



WESTGATE CHAPEL (UNITARIAN) WAKEFIELD

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**Westgate Chapel was opened in 1752.
Its congregation was established in 1662 and became
Unitarian in view in the eighteenth century.
It has taken a leading part in the economic, social,
educational, political - and spiritual - development
of Wakefield and its vicinity.**

**SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.30am on the first Sunday of each
month and 3pm on all other Sundays**

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2010

Thought for the month

Human nature does not change – only our methods of communication ,
and what we choose to communicate about, alter.

Erica Wagner in *The Times*, 27 January 2010

Services in February, at 10.30am on 7 February, and at 3pm on all other days

7 February	Stephen Carlile
14 February	John Goodchild
21 February	Reverend Robin Boyes
28 February	Jim Timiney

Rota of Welcomers

7 February	Nancy Denison
14 February	Ralph Denby
21 February	John Goodchild
31 January	Pat Howard

As always, if you are unable to act as welcomer on the day indicated, you
are asked to arrange an exchange.

Goodies and Baddies, Sunday 7 February at 10.30am

Stephen Carlile's service on 7 February will be on the theme of Goodies
and Baddies.

The Westgate Forum

There will be no meeting of the Westgate Forum this month as Kate
foolishly arranged a meeting for some of the Gaskell Trustees to meet in
the Vestry on the morning of 2 February.

Building C and the trees in the Chapel grounds

You may well have noticed that both the Ash and the Sycamore close to the new building C have been lopped – badly and without permission – by the construction company Clegg. All our trees are the subject of Tree Preservation Orders. It seems that when (lamentably) the plans were passed for the new development, no consideration was given to the trees at all. This was unquestionably wrong: not only do they have TPOs but they are also in a Conservation Area. But the deeds have been done. Now the local authority's arboricultural officer, Mark Jennings, has met John Goodchild and Kate Taylor, together with Pat Flynn of Clegg's. Mark has advised that the Ash will now need to be removed and replaced by a semi-mature tree. Careful surgery will be required for the Sycamore. Clegg's will need to make application to do the work and must consult the Chapel Trustees prior to this. Mr Jennings suggests that the new tree might be an Elm, a Lime or a Tulip tree.

Send-a-Child-to-Hucklow and a Golden Wedding

Following our Christmas and New-Year collections we have been able to send £180 from the Chapel to the Send-a-Child-to-Hucklow fund. But the fund has further benefited from the generosity of our Treasurer and his wife. Bill and Dinky Humphreys celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in January and encouraged their guests to make donations to SACH rather than to give them presents. So far, Bill reports, some £179 has gone on their behalf to the Fund. And our congratulations to Dinky and Bill too.

Should we rename the Calendar?

It has been suggested that 'Calendar' is a rather old-fashioned name for our monthly bulletin and that perhaps it should be called the Newsletter which it is (or tries to be!). What do readers think? Or could we find a trendy title. Westgate World? Let Kate know if you have any ideas.

The General Assembly Quota Payment

The per capita payment of £24 is now due. Our Treasurer sends the General Assembly a cheque each year on behalf of our members (seventeen in number). It is always appreciated if individual members feel that they can donate this sum themselves in addition to their usual

contributions to the Chapel's finances. Please let Bill Humphreys have your payment if you are happy to do this.

Coming events at the Nightingale Centre

Gather the Spirit Through Music – 17-19 February run by the Unitarian Music Society and costing £86 upwards depending on your accommodation. Book via Helen Merritt 0151-625-5488 or richardandhelenmerritt@hotmail.com

Reaching for the High Notes: Unitarian Experience Week, 24-31 July
Participants can attend for a day or for the week. Creative activities, discussions, music appreciation, walking and much more. Enquiries to Kathy Beckett, 13 Neilson Close, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants. SO53 1GR or telephone 0230-273420.

The Unitarian path is a liberal religious movement rooted in the Jewish and Christian traditions but open to insights from world faiths, reason and science, and with a spectrum extending from liberal Christianity through to religious humanism. (Prologue to *The Unitarian Path* by Andrew Hill.)

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