

**Stalybridge Unitarian Church is a  
Free Christian Congregation.**

**A member of The East Cheshire Union of Unitarian and Free  
Christian Churches.**

**A member of The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free  
Christian Churches.**

**A member of The North Cheshire Unitarian Sunday School  
Union**

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# **THE CHALICE**

**STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN CHURCH  
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## MINISTER'S LETTER



Dear Friends

Our Harvest Festival service was as usual a great success and this year the weekend was made even more memorable because we also had the great pleasure of welcoming our friends from other churches in Stalybridge to a United Harvest Festival Service which was held in our church that evening. My thanks to everyone who participated in the services, to everyone who donated harvest gifts and those who helped with the decoration of the church - and helped with the clearing up afterwards! Everything looked splendid, as it always does. A special word of thanks to Norman for his musical contributions to the day.

The united evening service was the latest in a series of united services which we have held in Stalybridge, all of which have been very successful. It really is good that we are able to worship together without denominational labels getting in the way and I hope that we will have many more opportunities like this. Our next united service will be a Prayer Service which will be held at the Baptist Church on Ambleside on October 29th at 6.30pm. Do come along and join us if you are able.

Sadly a number of our members have been unwell lately or have suffered accidents and we send our very best wishes to them all.

Wishing you every blessing.

Andrew.

## rites of passage

### Naming Ceremony

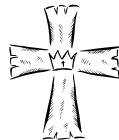
3rd September Joshua Jacob Hebb

### Baptism

23rd September Rhiannon Morgan Stafford

We are delighted to welcome Joshua and Rhiannon to our church family and wish them every happiness for the future.

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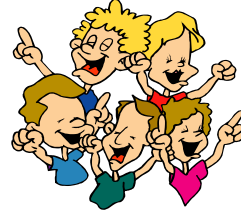
We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Florence Greenwood, wife of Mr Jack Greenwood. Florence was 81 years old. We are all aware of the fact that the Greenwood family were instrumental in the foundation of this congregation. Even though the family live in Cornwall Jack keeps this connection very much alive.

We regret to inform you of the death of Mr Norman William Bradbury BEM, aged 91 years. He was the elder brother of Mr Noel Bradbury. Norman was awarded the British Empire Medal for service in Egypt during the Suez Crisis when he was defending the towns' water supply. The funeral service was held in East Anglia and was conducted by Rev Chris Wilson, Moderator of the Unitarian Christian Association. Norman was always interested in the fortunes of the congregation. Sadly, Noel was unable to travel to the funeral due to ill health.

We send our heartfelt condolences to their families and friends



## WARDEN'S NOTES



I hope that, like me, you are all excited and encouraged by the recent increase in the numbers of people worshipping at our regular services. Not only are our numbers increasing but the age range is also becoming wider. For the last few Sundays we have had six children taking part in the first section of the service before going off for their own activities. Of course, young people bring young parents and this helps to make our congregation more complete and a more accurate reflection of our society.

By defining our Unitarian Free Christianity we have put ourselves in a position to attract people to a church that knows exactly where it is going. Our worship is of the highest quality and every service is both enjoyable and thought provoking. We have a committee which is determined to work hard to look after the fabric and finances of the congregation

Our forefathers would be proud of us and quite rightly so. But we must not rest on our laurels. It is up to every single member of our congregation to help to continue this trend. Tell your friends and colleagues to come to church, bring them with you so that they get an idea of what we are about. By doing this we can prove to people that church life is not dull, it is a very fulfilling experience that should be shared by more people.

If we stand together under the banner of Unitarian Free Christianity we can and will make this church and congregation even stronger than it already is.

Let us make that our goal.

Ken Howard

## UNITARIAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

Leaders for September

1st Oct: Ruth Mills  
8th Oct: Sue Howard  
15th Oct: Clare Bullock  
22nd Oct: Ruth Mills  
29th Oct: Sue Howard



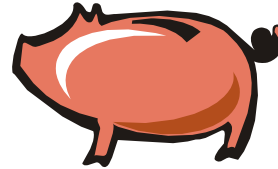
All young people, whether regular attenders or visitors, are more than welcome to join us at our UYPG meetings which take place during morning service (after the 2nd hymn) every Sunday. If you have any queries, please contact Clare Bullock on 0161 303 8872.

UNITARIAN CHRISTIAN  
ASSOCIATION  
SYNOD

TO BE HELD AT CAMBRIDGE  
ON  
SATURDAY 28TH OCTOBER

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
ATTENDING PLEASE  
CONTACT THE MINISTER OR  
THE WARDEN

## FUND RAISING AND SOCIAL GROUP



First of all we hope you enjoyed the Harvest supper and many thanks to all who contributed to make it an enjoyable night.

Our first event in October is the Whist drive which will be held on Friday 13th starting as usual at 7.30 pm. All are welcome, so please come along if you'd like to join in. You don't have to be an expert and we always have an entertaining evening. For £2 you may win a prize (including a raffle) and will get a cup of tea and a cake as well.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our musical evening with Joyce Aldridge. We hope to be able to bring you another event on 20th October, so please look out for details on the notice board.

Of course our big forthcoming event will be the Bazaar which will be held on 4th November starting at 11 am. We had to cancel our Summer Fayre due to building problems in church, so we need to make a special effort for the Bazaar in November. We need donations for all the usual stalls, including Home Bake, Tombola, Gifts and Bottle Tombola. Most of all though, we need you to come along and bring your friends (and your wallets) to make it a super day.

We shall be holding a fund raising meeting on Monday 16th October at 8 pm at church. We need anyone who could bring us some new fund raising ideas so please think hard and come and join us if you feel you can contribute in any way.

