



[WWW.GLASGOW-UNITARIANS.ORG.UK /](http://WWW.GLASGOW-UNITARIANS.ORG.UK/)

GLASGOW UNITARIANS

NOVEMBER 2018

NEWS & VIEWS



Kilmartin Glen has the most important concentration of Neolithic and Bronze Age remains in mainland Scotland.

*What histories are etched into ancient stones?
Tales decayed with the fall of walls,
The sag of dynasty, the crumble of bones,
The march of ghosts through tumbled halls.*

*If we could learn to unlock the past
What shrouds would unfurl from our eyes?
Would realisation be ours at last?
Understanding the what, when, who and why's.*

*These places, their magic floods my soul,
washes me clean of the now.
Their stories surge through me,
re-make me whole,
ancient voices tell of the how.*

*Ancestors sing and call me home.
I would go if I knew the way.
Under my feet, beneath the loam
stirs blood, beats heart of a by-gone day.*

Ali Isaac

GLASGOW UNITARIAN CHURCH (SCIO)
72 Berkeley Street, Glasgow G3 7DS Scottish Charity Number SC016472
Cover - Lyanne Mitchell

SCOTTISH RAIN

Air holds the magic 'til you breathe
the first suspended tinge of sweet-
briar, rose or mottled leaf.

Deep breath that soars
can keep within the lungs 'til
the brain just knows - rain!

On the ears, rain drops like
orange pips then drops like
plopping plums, heavier,
filling a space for bombs,
shattering eyelids, splashing
tears that roll down necklines,
translucent beads on heads.

You're bent and ducking, wet and
waddling, a world turning tricks,
a moving mission in Nature's
vision, a glistening and shimmering
of stained-glass window panes,
wet pools of glassy brilliantine,
reflecting that world above,
where crusty clouds float in
a beauty of perfect form,
where heaven is enough to
gaze and adore the light of
evening until all returns to
its sunlit state.

Corinna Tyagi

CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 4th Emily and Julie will offer a creche for any young children who may be present.

“The Curious Mind of Charles Darwin, Child and Man” led by Lyanne Mitchell and Neil Spurway.

‘Charles Darwin’s ideas about evolution deeply disturbed and offended many Christians. He came from a tradition which valued and encouraged free enquiry’.

Sunday 11th. Armistice Day

“Loss and Recovery; Personal and Universal” led by Iain Brown.

‘Wars lead to the loss of millions of lives. How do humans cope with personal loss and grief? And if whole communities lose their menfolk, how did those remaining, recover? Where does Religion come in, if at all?’

Sunday 18th

“It’s Only Natural”

Jim Millar will lead us to consider Religious Naturalism, ‘an approach to spirituality which is grounded firmly in science and the humanities, and without the supernatural. Yet it maintains the awe, wonder and mystery of life and the Universe.’

Sunday 25th

“Thanksgiving (How? To Whom? For What?)”

Rev John Clifford offers his ‘reflections on Thanksgiving by a former Yank – what is really, really valuable and how do we express our appreciation?’ There will be time for some participation.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS at 7 pm

Wednesday 7th

Video recordings of the Aurora Borealis, with folk tales and discussion, led by Iain Brown.

Wednesday 14th

A brief video introduction to the Hindu Religion, leading on to what we know of Hindu beliefs and practices, and the politics of modern India. Janet Briggs will lead this.

INTRODUCING OUR PRIVACY POLICY

By ALASTAIR MOODIE, CHURCH SECRETARY

As the secretary of the Management Committee (Board of Trustees), I took on the responsibility of developing a Privacy Policy to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) May 25, 2018. Regular readers of News & Views may recall an article by Alison Briggs in the August edition in which she explained GDPR and some of its implications.

We must meet our obligation to be compliant. In the process it has been necessary to review our use of personal information and what we do with it. It is also important to be more transparent and accountable for the data collected and stored by the church and how it is used.

