

OLD CHAPEL
Dukinfield
a Unitarian congregation
Here let no one be a stranger



April 2019

Dear Friends

I came to my desk this morning intent on achieving quite a lot! I hoped to write this letter for the magazine, then put the finishing touches to the service for this afternoon and also if time allows prepare a funeral address for later in the week. That was some twenty minutes ago and in that time I have achieved nothing because as I sat down I couldn't help pausing to look out of the window and that distracted me.



Yesterday it hardly stopped raining all day yet this morning is a bright and sunny Sunday morning. There is very little traffic on the road outside and I haven't yet seen anyone walking past. The water from a leaking water main just around the corner is running past my house like a mountain stream glistening in the morning sunshine. Even the local cats which use my garden as a cut through to get to more exciting gardens behind mine seem to be having a lazy start to the day. My own cat has just come to see me and has helped me type the first couple of sentences but has now curled up on the desk beside the keyboard and gone to sleep. The only movement I can see is from a flock of about a dozen or so goldfinches in the bushes of a garden opposite. Everything feels calm and peaceful for a change! Yet as I look back on the last couple of weeks which at the time felt like a whirlwind of services, events and meetings I can see that even those days brought times of quiet reflection and peace.

I am sure that many of you will have experienced the same feelings which can be quite a contrast a times! We are all familiar with such contrasts, life is made up of busy times and quiet times, and they are of equal value to us.

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Chapel service (normally) 2.00pm

Sunday School (normally) 2.00pm

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FLOWERS FOR APRIL

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| 7 | Mrs C H Bown & family | Loving memories of Bert, a very dear husband, father and Gramps; also Joyce Bown, a dear sister |
| | Mr & Mrs B Ashton
(Llandudno) | In remembrance of Mr & Mrs P Ashton and Mr Albert Pattison |
| 14 | Mrs Joan Hughes | In loving memory of Frank, a dear husband, dad and grandad |
| 21 | Mrs Anne Stephens | Loving anniversary memories of Hedley |
| 28 | Mr A Archer
(Kent) | In memory of Walter Robinson, Florence Hartle and Doreen Ashworth |

Without the quiet times we would not have the energy to face the busy times and without the busy times we would not be able to really appreciate the times of quiet reflection. So never underestimate the value of the quiet times, sometimes we can achieve more by not doing quite as much. The first twenty minutes of my day were not wasted minutes at all; they've prepared me for the day ahead and possibly for the whole week ahead as well!

Every blessing,

Andrew

WARDEN'S WORDS

Well March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb – true to the old shepherd's words. I wonder whether April's showers will bring forth May flowers. It's strange isn't it how we fall back on what we have learnt in our childhood and past. I think when change is in the air we cling to those things which we are familiar with, and secretly hope that things will stay the same.



But of course things are always changing whether we like it or not. The world is constantly moving forwards with the seasons, and sometimes our mood improves with the weather! In Chapel we have submitted an Expression of Interest form to the National Lottery Fund for Heritage. So this month we will find out if they think we have a chance at grant funding. Whether we get the opportunity to bid for funding or not, we will have to think of the future for our beautiful building and what we can do to make it sound and watertight. The building has to be fit for our future – whatever that may look like. So like our forebears we must take strength from the past, but not let the past define us. Let us take strength from the beautiful flowers in the garden – no matter what the weather, they blossom and give such pleasure. Let's all work to make our world a beautiful place through all the changes that may surround us.

Bronwyn

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCENE

We are just about to start working on our 'on the day' entries for the Arts and Crafts Competition. The other entries had to be ready for Sunday 31 March.



Our Mothering Sunday Service will be held in Chapel on 7 April at 2.00pm. This will be conducted by our minister Rev Andrew Parker. The daffodils will be given out as usual on that Sunday.

Christine and Ann

FUND RAISING

Well we missed the fun of the Beetle Drive, but we heard that a good time was had by all.

Our April fund raising starts with a talk by Sharman Birtles JP DL on her year as a High Sheriff. This will be on Tuesday 2 April at 7.30pm in our Community Hall. Mary G is in charge of refreshments and Marjorie G will organise the door and raffle for us. This should be a fascinating insight into her work so bring along some friends – it should be a great evening.

Bronwyn

CHAIR BASED EXERCISE

This month's session will be on Tuesday 2 April at 1.30pm. The session will last about 45mins. We have fun and the exercises are not too strenuous. A drink and biscuit follow and the cost towards chapel funds is just £2.00.



Everyone welcome. Dawn Buckle

WORCOM

Our April services other than Andrews on the 1st and 3rd Sunday we have the Rev Danny Crosby on the 14 April and our very own Bronwyn Lowe on the 28 of April when she will be bringing back the G A Meetings to us.

