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WARDENS NOTES

We are coming up to a very busy time of year and we need the support of everybody to attend certain special services and events.

The people going to Rome leave on 3rd October and return on 11th October. We send them off with the good wishes of the whole congregation. I know that Andrew organises these trips in a way that only he could and I am sure everybody will have a great time.

The ECU 150th Anniversary celebrations will be held at Old Chapel Dukinfield on Saturday 10th October. This should be a great day and there is still time to put your name on the list.

The President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches will be taking our service on Sunday 11th October. Bearing in mind that quite a few people will be in Rome it would be nice to have as big a congregation as possible. Hopefully we will be joined by people from other ECU churches and Dobb Lane.

The Unitarian Christian Association will be holding their next Synod at Cross Street Chapel, Manchester on Saturday 31st October. If you would like to attend please let me know.

A small band of people have been working hard on the gardens/grounds which are now looking much tidier. We would like to thank them for all their hard work. Sadly some people are still using the back of church as a drug/drinking den. This problem has been reported to the police.

I hope you all like the Memorial Tree which I feel is a great addition to our church. You will find more details about this elsewhere in this issue of Chalice. I would like to thank everybody who helped to make this idea come to fruition. (It was not as easy as first thought).

Ken

EAST CHESHIRE UNION OF UNITARIAN AND FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

These celebrations will be held at Old Chapel Dukinfield on Saturday 10th October. The programme is as follows:

4.00 pm Worship conducted by GA President Rev Bob Wightman

5.30 pm Buffet Tea

7.30 pm Cabaret

This event is being funded entirely by the ECU. A notice is on the board with more details. Please make an effort and let us have a good presence from Stalybridge at this important event.

£1 A MONTH CLUB

August's winner was number 13, Callum Howard. Congratulations!

MEMORIAL TREE

As some of you may have noticed, we now have a Memorial Tree at the back of church. If anyone would like someone remembered, please get in touch with Clare Bullock, Sue Howard or Ruth Mills and we will arrange for the children to make your tag to hang on the tree. You can choose your shape – we have a flower, a bird, a butterfly and a leaf up to now, so you need to decide what shape you want and what colour and also we need a brief message to be written and it can then be hung on the tree. This is a project the UYPG have undertaken to give people an opportunity to remember their loved ones. The more we have on, the better it will look, so please get in touch!

FUND RAISING

Well, it hardly seems a minute since I last did my little bit for Chalice, but here we are again. By the time you read this, we will have had our French Night which I hope all went off OK.

Our next Whist Drive will be held on Friday 2nd October starting at 7.30 pm at church. Please come along and join us for an enjoyable evening out when you may even win a prize! The cost is £2 which includes a raffle and refreshments. Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be an expert!! The one after that will be held on Friday 6th November.

As for forthcoming events, we shall be holding our third evening of Desert Island discs on 23rd October. Proceedings start at 7.30 pm and the cost for the evening will be £4 which will entitle you to an evening's entertainment as well as a potato pie supper. Our guests this time will be Julie Mather and Bill Atkin. Please come along and share their choice of music with them. If you intend to come, please put your name on the notice on the board so we know how many to cook potato pie for.

We are having a change this year with regard to the Bazaar. We are changing the name as we feel it is a bit old fashioned and does not truly reflect what we do on that day and we have decided to hold it a little later and it will be a Christmas Fair. It is being held on Saturday 28th November and will have a definite Christmas feel to it. Father Christmas will put in a brief appearance at 12 pm, so any children that wish to meet him should come along. Most other things will be the same with Home Bake stall, Christmas/gift stall, Bottle Tombola, ordinary Tombola as well as the usual raffle. There will be a Lucky Dip/Secret Santa table and the lunch café will have a definite Christmas taste to it. Please make a note of the date in your diary and if anyone can help with any contributions to any of the stalls, please make yourself known.

As last year, we shall be holding a Christmas Party on Friday 11th December starting at 6.30 pm. All children (and adults) are welcome and I believe Father Christmas will again be making an appearance. A buffet supper will be held and the usual games and fun for all. Please get in touch with me if you would like your names putting on the list or of course put your names on yourself. If you have children coming, we need to know their names and ages. It seems quite a long time away, but I am sure it will be upon us very shortly.

Finally, just to remind everyone that we are starting to write a recipe book – if anyone has a recipe they would like or have one to share with others, please contact me and I will add it to our 'book' which we will eventually sell to help our fund raising efforts.

Our next fund raising meeting will be held on Monday 26th October at 7.15 pm which is just before the main church committee meeting. Please feel free to join us if you feel you could help in any way. We are always on the look out for new ideas.

Sue Howard

UNITARIAN YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP

All young people, whether they attend regularly or are just visiting, 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 ring Clare Bullock on 0161 303 8872. We have recently been illustrating the story we have heard earlier in the service and we shall continue to do that over the next few months and then we will have to start preparing our Christmas items. We are always busy and would love to have lots of children come and join us.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The October meeting of the Women's League takes place on Wednesday

OBITUARY

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs Averil Buckley. Averil was 83 and absolutely loved coming to church. She will be sadly missed and we offer our condolences to the family at this sad time.

Her funeral was held at church on 21st September at which Rev A R Parker officiated.

At the request of the family Averil's ashes will be scattered in the church grounds at a date yet to be arranged.

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

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| 4th | Bill Atkin in memory of Margaret Atkin |
| 10th | Mrs Edith Howard in memory of Clarrie & Steven |
| 18th | Miss Jemma Dagnagh |
| 25th | Alison & Julian Stafford in memory of baby Jack Taylor |

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 3rd-11th Trip to Rome

October 10th 150th Anniversary celebration at Old Chapel, Dukinfield

October 18th Ladies Service

October 23rd Desert Island Discs

November 8th Remembrance Sunday

November 28th Christmas Fair

December 20th Carol Service

STEWARDS FOR OCTOBER

Sunday 4th Wendy Maher

Sunday 10th Ken Howard

Sunday 18th Bill Atkin

Sunday 25th Don Andrews

Calendar October 2009

Friday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Whist Drive
Saturday 3 rd		Departure of trip to Rome
Sunday 4 th	11.00 am	Morning service and UYPG (Service conducted by Ken Howard)
Wednesday 7 th	3.00 pm	Ladies Congregational Society Monthly Tea
Saturday 10 th	4.00 pm	ECU 150 th Anniversary celebrations at Old Chapel Dukinfield
Sunday 11 th	11.00 am	Morning service and UYPG (Service conducted by Rev Bob Wightman)
Sunday 18 th	11.00 am	Morning service and UYPG (Ladies Service conducted by Joan McFarlane, President of Women's league Manchester District)
Friday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Desert Island Discs
Sunday 25 th	11.00 am	Morning service and UYPG
Monday 26 th	7.15 pm 8.00 pm	Fund Raising Meeting Church Committee Meeting