

hospitalized. We wish them both a speedy return to good health.

Elaine has continued to oversee our Friday services, where attendance can fluctuate according to people's availabilities with anything up to twelve meeting round the Chalice. Our thanks to all others who have contributed too. If you have not attended one but are free at midday on a Friday do come along for this 20 minute meeting for prayer and reflection.

I trust that you have all been able to locate our televised service and accompanying short interviews on <http://www.ukunitarian.tv?warwick-service>

WHAT'S ON

The Chapel is usually open on **Fridays** from 11.30 for coffee and conversation before a short 20 minute lunchtime service of worship at 12.15 with prayer, reflection and music, taken by one of the congregation.

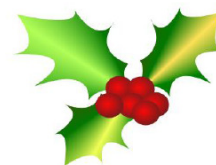
There will be **no Friday lunchtime services** though on December 16th (Carols later), 23rd or 30th. We will resume on **Twelfth Night - January 6th**.

We usually have carpet bowls on **2nd Tuesday** of the month. The next Bowls Day is **13th December** in the Chapel from 2.00 pm. **There will not however be a bowls session 10th January.** All welcome – experience not necessary, though a willingness to enjoy cake might be!

THE CHAPEL TEAM

Chair: Malcolm Burns 01926 831559 **Secretary:** Elaine Nomura 01926 611964 **Treasurer:** Cherry Dodd 01926 491311 **Pulpit Rota:** Christine Thompson
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Worship on Sundays at 4.30

4th December	Diane Rutter
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FRIDAY 4.30	Diane Rutter
16th December	CAROL SERVICE
18th December	Rev Sue Woolley CHRISTMAS SERVICE
25th December	NO SERVICE
1st January	NO SERVICE
8th January	Gavin Lloyd
15th January	Angela Maher
22nd January	Kath Forder
29th January	Rev Ant Howe

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL READERS

Service Leaders in December and January

It is a great pleasure to welcome **Diane Rutter** from our sister church in Kingswood back again on the 4th December. **Diane** will also lead our popular **Carol Service** on the Friday 16th December at 4.30.

On 18th we will have our Christmas Service, taken this year by the Rev **Sue Woolley** who, in addition to being Minister at Banbury and a loyal supporter of Warwick, is the District Minister for the Midland Unitarian Association. This will be the last Sunday service of the year as the Chapel will be closed for Christmas Day itself.

We will not meet on New Year's Day either, so **Gavin Lloyd**, our loyal friend from the Oxford Congregation, will launch us onto 2017 on 8th January.

Angela Maher, who presided over our televised service earlier this year, will return on the 15th January.

On January 22nd we are delighted to invite a new leader to take our service, **Mrs Kath Forder** who has been a lynchpin of Evesham and Kidderminster for many years.

We hope that **Ant Howe** will be well enough to take the service at the end of January.

We extend our warmest thanks to all of these speakers for coming to take our service.

We will celebrate the birth of Christ in the traditional way with Christmas Carols at 4.30 on Friday 16th and then with a Christmas Service on Sunday 18th. All are most welcome – and please bring your friends.

The Chapel will be closed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

ROUNDUP

At the end of September we joined the very successful **MUA visit to Styal** organised by Diane Rutter. Clogging traffic on the M6 delayed our arrival and therefore curtailed time to explore everything fully, but most of us had the opportunity to visit the Quarry Bank Mills which had strong Unitarian links. We sensed the rigours of the daily grind and the clattering noise that workers suffered at the turn of the Eighteenth Century. The conditions of employment were exploitative in the extreme by present-day standards, but at the time represented a relatively enlightened approach. We were able to walk round the contrastingly comfortable village of Styal on our way to a short but inspiring service in Styal Chapel, taken by **Alex Bradley**, and a warming tea with a splendid array of cakes provided by members of their congregation.

Our **Harvest Festival** took the form of a **Kaleidoscope** service – an eclectic blend of readings chosen by the congregation to reflect the time of year, ably led by **Elaine**. The collection of non-perishable foodstuffs was taken to the Food Bank in Leamington and was warmly received with many thanks to all who contributed. At that same service we held a special collection for the Clara Barton Appeal for Syria (British Red Cross) as supported by the GA and were pleased to be able to send in a cheque for over £200.

The Remembrance Sunday Service was taken very sensitively this year by **Angela Maher** whose thought-provoking approach to the subject was well appreciated by a good gathering as she encouraged us to think less of the victory and glory and more about the tragedy and the other victims of wars everywhere.

Malcolm Sadler, who was taken back in to Warwick Hospital early in October, is gradually making progress after some serious setbacks, and sends his greetings to all friends at the Chapel. **Ant Howe** is also still off work, though he has not been