

# CHORLEY UNITARIAN CHAPEL

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## Newsletter and Calendar of Events



**April - May 2019**

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# From the Chair

John Hewerdine

## **AGM Decisions**

You will recall that, before the AGM, I circulated all members with some questions about the timing and frequency of our monthly meetings. One of those questions was the result of concern about attendance at meetings and it was thought that meeting on another day of the week might attract more members to our regular meetings. There was an overwhelming desire for us to change our regular meetings to Wednesday afternoon so the AGM approved the decision.

It was also unanimous that we should meet every two months, rather than each month. We have decided to do this, partly because much of our discussion on chapel business is now undertaken using the internet. Also many matters requiring your officials to make joint decisions are now done by email.

At our AGM, one of the major jobs of those who attended was to elect Chapel Officers for the next twelve months. As there were no new nominations for any of the jobs, the present-acting personnel were re-elected en-block. This was not an indication of members' enthusiasm for the work it entails but of the fact that those doing the work wished to contribute their services, in order to keep the congregation alive and well. I would like to thank those people for carrying on with these duties. Your support in this way is much appreciated by us all. If any members, or friends are interested in finding out what is involved in helping in any way, please talk about it with one of the officials. We will be delighted!

Publicity is an important role which we are currently unable to fully address. If any of you with internet skills is a member of facebook, please let me know, as this is something we are currently failing to participate in and could be vital to our future.

# Knife Crime, what can we do?

Can we help to reduce the figures

....from our Chair

In a couple of weeks time, I will attend the 2019 Unitarian General Assembly Meetings in Birmingham. I will be there as your representative. Most of the motions which have been tabled are formalities. Martin West will be proposed as an honorary member, the Findhorn network will probably become an Affiliated Society, people will be thanked for their services to the movement and named in cases where they have stepped in at short notice, like Peter Hanley who took over as treasurer and will be installed officially at this coming assembly.

One resolution, which will **not** fall into the “formality” classification, is on a subject which has increasingly featured in our daily news reports recently, that of “**Knife Crime**”. Much has been said about the responsibility of policing around this issue, and since this motion was tabled, the government has allocated more funds to address this, but there are other factors which we will be discussing at the forthcoming Unitarian General Assembly Meetings.

A lot of knife crimes are perpetrated by school children and young people who raid the family kitchen knife-box and take the largest, sharpest knife on impulse. Medical research shows that most fatal damage to vital organs is caused by the sharp pointed knives. Alongside this, the catering profession has declared that many pointed kitchen knives have no useful purpose in the kitchen and could be equally useful with rounded ends.

Knife crime is a complex problem. Poverty, lack of worthwhile jobs and opportunities for young people, pressures within the education system, cuts in local services, reductions in community policing, broken homes, drugs and gang culture, all contribute to the increasing statistics on knife crime. But surely, we should be doing more to reduce the availability of **sharp pointed knives** in retail outlets, supermarket and on the internet. Such matters will be up for discussion in Birmingham

## April 2019

**SUN 7<sup>TH</sup>** SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am  
Conducted by: Jean Longworth

**WED. 10<sup>TH</sup>** NO MEMBERS MEETING

**SUN 21<sup>ST</sup>** SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am  
Conducted by: Paul Hubbard

**UN 28<sup>TH</sup>** QUIET SERVICE at 11 am  
Conducted by: Sylvia Merrick

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**GIVE LAVISHLY! LIVE ABUNDANTLY** by H.S Rice

The more you give, the more you get  
The more you laugh, the less you fret  
The more you do unselfishly,  
The more you live abundantly...  
The more of everything you share,  
The more you'll always have to spare  
The more you love, the more you'll find  
That life is good and friends are kind...  
For only what we give away,  
Enriches us from day to day.

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When life gives you a hundred reasons to break down and cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile and laugh. **STAY STRONG.**

## May 2019

**SUN 5<sup>TH</sup>** SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am  
Conducted by: Jean Clements

**WED. 8<sup>TH</sup>** MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING  
at 2pm in the Hall.

**SUN. 19<sup>TH</sup>** SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am  
Conducted by: Graham Greenall

**SUN. 26<sup>TH</sup>** QUIET SERVICE at 11 am  
Conducted by: Rev Dr S Ledbetter

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**CHEERY-O!** BY Susan Wiener  
If you smile the day will be cheery,  
If you smile the day will be bright.  
If you think good thoughts you'll be happy,  
And everything will work out just right.  
So don't let a frown turn you sour,  
Don't let bad thoughts make you blue.  
Just always remember, think positively,  
For how you feel is up to you.

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**A good feeling gets even better when it's shared.**

## FLOWERS

April 7<sup>th</sup> Daphne Roberts  
21<sup>st</sup> Sylvia Merrick

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### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Lilian Ratcliffe  
14<sup>th</sup> Daphne Roberts (90)

May 20<sup>th</sup> Kathleen & Roy Wilding (75)  
31<sup>st</sup> John Hewerdine

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**QUAKER MEETINGS** in the hall at 10.30 am on Sunday,  
April 14<sup>th</sup>; April 28<sup>th</sup>; May 12<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> 2019.

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### **From SPRING IS COME by Gabor Kereki**

The season of reviving life is come!

There is life-giving blessing in the air, touching with magic  
the slumbering world.

Welcome, season of returning life!

Warm every home! Bring hope and joy to every beating  
human heart.



The LCM annual general meeting will be held at Chorley Chapel on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 2pm. Members of the Chapel are invited to this meeting.

GA meetings will be held at Birmingham Hilton Metropole on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019. John Hewerdine will represent Chorley.

At our AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019, it was decided that our ‘Harvest Service’ in October would be for Derian House. Our ‘Charity Service’ in December will be for ‘The Women’s Centre’ and we will invite the Mayor of Chorley. We will also invite The Society of Friends. The late Betty Swancott ran the centre for many years, so it will be in her memory.

PLEASE NOTE: we will now have our Members Meetings bi-monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 2pm. The first meeting will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Do more than exist –	LIVE
Do more than touch –	FEEL
Do more than look –	SEE
Do more than hear –	LISTEN
Do more than talk –	SAY SOMETHING.



# **Would your Club like to use our Hall?**

Groups wishing to meet in Central Chorley will be pleased to hear that our premises are available for your use. The hall is a good size and is currently being used by other religious groups as well as for yoga, mindfulness and pre-school activities. Other groups will be welcome. There is free on-street parking in Park Street, by the hall.

The premises can be booked by the hour in daytime or evenings and in addition to our good sized hall there is an attractive kitchen and modern handicapped-friendly toilet facilities.

Our attractive Chapel is also available and can be utilised by Choir Groups or for Gatherings of an academic nature where the setting is ideal for presentations or other ceremonies.

Please ask for further details:

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Congregation) 01257  
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