Sue Howard

## **LADIES CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETY (WOMEN'S LEAGUE)**

The Ladies Monthly Tea will be held on the second Wednesday (11th October) at 3 pm when the hostess will be Mrs Margaret Andrews. All ladies are welcome.

The Ladies Service will be on Sunday 29th October when the service will be conducted by Rev Jean McNeile

Once again we will be visiting Great Hucklow for our **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH**. This will take place on Wednesday 6th December. Please put your names and those of your friends on the notice board in the porch. If it is more convenient please ring me on 0161 3307072. I shall need a deposit of £5 per person as soon as possible

Margaret Hallsworth

## **THE NIGHTINGALE CENTRE GREAT HUCKLOW**

It has been confirmed that this visit to Hucklow will take place from Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July 2007. We have to confirm the booking within the next few weeks so it is extremely important that you put your name on the list in the porch as soon as possible

EAST CHESHIRE UNION OF  
UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

**AUTUMN MEETING**  
**TO BE HELD AT HYDE CHAPEL GEE CROSS ON SATURDAY 14TH  
OCTOBER**

**THE OPENING SERVICE WILL START AT 2.30 PM., FOLLOWED  
BY A TALK BY THE GA PRESIDENT, MR DAVID DAWSON.  
TEA WILL BE AT 4.30 PM.**

**PLEASE PUT YOUR NAMES ON THE LIST IN THE PORCH IF YOU  
REQUIRE TEA.**

## **SPECIAL SERVICES AND EVENTS 2006**

|              |         |  |
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| Sat Oct 14th | 2.30 pm | ECU Autumn Meeting<br>at Hyde Chapel               |
| Sun Oct 29th | 11 am   | Ladies Service                                     |
| Sat Nov 4th  | 11 am   | Bazaar   |
| Sun Nov 12th | 11 am   | Remembrance Day<br>Service                         |
| Wed Dec 6th  |         | Ladies Society Christmas<br>Lunch at Great Hucklow |
| Sun Dec 24th | 2.30 pm | Juvenile Membership<br>Family Carol Service        |
| Sun Dec 24th | 6.30 pm | Candlelit Carol service                            |
| Mon Dec 25th | 11 am   | Christmas Day service                              |

### **£1 A MONTH CLUB**

If anyone has not renewed their membership or wishes to join for the first time, then please contact me. I am at church most Sundays, but if you do not see me there I can be contacted on 0161 344 0942 or at 45 Church Street, Dukinfield, SK16 4PR. Last month's winner was Margaret Hallsworth.

Beryl Bradbury



**STALYBRIDGE UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
**Forester Drive, Stalybridge**



# ANNUAL BAZAAR

Saturday November 4th 2006



Official opening  
at 11 am



All the usual stalls and  
attractions including  
refreshments will be  
available so come along and  
bring your friends

Entrance 50p at the door

## **WEB SITE**

We are pleased to inform you that Colin and Philip Horsfield have already done a lot of work to update our website. The Minister is working together with Colin and Philip to ensure that all the content is correct. This work is still ongoing but if you have access to the internet please check it out at;

**[www.stalybridgeunitarians.org.uk](http://www.stalybridgeunitarians.org.uk)**

## **DRY ROT APPEAL**

I am sure most of you are aware that the repair of the recent outbreak of dry rot cost us approximately £3000. Add to this the loss of revenue from the cancelled Summer Fayre and you can understand that this has been a major financial outlay.

The Church Committee has once again felt it necessary to appeal to members and friends of the church to make donations to cover as much of these costs as possible.

We regret that we have to do this but this expenditure was not budgeted for and we hope we can rely on all our members and friends to help us out.

If you feel you can help please send your donations to the treasurer (address at front). Please make cheques payable to Stalybridge Unitarian Church.

**We are grateful to The East Cheshire Union of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches for their grant of £500 towards the cost of these repairs.**

Ken Howard

## CHURCH FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

- 1st Mr Bill Atkin in memory of Margaret
- 8th Table: Mrs Edith Howard in memory of Clarrie and Steven
- Font: Mrs M Mather in memory of Mr Norton
- 15th Mr & Mrs Noel Bradbury in memory of Mr & Mrs W H Bradbury
- 22nd Mrs Averil Buckley in memory of Philip Buckley
- 29th Mrs Jean Thomas in memory of Alice, Constance and Jack, the Somerfield triplets

**There are a few vacancies on the flower calendar. If you are interested in donating flowers please contact Margaret Hallsworth.**

## STEWARDS FOR OCTOBER

- 1st: Tom Whitehead
- 8th: Bill Atkin
- 15th: Don Andrews
- 22nd: Ken Howard
- 29th: Stuart Hinchliffe

**If anyone would like to become a steward please contact the warden.**

# OCTOBER

- Sun 1st 11.00 am Morning Service and UYPG. Service conducted by Ken Howard
- Sun 8th 11.00am Morning Service and UYPG. Service conducted by Rev Myrna Michell
- Wed 11th 3.00 pm Ladies Society monthly tea
- Fri 13th 7.30 pm Whist Drive
- Sat 14th 2.30 pm ECU Autumn Meeting at Hyde Chapel Gee Cross (Details on notice board)
- Sun 15th 11.00am Morning Service and UYPG . Service conducted by Mr David Dawson, President of The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
- Mon 16th 8.00 pm Fund Raising and Social Group meeting
- Sun 22nd 11.00 am Morning Service and UYPG. Service conducted by the Minister.
- Sat 28th Unitarian Christian Association Synod at Cambridge
- Sun 29th 11.00 am Ladies Service conducted by Rev Jean McNeile