



CHORLEY UNITARIAN CHAPEL

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Newsletter and Calendar of Events



November 2018 - December 2019

THIS FAITH COMMUNITY RECOGNISES THE WORTH
AND DIGNITY OF ALL PEOPLE AND THEIR FREEDOM
TO BELIEVE AS THEIR CONSCIENCES DICTATE.

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From the Chair

John Hewerdine

Christmas, a time for Giving

As you will read in this newsletter, we have our annual Charity service early in December, but there are other local fund-raising projects too. I have just returned home from the latest meeting of Chorley Churches Networking. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to attend one of the meetings. It is good to know about some of the energy there is in Chorley for exciting social initiatives.

As Christmas is approaching, Carol was there from the Chorley Food Bank talking about plans to supply food parcels for folk in the Chorley area over the Christmas period. There will be over eighty families with extra food parcels from their food store in the cellar at the Living Waters Church, close to the big Asda store at the end of Pall Mall.

To qualify for a food parcel, recipients are referred to the Chorley Food Bank through our Health Service and collect their parcels from local schools. The store house is operated entirely by volunteers in a cellar of the Living Waters Church. The cellar has no windows and is cramped and not a pleasant environment in which to work. If any of you would like to contribute non-perishable food to this Chorley charity please contact me I am happy to help with delivery.

There are plans for building a bigger, lighter, more pleasant location for the food store, in the car-park of the Living Waters Church. They have already collected £8,000 towards this £25,000 project. Cheques for donations should be made out to "Living Waters Store House" and sent directly or handed to me. Chorley Churches plan a combined Christmas celebration service at St Lawrence's Church at 1.30pm on Sunday 9th December. It will comprise a joint choir and Chorley Silver Band will be playing. I have details of the rehearsal schedule if you would like to sing in the choir, **but do join us for the celebration....**

Congratulations to Ken and Lilian Ratcliffe on becoming great grandparents for the first time on 23rd Sept. 2018. Welcome to ROBIN!

Sunday, 2nd December 2018

This is our Charity Service for ‘The Royal British Legion.’

The Mayor of Chorley and Consort will be at Chapel and members of the Royal British Legion.

We look forward to seeing you at this service.

Sunday, 16th December 2018

This year the readings will be taken from the book ‘Once upon a Christmas.’ The book includes memories and recipes written by celebrities for Child-Line.

**The light that kindles a light in every man shines
bright in all the world at Christmas.**



December 2018

SUN. 2ND CHARITY SERVICE at 11 am
for The Royal British Legion
Conducted by: Sylvia Merrick

TUE. 11TH Member's Monthly Meeting
at 2 pm in the Hall.

SUN. 16TH CAROL SERVICE at 11 am
Conducted by: Sylvia Merrick

SUN. 30TH QUIET SERVICE at 11 am
Conducted by: Graham Greenall

MAY XMAS BRING US PEACE .. author unknown

May peace come to our houses and to our homes.

May peace come to us and to those who love us.

May Christmas bring us peace – peace down in the heart of us,
peace in the midst of us,

As we gather with family and friends.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS**



January 2019

SUN. 6TH SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am
Conducted by: Jean Longworth

TUE 8TH Member's Monthly Meeting
at 2pm in the Hall.

SUN. 20TH SERVICE OF WORSHIP at 11 am
Conducted by: Rev J Corrigan

SUN. 27TH QUIET SERVICE at 11 am
Conducted by: Graham Dickinson

BLESS THOU THIS YEAR by A. S. C. Clarke

Bless thou this year, O Lord!
Make rich its days
With health, and work, and prayer, and praise,
And helpful ministry to needy folk.
May faith, hope and love increase.
Bless thou this year, O Lord!



FLOWERS

Dec. 2nd Sylvia Merrick
2019

Jan. 20th Sylvia Merrick



BIRTHDAYS

2019

Jan. 2nd Roy Wilding

17th Martin Cook

18th Sylvia Merrick

Congratulations! Have a ‘special day.’

QUAKER MEETINGS in the Hall at 10.30
am on Sunday, Dec. 9th and 23rd, and Sunday,
Jan. 13th and 27th.

May a new spirit be born in our hearts this day that truth
may direct us, and love possess us.





A Christmas Wish and Prayer to All

May you have a Happy and Adventurous Journey
through the season.

May the lord be with you on that journey
Where ever it may lead

May the world see peace in place of conflict.

We Unitarians Welcome You

Our premises are open to all who wish to meet with open minds, in a spirit of freedom, reason and tolerance. We do not all hold the same beliefs and each person's opinions and beliefs are respected. Each will find her or his own spiritual path as we are encouraged to develop our own faith. Members of our Chapel are from different religious backgrounds, proud to meet here in this Unitarian Chapel.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John', written in a cursive style.

Please ask for further details

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