Personal data can be anything that allows a person to be directly or indirectly identified. GDPR defines sensitive personal data as being in 'special categories' of information. These include trade union membership, religious beliefs, political opinions, racial information, and sexual orientation.

GUC does not record sensitive personal data. Although religious belief may be inferred from association with the Unitarian Church, no particular beliefs can be assumed in this very liberal and free-thinking culture!

Consent is a very important matter and as a result of this review the trustees have agreed to seek active consent from all members and friends. By completing a consent form you have choices about the level of consent you are giving.

One special aspect relates to pastoral support. We have a group of church volunteers who offer support by means of regular contact which may take the form of a phone call or a house visit. The consent form allows you to indicate your wishes, including a preference to be contacted only by request. In addition, there is a new Emergency Contact form for those who wish to complete it, providing information to be used only in the case of illness or accident.

Consent forms will be soon be available in the church. You are encouraged to complete a form so that GUC has your consent to keep you on our membership database. The following information is given at the bottom of the form:

“You can grant consent to all the purposes; one of the purposes or none of the purposes. Where you do not grant consent we will not be able to use your personal data; (so for example we may not be able to let you know about forthcoming services and events); except in certain limited

situations, such as where required to do so by law or to protect members of the public from serious harm. You can find out more about how we use your data from our "Privacy Notice" which is available from our website or by contacting the Secretary of GUC.

You can withdraw or change your consent at any time by contacting the Administrator. Please note that all processing of your personal data will cease once you have withdrawn consent, other than where this is required by law, but this will not affect any personal data that has already been processed prior to this point."

Finally, here is the formal Privacy Notice that the Management Committee has adopted:

1. The Religious Society named Glasgow Unitarian Church SCIO (Registered charity SC 016472) accepts its responsibility to respect and protect the privacy of all persons who have any connection with the Society, in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (the GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (the DPA).
2. The Data Controller is the Management Committee of GUC-SCIO consisting of its elected charity trustees.
3. All personal data collected by GUC-SCIO will be stored and processed only in accordance with this privacy policy.
4. GUC-SCIO is primarily a membership organisation; only data that is relevant to this purpose will be collected and stored, with the consent of those who provide this data for membership, charitable and legal purposes.
5. GUC-SCIO will, for business purposes relevant to the use, hire, servicing, maintenance and repair, collect and store only such personal data as is necessary to conduct these transactions and to fulfil legal and health and safety requirements.
6. GUC-SCIO accepts its obligation to store personal data securely and not to share any data with a third party without consent except to meet legal requirements or in the event of a health or other emergency.
7. GUC-SCIO will collect such personal information as names, dates of birth, postal and email addresses, telephone numbers, donations to or through the Society, and bank account details for the collection of direct debits or the payment of expenses or the receipts of grants.
8. GUC-SCIO will not collect or store sensitive personal information.
9. Individual persons have the right to receive by request the details of all personal information held by the Society within 28 days of the request being submitted to and receipt acknowledged by a representative of the Society.
10. Any complaint about the operation of this privacy policy should be made to the Society in the first instance, and, which failing, to the Office of the Scottish Charity Registrar (OSCR) or to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Spider and Fly

Many say I'm scary
With my eight legs long and hairy.
Some allege that I have poison in my bite.
On my back, a cross is painted,
Housewife saw it, nearly fainted.
Visit me, I'll show you that she's right.

My beloved prospective dinner
Stop that buzzing, I'm the winner.
Come and see me in my home, the garden shed.
In a corner dark and dusty
Where discarded tools hang rusty,
For your welcome, dainty fabric I have spread.

And I grab you and I squeeze you,
I shall never more release you.
Oh my pretty darling, how you'll lose your shape.
You're so tasty and I pluck you;
You're so juicy and I suck you.
I've got hold of you, there's no hope for escape.

Gila Allen

Information from the UK Sepsis Trust, submitted by John and Barbara Clifford.

WHAT IS SEPSIS?

