...*

## **Happy new Year all !**

A brief Newsletter this time - though I feel there will be more news in future months.

It does however give me space to update you on the first year of the Tuneless Choir which has been hiring the Chapel on term time Wednesday evenings since its launch on 31st Jan 2018.

We are a choir for the less vocally blessed but we have had over 160 people through the door and attract 50-70 people a week, have created an incredible community, given hope and courage to people who don't feel confident enough to join a formal choir and allow members to enjoy the health and social benefits that singing in a choir brings.

Many of our members have been told they can't sing, have mimed all their lives when singing around others or just feel awful about their voice. Tuneless Choir has given its members the freedom to sing in a non-judgmental environment which in turn has developed their confidence and many of us sang to an audience for the first time ever in June 2018. It was an amazing, emotional and uplifting experience as we all thought that it was something we would never do and although not pitch perfect we have surprised people with how good we sound! Amanda Higginbotham

## **Games Night**

We'd like to hold a friends and family games night shortly at the chapel. Beetle drives get lots of laughs

compared to many other 'intellectual' type games but if anyone has any other ideas I am sure they will go down well. We need at least 10 people to make it a successful event—2 x 45 min game-playing sessions with a break in the middle for light refreshments. Perhaps we can set a date over drinks after the January 13th service. Martin Barrett

The **January service** will be on the theme of new year, renewal and the enthusiasm that is life and new life.

### **Bring a bear to the February service**

For many of us our teddy bears are a formative memory and yet they are just tokens in our lives. People are asked to bring their closest and dearest teddy bears with them to chapel for this special service for children and adults of all ages - including young adults and working and retired children  
Ed Fordham

### **For an update on the following subjects, please contact Ed Fordham:**

- Chesterfield Rough Sleeper Shelter
- Unitarian GA President to visit
- Books and Library
- Send a child to Hucklow
- Prayer writing

**Treasurer required for Elder Yard Chapel**

any volunteers please contact  
our Chairman, Alan Shutt

Our services are held on the second Sunday of the month at 3.00pm. Weddings and baptisms are held throughout the year and other special services and ceremonies as required.

**Please direct any enquiries to Ann Shutt**

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Continued thanks to our chapel officers:

<b>Chairman:</b> .....	<i>Alan Shutt</i>	01246 554506
<b>Secretary:</b> .....	<i>Ann Shutt</i>	01246 554506
<b>Organist &amp; Building Manager:</b> ...		
.....	<i>Andrew Marples</i>	01246 211655

Please see any of the above if you need help, have news or require information about the Chapel.

**Newsletter**

The success of the newsletter is dependant on your contributions... please send them to

[amandahigginbotham3@gmail.com](mailto:amandahigginbotham3@gmail.com)

*(Print deadline for March/April newsletter is Tue 5th March 2019 6pm)*

**Future Services (3pm):** 13th Jan, 10th Feb, 10th March

*Holy and beautiful is the custom which brings us together in the presence of the most high; to face our ideals; to remember our loved ones; to give thanks; to confess and forgive; to be enlightened and to be strengthened.*

