

CHORLEY UNITARIAN CHAPEL

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Newsletter and Calendar of Events



February - March 2019

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AND DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE AND THEIR FREEDOM
TO BELIEVE AS THEIR CONSCIENCES DICTATE.

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From the Chair

John Hewerdine

The Year Ahead...

Although you will probably be reading this at the end of January, I am writing it in our new sitting-room on the last day of 2018. I say “new” sitting-room because, in time for Christmas, Dot and I re-decorated the room we use most.

This was the first stage of some re-decoration, since retiring to Chorley thirteen years ago.

“Re-decorated” is something of an understatement as we made some changes to the room, moving radiators, removing and repurposing some of the kitchen cupboards, with some new appliances. After several trips to the Salvation-army charity shop, we now have what will be a dream living-space once we have disposed of more boxes of odds and ends, and old furniture for which it is hoped **ebay** will find new owners. Prior to the Christmas period we installed a new sofa (the old one was useful for the number of guests who have stayed}.

As I write this, a dozen of our relatives have just left for a children’s activity centre, having slept in various corners of our house, including four of them in the attic (our office). They have been here for the last few days and will be back soon for New Year’s Eve festivities.

At this time of reflecting on changes we want to make in 2019, I think we have made a good start at implementing some of the ideas which Anne Mills suggested to us last year.

Inviting members of **The Society of Friends** to our Christmas Carol Service (as a memorial to that wonderful friend, Betty Swancroft) was a good start.

Thanks go to Sylvia Merrick for organising this. How heartening it was to see so many folk in our chapel at a magical time of year. Perhaps we can do something with the folk who come here for Yoga or the Spiritualists before the year is very old. Any other ideas?

On Sunday, 3rd March 2019 there will be a short service held in the Hall at 11 am, conducted by a member of the Lancashire Collaborative Ministry or John Hewerdine.

This will be followed by our Annual General Meeting (everyone welcome to stay) Bring sandwiches along in case you feel peckish.

Sunday, 31st March 2019 – British Summer Time begins. Don't forget to put your clocks FORWARD.



February 2019

SUN. 3rd SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am
Conducted by: Jean Clements

TUE. 12th **NO MEMBERS MEETING**

SUN. 17TH SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am
Conducted by: Graham Greenall

SUN. 24TH QUIET SERVICE at 11 am
Conducted by: Rev. Dr. Shannon
Ledbetter

THE RAREST OF GIFTS ... H. S. RICE

Every day is a reason for giving -
And giving is the key to living
So let us give 'ourselves' away
Not just today but every day ...
And remember
a kind and thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched
in time of need
Is the rarest of gifts,
Not of the purse but a loving heart -
And he who gives of himself will find
True joy of heart and peace of mind.



March 2019

SUN. 3rd SHORT SERVICE at 11 am in the Hall
followed by the AGM

TUE. 12TH NO MEMBERS MEETING

SUN. 17TH SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am
Conducted by: Rev. DR. Shannon
Ledbetter

SUN. 31ST QUIET SERVICE at 11 am
Conducted by: Sylvia Merrick

MOTHERING SUNDAY

THANK GOD FOR LAUGHTER ... I. R. JEFFERS

Thank God for laughter and thank God for mirth;
He didn't forget them when He made the earth.
Look at Creation; God's Nature can joke;
See a goose waddling; or a frog croak.
Thank God for laughter and thank God for wit;
Pure, clean and simple, it's always a hit;
Just see the bright side, and laugh off the drear
For laughter is holy, and God likes to hear.
Thank God for laughter and thank God for fun;
Thank God for talent in making a pun;
God wants us happy, not deep in the blues;
So He gave us laughter and things to amuse.



FLOWERS

Mar. 31st Sylvia Merrick

There is a new flower list on the board if you would like to put flowers in Chapel. Perhaps a birthday, anniversary or some other 'special' occasion.

BIRTHDAYS

Mar. 5th Hester Crawford

7th Glenys Watkins

QUAKER MEETINGS in the Hall at 10.30 am on Sunday, 10th and 24th February and 10th and 24th March 2019'

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I wish to renew my membership/become a member (delete as appropriate) of Chorley Chapel.

Please note – we now have to pay £35 per person for the GA Quota per member.

I enclose herewith my subscription of

Name.....

Address.....

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Please Tear this out and hand to Doreen Jolly, out Treasurer.

At the Charity Service in December, for The Royal British Legion, we were able to give them a cheque for £600. The Mayor of Chorley, Cllr. Margaret Lees and her Consort, Cllr. Roy Lees were present.



At our Carol Service on the 16th December 2018, we were joined by members of the Society of Friends, who also took part in our service.

The service was in Remembrance of Betty Swancott who died in April 2018.

Laughter is like music
That lingers in the heart;
And when its melody is heard,
The ills of life depart.

Anon

A SMILE ADDS TO YOUR FAITH'S VALUE.

Would you like to hire our premises?

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 and pre-school activities phonetics children's groups. 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:

John (Chair of Congregation)

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