Sepsis (also known as blood poisoning) is the immune system's overreaction to an infection or injury. If not treated immediately, sepsis can result in organ failure and death. Yet with early diagnosis, it can be treated with antibiotics.

SYMPTOMS

Sepsis can initially look like flu, gastroenteritis or a chest infection. There is no one sign, and symptoms may present differently between adults and children.

HOW TO SPOT SEPSIS

Seek medical help urgently if you, another adult or your child develop any of these signs:

- Slurred speech or confusion
- Extreme shivering or muscle pain
- Passing no urine (in a day)
- Severe breathlessness
- It feels like you're going to die
- Skin mottled or discoloured

THE FIGURES ARE STARK:

It is claimed that sepsis kills between 50,000 and 100,000 people annually in the UK, far more than breast, bowel and prostate cancer combined together.

25,000 children are affected by sepsis each year in the UK.

One-quarter of all sepsis survivors suffer permanent, life-changing after effects.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE APPEAL

PERSONNEL

MINISTER EMERITUS – Rev. John Clifford

LAY PREACHER – Iain Brown

WORSHIP LEADERS –

Barry Bell, Barbara Clifford, Rev John Clifford, Roddy Macpherson, Jim Millar,

Lynne Mitchell and Alastair Moodie

CELEBRANTS

Iain Brown - iain.brown13@gmail.com

0141 339 7815 or 07742 653 305

Rev. John Clifford – clifford@universalist.ednet.co.uk

01355 235 324

SAFEGUARDING

Barbara Clifford, Alastair Moodie

01355 235 324

CHURCH CONVENER – Ruth Gregory

01294 822 544

rlgregory1765@gmail.com

CHURCH SECRETARY – Alastair Moodie

armoodie@gmail.com

0141 419 0210 or 07960 990 284

CHURCH TREASURER – Stephanie Little

0141 562 3036 or 07964 619 620

stephanie.little1@virginmedia.com

ROOM BOOKINGS – Barry Bell

0141 332 2108 or 07915 074 829

barrybell@hotmail.co.uk

MUSIC CO-ORDINATOR – Roddy Macpherson

macphersonRA@aol.com

BUILDING – Charlie Dand

0141 943 0819

crdand@kooked.co.uk

FIRE & SAFETY OFFICERS

Barry Bell and Janet Briggs

N&V EDITOR and MAILING / Janet Briggs

j.briggs159@virginmedia.com

0141 571 2610

WEBSITE / Lynne Mitchell

lyanne.mitchell@mac.com

0170 050 4694

and John Wilkinson

ADMINISTRATOR – Emma Cunningham 0141 221 3154

admin@glasgowunitarians-scio.org.uk

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/GlasgowUnitarians/>

CHURCH DIARY for NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES at 11 am

MUSIC

Nov 4 th Lyanne Mitchell and Neil Spurway	Lyanne Mitchell
"The Curious Mind of Charles Darwin" + Creche	
11 th Iain Brown	Maciej Granat
"Armistice Day - Grief and Recovery"	
18 th Jim Millar	Stephen Bostock
"It's Only Natural"	
25 th Rev. John Clifford	Edith Fleming
"Thanksgiving"	

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS at 7 pm

- Nov 7th Video of Aurora Borealis - conversation - Iain Brown
- 14th World Religions 2 Hinduism - video and talk - Janet Briggs
- Sat 17th Trip to Kilmartin in Argyll
- 21st Discussion of Trip to Kilmartin - Ruth Jacobs
- 28th Travelogue - John Clifford

OTHER EVENTS

- OWW Saturdays 10th and 24th
- Nov 4th Children's Group at 11 am
- 5th Ministry sub-committee at 11.15 am
- 12th Management Committee at 11.15 am
- Gay and Lesbian Interfaith Network - Story-telling at 6 pm

FLOWERS and COFFEE

- Nov. 4th Margaret and George Paxton
- 11th Janet and Alison Briggs
- 18th Ruth and Donald Jacobs
- 25th Wilma Paterson and Douglas Brown