

YORK UNITARIANS
Saint Saviourgate Chapel
2pm Saturday 5th December 2009



INDUCTION SERVICE
conducted by Reverend Gillian Peel



for New Minister - Myrna Michell

Music by Edd Caine

Musical Prelude: - Edd Caine

Welcome: by Adrian Lovett
Chairperson of York Unitarians

Chalice Lighting

Chalice Lighter: We light our Chalice today to honour all those who have served in our ministry at Saint Saviourgate and the people they have served.

People: May our Chalice flame symbolise the continuity of spiritual life of this Chapel and may it light the way ahead.

Opening words: from *Cones* by R.S. Thomas

Opening Hymn: (Purple Book No. 20)

Come, all who look to God today,

Stretch out your hands, enlarge your mind,

Together share the living way,

Where all who humbly seek will find.

Come, young and old of every faith,

Bring all your treasuries of prayer,

And seek the living Spirit's breath

To realise the truths we share.

Bring your traditions' richest store,

Your hymns and rites and cherished creeds;

Explore your visions, pray for more,

Since God delights to meet fresh needs.

Come, trust in God and live in peace,

Anticipate that final light

When strife and bigotry shall cease,

And faith be lost in praise and sight. Amen.

Rachel G. Jones

A time of prayer and reflection
Reverend Gillian Peel

First reading: *There is Ministry* (anon)
read by Jen Atkinson

Second reading: *Under Orders at the Margin of Time*
by Walter Royal Jones, Jr. - read by Rev. Gillian Peel

HYMN: - (Purple Book No.92)

**Let us renew our covenant
to build community,
within a place where justice reigns
and flowers, liberty;**

a place for people of all kinds
and all abilities;

a place for people from all parts
and nationalities;

a place for people of all faiths
despite their difference,
their age, their colour or their race,
their sex or preference.

So bless, O God, our covenant
and bless this earthly place,
which swings through stars and galaxies
and through the curves of space.

Andrew McKean Hill

A SHARED COVENANT

between the York Chapel Community and the new Minister

The York Chapel Community seeks the Minister's response:

First reader: Myrna, we offer you our hopes for continuing growth as individuals and as a community. Will you help us to build a welcoming spiritual community, which is tolerant and appreciative of our differences, and which is loving and compassionate?

Minister: I will.

Second reader: Myrna, we offer you our joys and concerns, our celebrations and our sorrows. Will you share our laughter and our tears; and support us when we are in need?

Minister: I will.

Third reader: Myrna, when we are troubled or confused, will you share your insights and understanding and help us to find the best ways forward?

Minister: I will.

Fourth reader: Myrna, we recognise that these are serious responsibilities and we thank you for your willingness to accept them. Will you help us to face our challenges and to seize our opportunities?

Minister: I will.

The new Minister seeks the Chapel Community's response

Minister: Thank you for inviting me to become your Minister. It is a great honour and I commit myself to doing my very best for the benefit of the whole chapel community. Dear friends, will you share with me your many talents, insights and experiences, so that together we can continue to build a spiritual and caring community?

Chapel community: We will.

Minister: My aim is to provide pastoral care to everyone who needs it and spiritual guidance to the whole chapel community. Will you help me to do this?

Chapel community: We will.

Minister: Will you help me to look beyond this chapel community to the wider community beyond, to understand its needs better and welcome those who may choose to share our activities and explorations?

Chapel community: We will.

Minister: Dear friends, when difficulties arise, will you give me your counsel and support so that, together, we may continue our journey?

Chapel community: We will.

**Minister and Chapel community together:
Thus do we pledge. This is our covenant with one another.**

HYMN: set to music by *Myrna Michell*

I would be true for there are those who trust me;

I would be pure, for there are those who care.

I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;

I would be brave, for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all - the foe, the friendless;

I would be giving, and forget the gift;

I would be humble, for I know my weakness;

I would look up, and laugh, and love - and lift.

H. A. Walter

ADDRESS: by the Reverend John Midgley

INDUCTION:

Adrian Lovett as Chairperson of York Unitarians
will invite the new Minister to
'take the pulpit'.

Greetings from the General Assembly
of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches
brought by The Revd. Robert Wightman,
President of the General Assembly

Greetings from the Yorkshire Unitarian Union
brought by David Arthur,
President of the Yorkshire Union

Greetings from the Cambridge Congregation
brought by Sylvia Featherstone

Closing Hymn: (Purple Book No. 44)

Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
Mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks for those whose lives shone with a light
Caught from the Christ-flame, gleaming through the night,
Who touched the truth, who burned for what is right:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks for all, our living and our dead,
Thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
A love not changed by time or death or dread:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope that like a seed of grain
Lying in darkness, does its life retain
To rise in glory, growing green again:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shirley Irena Murray

Benediction: by the Minister, Myrna Michell

Musical postlude - Edd Caine

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the
Send a Child to Hucklow Fund



at Saint Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel

7.30pm on Saturday 5th December
"REJOICE! REJOICE!"

A concert of Christmas Carols old and new
by the Stamford Bridge Choir £5 (£3)

11am on Sunday 6th December
Sunday Service

to be taken by Reverend Bob Wightman
President of the General Assembly
of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches

7.30pm on Sunday 6th December
Late Music Concert Series

A concert showcasing the results from
performance and composition workshops