Congregational visit to Knutsford and Bents Garden centre on the 11 August still places available just £6 let me know if you wish to go!

In the chapel in the archives section there is a beautiful glass topped cabinet which was donated by the very much missed Bill and Hilda Pugh, inside it holds on display the Garden of Remembrance Book, which lists the people whose ashes have been scattered in the Garden in the Chapel Yard. This beautiful book and list of names was beautifully written in calligraphy firstly by Roy Buckle and later on by Janet Ford, we now seek someone to continue this in the same style, if anyone knows anyone who could take on this role please let me or anyone on the council know.

At the last Council meeting I suggested that each month in the magazine I list each month's entries, I am sure this list will evoke many memories for everyone, and no doubt will get you all talking and reminiscing about the people who now are at rest in our Garden of Remembrance.

Steve Wilde

Edith Garside 1973

Sarah Ann Smith 1973

David West 1978

Hilda Hartley 1979

Eric Hitchin 1982

Arthur Saxon 1983

Harriet Alice Bardsley 1986

Norman Kimberley Hibbert 1987

Tom Morley Beswick 1988

Edward Kershaw 1992

Keith Wilson 1992

Annie Turner 1992

Isabella Lees 1992

Eric Eastwood 1996

Gladys Crosby 1998

Hilda Lowery 2002

Nellie Barfield 2004

Albert Pattison 2007

Frank Hughes 2012

CHAPEL KEEPERS CORNER

Just a quick note to say if anyone needs to get into Chapel for any reason like putting in flowers etc or the School Hall then please get in touch with me on 07592080600 (this number is just for Old Chapel use)

Also Thanks to everyone who as commented on the stain glass windows since I cleaned the glass at the bottom and the paintwork below them (I have just three to do now over the archives section) I am busy working around a few areas at the moment but do please let me know if a particular area needs some attention paying to it .

Steve (and his little friend lol)

My Year as a High Sheriff

By Sharman Birtles JP DL



Tuesday 2 April at 7.30pm

This should be a fascinating insight into her work during her twelve months as High Sheriff

£5 incl. Refreshments and 2 Raffle tickets

FOR THE RECORDS

Baptisms

On 24 March, conducted by Worship Leader Dawn Buckle,
Leila Lawton, Lucus Baines and Lacey Baines, children of Louise Baines

On 31 March, conducted by Worship Leader Jennifer Moody,
Neavie Lynn Winch, daughter of Cally Hunt and Sean Winch

Rhiannon Flora Jean Kelly, daughter of Ellen and Aaron Kelly

Funerals

25 February. **Anthony Dimond** aged 77 years. Service in chapel followed by interment at Hyde Cemetery, the Minister officiating.

26 February. **William Storey** aged 74 years. Service in chapel followed by committal at Dukinfield Crematorium, the Minister officiating.

13 March. **Pauline Smith** aged 81 years. Service in chapel followed by interment at Dukinfield Cemetery, the Minister officiating.

FUTURE DATES

Baptisms – April 7 @ 11.30 am and 12.30pm
 14 @ 12.30pm
 28 @ 12.30pm

CRAFTY NATTERING

The Crafty Natterers will meet at 7.00pm on Tuesday 30 April and cake, tea or coffee are on the menu. Just give a donation – whatever!

The Arts and Crafts Festival is approaching fast. What are YOU going to enter?

Dawn Buckle



DIARY FOR APRIL 2019

1/2	Mon/Tue	B'Inspired: 8.30am – 4.30pm
1	Mon	Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
2	Tue	Chair based exercise: 1.30pm – 2.30pm (in the extension)
2	Tue	Talk by Sharman Birtles at 7.30pm: 'My Year as High Sheriff'
3	Wed	Karate
3	Wed	Council meeting at 7.30pm
7	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Rev Andrew Parker
10	Wed	Karate
10	Wed	Cheshire Family History Group at 7.00pm
14	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Rev Danny Crosby
15/17	Mon/Wed	B'Inspired: 8.30am – 4.30pm
16/18	Tue/Thu	GA meetings
17	Wed	Karate
21	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Rev Andrew Paarker
21	Sun	Deadline date for May magazine
24	Wed	Karate
28	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Bronwyn Lowe – 'Bringing Back the GA'
28	Sun	May magazine out
29	Mon	Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
30	Tue	Crafty Nattering at 7.00pm

WELCOMERS

7	Sunday School
14	Dawn & Judith
21	Ian & Janet
28	Mary B & Ken

TEA ROTA

Sunday School
Ian and Marjorie L
Bronwyn and Kevin
Mary B and Dawn

As I suspected I had no response to my appeal for more people to join the list. 😞 Dawn