

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



July August 2018

Dear Friends

A couple of days ago my sister and I visited the village of Midgley in West Yorkshire for their open gardens weekend. It was a glorious day, warm and sunny but with a gentle breeze. There were sixteen gardens in the village that could be visited and we visited every one. It was such a pleasure to chat to the owners who were all so enthusiastic about what they have created and we both came away with lots of inspiration for our own gardens. Each garden we visited was different in some way from all the others. One was a woodland garden; another had stunning iris beds surrounded by box hedging; another was planted mainly with hostas which are grown mainly for their beautiful leaves. Some gardens had colourful displays of flowers while others were largely vegetable gardens and it was easy to work out what the owners' favourite plants and flowers were.



Flowers in particular do have an important place in most people's lives whether we are lucky enough to have a garden which we are able to maintain or not. We give flowers as birthday gifts or romantic presents, as a token of our gratitude or as a tangible expression of our loving memories of departed loved ones. Flowers are an important part of all our lives – even the unfortunate folk who suffer from hay fever!

The annual Flower Service will be held this year on 1<sup>st</sup> July and you are all invited to bring to the service one flower. If possible please bring a flower that is a particular favourite of yours or one that has some special association for you. They will all be collected at the start of the service and then at the end of the service they will be distributed again – but not to the person who brought them and so your special flower will be taken home by someone else for it to give pleasure to them in the following days.

Also in July I am hoping to begin a series of evening gatherings for those who would like to learn more about some of the Bible readings I have used in services and about the Bible in general and how it came to be written. The dates in mind are all Tuesdays – July 24<sup>th</sup>; August 21<sup>st</sup>; September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Chapel service (normally) 2.00pm**  
**Sunday School (normally) 2.00pm**

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Beginning at 7.30 we will spend an hour or so looking at a particular Bible story and finding out something about the times in which it was written, the type of person who might have written it and why they might have written it.

Each evening will stand alone so there is no need to feel that you have to commit yourself to attending every one, it will not matter if you can only attend some of them. Please bring a Bible with you, any version, the more different versions we have the better. This will not be Bible study as it is usually thought of, I hope that you will find it much more interesting than that!

Every blessing, Andrew.

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May we held our Annual General Meeting of The Property Trusts. The A.G.M is open to all members of our congregation and thank you to the two observers who came along.



## Dukinfield Old Chapel and Sunday School Property Trusts

Two of The Property Trust officers have resigned from their posts, Dawn Buckle as Chair and Michael Eastwood as Treasurer, but they will remain as Trustees; although Michael will stay as interim Treasurer for a few weeks as there are a few things he would like to follow through and until we appoint another Treasurer.

Dawn and Michael did an excellent job, along with Bronwyn & Kevin, in applying for the Heritage Lottery Grant; from which we have benefited enormously; it enabled us to once again use our beautiful and interesting Chapel. We cannot thank Dawn and Michael enough for all the hard work they have done over the many years they have held these posts and their input at future trustee meetings will be gratefully appreciated. Thank you both.

As you will be aware we are applying for a further Heritage Lottery Fund Grant. It was found during the work which was completed last year on the Chapel, that the dry rot had spread further than originally anticipated, there are also other works needing to be done to enable us to use the Chapel and Community Hall to its full capacity and to reach out to a wider audience. Spearheading this next bid is Bronwyn and Kevin with assistance from Ian Peace and me, Kevin is again working as Site Manager. The four of us have already had several meetings regarding the application and have also met with the architect Mark Pearce. The application is somewhat different than last time, so its fingers crossed everyone. What's that saying, "no pain, no gain"?

Jennifer. (Chair of Dukinfield Old Chapel and Sunday School Property Trusts)

HChapel will be open for **Heritage Open Days** on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 September from 2.00 to 4.00pm and Saturday 8 September from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please encourage friends and family to attend. The loft and the crypt (weather permitting) will be open and we will be featuring Beatrix Potter and Shirley Stelfox as our Remarkable Women. Refreshments will be served in the Community all.

