

THE OLD CHAPEL (UNITARIAN) GREAT HUCKLOW

May 2012



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William Bagshawe, who was known as ‘Apostle of the Peak’, founded the congregation in 1696.

The present Chapel was built in 1796 and the porch with its bellcote, together with a gallery in the main part, was added in 1901 when the interior was refurbished.

In 2007 the steps at the front of the Chapel and disabled access were also added.

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June Newsletter

Do you have anything that you wish to share through this newsletter? Send any items to Liz Shaw, Email: lizzy.shaw50@btinternet.com no later than 17th May for the June edition.

Just Thinking.....

I sometimes wonder if I am getting a little grumpy and a little less tolerant! I pose this question not so you can all rush and confirm that I am, but merely as a starting point for something that has been troubling me now for a few months.



Liz Shaw

I tend to journey to Hucklow twice a week usually, and when I do, I come over the top by Bretton and then down into the village.

I am, I think, a careful driver and I am aware that this route is narrow with lots of bends and corners to negotiate whilst keeping an eye out for oncoming traffic. So when I drive to Hucklow I usually do so at a pace that enables me to enjoy the journey and the views, which have a ‘settling’ effect on me and can give me much needed inner calm.

Over the last few months (or maybe much longer and I have chosen to ignore it), I have found other drivers to be less respectful, and on a few occasions have come across another vehicle who forces me into the hedge or side of the road, by barging their way through without so much of an acknowledgement. Worse still when I smile at them, I am usually met with a grimace or a glare!

In contrast to this are those who are out walking, some with their dogs, and who wave and smile when I pass even if they don’t know me. I do pass some people regularly now whom I don’t know but we exchange knowing nods and smiles. This has led me to ponder whether it is because those walking have their minds on things that enable them to still be part of what is

going on around them, whilst those driving are on a mission, with no regard to how they interact with other road users.

Am I being unfair? Well I think not. I think that sadly we seem to be more in an age where people put themselves first and others second, thereby giving the impression that they do not care for who or what is around them.

We all share this planet, and we all share the area where we live and work, it does not belong to individuals, and so I further wonder whether by being as we sometimes are, is it no wonder that our world is full of conflict and pain?

If we are unhappy with how Governments act within our own Country as well as others, maybe we would do well to take a close look at ourselves to see if we behave in the same manner. There is little enough time on this planet, so why waste it with having little or no regard for others. For when wealth and property are stripped away, we are left with each other, human beings who deserve some care and regard and love, and that costs nothing at all.

So next time you pass a stranger or a stranger passes by your gate, acknowledge them with a nod or a smile, it works wonders. And if you pass me on the top road to Hucklow, don't force me into the side, stop, wind down your window and exchange some pleasantries. Let's see if we can start something new going – give time to others and let them give you and others their time.

In love,

Liz

Services for May

All services at 10.30am

6 th May	Conducted by Liz Shaw <i>Visitors: FOY Society</i>
13 th May	Conducted by Larry Bode
20 th May	Conducted by Liz Shaw
27 th May	Conducted by Shammy Webster <i>Visitors: Kingswood Chapel</i>

On 6th May we welcome members of the FOY Society who are staying over at the Nightingale Centre and spending a weekend on the topic of ‘Murder, Justice and Society’.

The 13th May sees the welcome return of Larry Bode to our pulpit and we look forward to hearing from Larry again. We hope Maureen will be able to join us as well.

On 27th May Kingswood Chapel will be visiting us again, and this weekend is to replace their weekend they were due to have in February but were ‘snowed off’. It will be a Sunday off for their Minister Rev Anthony Howe who usually leads worship when they join us, as instead we will be welcoming student Minister Shammy Webster to our pulpit for the first time. Shammy is in her final year of Ministry training at Unitarian College Manchester.

Flowers for May



- 6th Wedding
13th Wedding
20th Janice and Brian Warriner
27th Wedding

Dates for your Diary

- Saturday 5th May **Wedding in the Chapel at 1.30pm**
Tracy Brownsell & Paul Harbidge
- Tuesday 8th May **The W.I. 7.45pm**
Speaker: Mr D Bell
Title: *'Down the Garden Path – The Privy'*
Teas: V Gregory & N Hilton
Competition: A Pretty Potty
- Saturday 12th May **Wedding in the Chapel at 2.00pm**
Liz Danton & Carl Goodwin
- Monday 14th May **Parish Council 7.30pm**
AGM 8.00pm
- Saturday 19th May **Coffee Morning**
10.30am to 12.30pm
Hosts: Pam & Vic Mason

Mon 21st, Tues 22nd,
Thurs 24th & Fri 25th

**Embroidery Classes 10.00am to
3.00pm** organised by Nicola Hilton

Saturday 26th May

Wedding in the Chapel 2.00pm
Ann Bradbury & John Peters

CHAPEL NEWS



News of People

We are pleased to report that Brenda Wragg, following a really bad car accident, is slowly making progress. I have spoken to Brenda and she sends her love to all in and around the community of Great Hucklow. We look forward to when Brenda will be back supporting our coffee mornings and send our love to her and all her family.

As we go to print, Marie Taylor is in hospital following a couple of falls at home. We send Marie our love and hope she will be back amongst us soon.

There are others too who are struggling at this particular time either with their own illness or the illness of a loved one. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Coffee Mornings

Just a note to remind you all that because of three weddings being held at the Chapel during May, there will again only be a monthly coffee morning on Saturday 19th May. We will start

our weekly coffee mornings from Saturday 2nd June. There is a sign-up sheet in the schoolroom, so please put your name down if you are able to host one of these.

Weddings in May

There are three weddings being held in the Chapel during May, and on behalf of the congregation, we would like to send our very best wishes to all three couples and hope that they have a beautiful day filled with memories, and a long and happy life together. We thank them also for sharing some of their wedding flowers with us on our Sunday morning worship.

‘DIY’ Services

There are still two DIY services left this year that will require someone to co-ordinate the service as well as choosing a theme. These are on 22nd July and 30th December. Have a word with Liz if you feel you can help out with this.

Visiting Preachers

As a congregation we are treated to a wealth and variety of visiting preachers and one thing that we do very well at Old Chapel, is to make them feel welcome both before and after the service, and some even engage in a healthy debate afterwards at tea and coffee.

We are fortunate for our doors are open – we are a welcoming community – we make people feel at home and important. Thank you all for all that you do to make this happen!