## WARDEN'S WORDS

I'm writing these notes as we are getting ready to go on holiday. It's been a long time since we have been away for 2 weeks and I had forgotten what preparation was needed! I hope over these summer months everyone has the chance to relax a little and restock our energies for weeks ahead. Our Heritage Lottery fund bid is now complete and has been submitted. It is now in the hands of others to decide whether we get the opportunity to make good all our restoration work. But even if we are unsuccessful this time, we will need to decide how we can get the most urgent sections of work completed—without repairs our lower roofs will continue to cause problems, and the dry rot will spread. We are hoping to make some improvements to the Community Hall too. Our toilets have become a real problem when we have big gatherings or meetings, and we would love to make our kitchen space larger to provide room for a wider variety of user groups. As a congregation we should be concerned about our larger town community and what we can do to help others. By making some changes to our own buildings we hope that more people get the opportunity to use our spaces, and we can open our doors to a wider variety of activities. It means that our wonderful heritage is seen by more people and our buildings are used more often. Our past history tells us that the Unitarians in Dukinfield made a huge contribution to life in the town—let's hope that we can make one in the future. With your help we can!



Bronwyn

## W O R C O M – Congregational Visit

I just wanted to update you all regarding the Visit on 5 August, there are still 4 seats available, if you can think of anyone you may know who would like to join us (we have 4 people from Stalybridge Church) as we are having a coach. We leave at 9.30am outside Chapel, attend the service at Wallasey Unitarian Church, have your packed lunch there and drinks provided by their congregation. Depending how long we take to eat the food will decide what time we leave to board the coach to take us for the journey on the Tram to the Museum. Hopefully the new Café will be completed where you may take a welcoming drink before we depart on another tram for the homeward journey, hopefully at 4pm.

Many thanks  
Janet

## **LEGACIES**

In recent weeks the chapel has been fortunate to receive three legacies. One for £90,000 for the Property Trust and from the same source £600 for flowers in chapel. The third is for £1,000 to go to the Chapel Council.

## **FUND RAISING**

First of all a huge thank you to everyone who came to support or donated to our Strawberry Fair—it was a great afternoon, and we thank Milltown Cloggies and Toe Tappers Dance School for their generous support.

Our fund raising events in July begin with a look at a trip to San Francisco and Hawaii given by Jennifer Moody on Tuesday 17 July in our Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided by Kevin and Bronwyn and the door and raffle will be covered by Emma.

In August we begin with a great night of Indoor Cricket on Tuesday 7 August at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. Refreshments will be provided by Jean and Shirley and Dawn will cover the door and raffle.

On Saturday 18 August we are to hold our very popular Quiz Night hosted by Elizabeth and John. Refreshments will be provided by everyone—please look for the list on the notice board in the Community Hall. The evening kicks off at 7.30pm. All our events are £5 incl. of 2 raffle tickets—but you can always buy more!!

Bronwyn

## **CRAFTY NATTERING**

The group will meet on Tuesday 31 July and Tuesday 28 August. Some members will be working on items for the Craft Stall at the Autumn Fair, others will be involved in their own craft activities and others still will just be nattering!! Do come along, you'll be made very welcome whether you've got 'something on the go' or not. There will be cake and drinks for a small donation. The group have already raised just over £200 for the Chapel Restoration Fund.

## FLOWERS FOR JULY 2018

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| 1  | Christine & Philip Cheetham            | In remembrance of Mr & Mrs W Holland,<br>Doris and Ernest Holland |
|    | Jennifer Moody & family                | Birthday memories of Ethel Moody                                  |
| 8  | Elizabeth Morton & the<br>Leach family | In loving memory of Jack & Doris and<br>dear brother, John Leach  |
|    | Mary & Barry Gaskell                   | Birthday memories of Hilda Gaskell                                |
| 15 | Brian & Rita Ashton<br>(Llandudno)     | Loving memories of David Pattison,<br>a dear nephew,              |
| 22 | John & Caroline Swindells              | In loving memory of George & Yvonne<br>Swindells                  |
| 29 | Jean Mellor, Elaine Ford &<br>Family   | Loving birthday memories of Ronnie                                |
|    | Sheila & Alan Kershaw                  | In memory of Neil Birch   |



## FLOWERS FOR AUGUST 2018

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| 5  | Christine & Philip Cheetham,           | Loving memories of Emily & John Holland<br>Judith, Ian & Oliver       |
|    |  | (Chapel closed – a donation has been received)                        |
| 12 | Anne Stephens                          | In remembrance of Eric and Mary Greenhalgh                            |
|    | Elizabeth Morton<br>& the Leach family | In loving memory of Mr & Mrs James Robinson<br>Mr & Mrs Charles Leach |
| 26 | Shirley Richardson                     | In remembrance of Gladys & Norman Crosby                              |

## DIARY FOR JULY 2018

- 1 Sun Flower Service at 2.00pm: Sunday School
- 2 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 4 Wed Karate
- 4 Wed Council meeting at 7.30pm
- 8 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Rev Shammy Webster
- 9 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 10 Tue Pantomime Games Night at 7.30pm
- 11 Wed Karate
- 15 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Rev Andrew Parker
- 16 Mon Vocatones: 5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 17 Tue Film show by Jennifer at 7.30pm
- 18 Wed Karate
- 21 Sat Vocatones show: 2.00pm – 9.00pm
- 22 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Chrissie Wilkie
- 22 Sun Sunday School closes
- 23 Mon Vocatones: .5.30pm – 6.30pm
- 24 Tue Bible discussion with Andrew at 7.30pm
- 25 Wed Karate
- 29 Sun Service at 2.00pm: Len Elias

On Wednesday 12th September Roy, Dawn and Gail are holding **an 'At Home'** at 14 Cedar Grove, Dukinfield SK16 5EL to celebrate Dawn's 80th birthday. They are happy to welcome friends from 10.30am to 4.00pm. There will be snacks and drinks. Nearer the time please let Dawn know if you are able to be there and about what time to expect you.

Dawn Roy and Gail

### Tea Rota

#### July

- 1 Sunday School
- 8 Ian and Marjorie L
- 15 Mary B and Dawn
- 22 Shirley and Jean
- 29 Jennifer and Judith

#### August

- 12 Ian and Marjorie L
- 19 Bronwyn and Kevin
- 26 Mary B and Dawn

## DIARY FOR AUGUST 2018

1	Wed	Karate
1	Wed	No Council meeting
5	Sun	Chapel closed – Congregational outing to Wallasey Unitarian church
6	Mon	Vocatones:: 8.45am – 3.15pm
7	Tue	Vocatones: 8.45am – 3.15pm
7	Tue	Coffee evening at 7.30pm: 'Cricket'
8	Wed	Vocatones: 8.45am – 3.15pm
8	Wed	Karate
8	Wed	Cheshire Family History Group at 7.30pm
9	Thu	Vocatones: 8.45am – 3.15pm
12	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Shammy Webster
14	Tue	TLHF meeting: 1.30pm – 4.30pm
15	Wed	Karate
18	Sat	John & Elizabeth's Quiz Night at 7.30pm
19	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Rev Andrew Parker
<b>19</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Deadline for September magazine</b>
22	Wed	Karate
26	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Jean Clements
26	Sun	September magazine out
28	Tue	Crafty Nattering at 7.00pm
29	Wed	Karate

## SEPTEMBER

2	Sun	Service at 2.00pm: Rev Andrew Parker
2	Sun	Sunday school reopens

**Congratulations** to Ann and Bernard Andrew who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

### WELCOMERS FOR JULY

July	1	Sunday School
	8	Dawn & Judith
	15	Ian & Janet
	22	Mary B & Ken
	29	Susan & Muriel

### WELCOMERS FOR AUGUST

Aug	5	Chapel closed
	12	Bronwyn Kevin
	19	Mary G & Marjorie
	26	Jean & Shirley