

THE WAKEFIELD UNITARIAN

The Newsletter of Westgate Chapel, Wakefield

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April 2016

Services at Westgate

The worship leaders in April will be as follows:

Sunday 3rd April (3pm) - Stephen Carlile

Sunday 10th April (3pm) - The Reverend Bill Darlison

Sunday 17th April (3pm) - David Arthur

Sunday 24th April (3pm) - Gillian Scott

All the services will start at 3pm. Can you please note that services will be preceded by choir practice at 2pm.

Our thanks as always to our welcomers. It's so important to have someone there to greet members, friends and visitors, and the contribution is not unnoticed.

If anyone has information to be mentioned in the **Chapel notices** each Sunday could you please send them to the General Secretary, Chris Pilkington, no later than the day before.

The front picture was taken on our visit to York to the YUU meeting. Clifford's Tower was the site of a Pogrom in Richard I's day. The people of the City turned on the Jews who locked themselves away in the Tower. Rather than be slain by the people of the city they chose to die at their own hands.

The job of promoting religious tolerance hasn't stopped.

OUR CHAPEL'S INVOLVEMENT WITH EDUCATION IN HORBURY

On 24th Feb. three of our Trustees attended a meeting of the Daniel Gaskell Foundation in the Old Chamber of Horbury Town Hall, an interesting, historic building.

The Daniel Gaskell Foundation has its origins in the philanthropy of Daniel Gaskell (1782-1875) the owner of Lupset Hall, who was Wakefield's first member of Parliament when it became a Parliamentary Borough in 1832. Gaskell's intention was to ensure that the children of Horbury's poor were provided with elementary education free of charge. In 1842 he built a school which children could attend without any payment. Daniel Gaskell was a Unitarian and his school was open to any child whatever the religious beliefs of their family.

When Daniel Gaskell died in 1875 the school and the master's house were placed in the hands of the Trustees of Wakefield Westgate Chapel, which was Gaskell's own spiritual home and where he had been a trustee. He left an endowment of £1,000 in railway stock so that the school could be maintained and the master's salary paid. The school continued as an elementary school until 1888. But by then elementary education had changed radically. Horbury had four other elementary schools, established under the 1870 Education Act which introduced secular state education. The sale of the school and the master's house formed the original capital for the present trust.

Since then others, including Ralph Denby, have made bequests too and

the money has been invested carefully and increased in value usually so each year there is money to provide financial help to some schoolchildren and students in the locality. In today's uncertain times the finances have to be



protected and invested very carefully. On the committee there are four places for people appointed by our Trustees , one by Horbury Academy , one by Horbury Common Lands Trust, and three others co-opted from residents locally. Horbury has a long history of community involvement. Last year over 30 students going to Universities or on training courses received grants 30 others went on Outward Bound courses and 4 on Serous Adventure Courses Here is a photo of a presentation to Mrs. Christine Cudworth who stood down as Chairperson after 30 years as a trustee and about 22 years as Chairperson .

Patricia Howard

Chapel Committee Report

The Committee met on Tuesday 8th March and heard from Gillian Chapman, the new Chair of the Trustees. Mr Edward Amos request for membership of the congregation was approved as well as a request from a couple to use the Chapel for a wedding later in the year. Other matters discussed were the recent Congregational Development Day, progress in the Chapel appointing an 'Authorised Person' to undertake the registration of marriages, Chapel representation at the Wakefield Interfaith AGM on 11th April, the latest financial statement, the agenda of the forthcoming YUU meeting on 19th March and motions going to the 2016 General Assembly Meetings in Birmingham. It was agreed that the Chapel would act as venue for the Long Division Music Festival on Saturday 11th June. Draft minutes of the meeting will be circulated to members once produced.

One2One

As part of our Congregational Development Day it was suggested that we try to share as many one to one meetings with each other as possible. In these one person speaks for 25 minutes, and the other listens without interruption, then the parties change around. It might seem a strange thing to do, even seem a little daunting, yet when you start you soon find out that you can probably speak for even longer. We rarely get a chance to speak, and indeed to listen in such a way. We've been asked to have as many as possible before the next

development day but a minimum of five is suggested.

Aside from arranging meet-ups on a Sunday it might be good to express availability on the facebook page.

Stephen



Foy Society Conference 2016

The conference this year will be held on Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May at the Nightingale Centre in Great Hucklow and will consider issues around 'Grief and Bereavement'. The event is open to non-members of Foy and further information can be sought from Joan Partington on 01228 670565 or at partingtons@gmail.com. Costs start at £182.

Unitarian Discovery Holiday 2016

The holiday this year will take place from Monday 18th July to Friday 22nd July at the Nightingale Centre in Great Hucklow. The theme will be 'Navigate Life - Mapping Ourselves' and will look at personal, spiritual and geographical journeys. The week will also include spiritual reflections, free time, walking, reading poetry and prose, singing together and music appreciation. The Reverends Jean and Alex Bradley will lead the main theme sessions

Costs starts at around £290 and booking are ideally sought by 30th April. Initial enquiries should be made to Marjorie Walker on 01506 493612 or 07718 106732 and further information can be found at <http://www.ukunitarians.org.uk/discovery/>

YUU Spring Gathering

As covered in the last magazine the YUU Spring Gathering will take place at Bradford on April 16th! All welcome to attend.

I AM HERE

9 April – 4 June 2016

I AM HERE features almost 100 pieces of jewellery by European makers from over five decades, starting with pieces from the most radical era of modern jewellery making, the New Jewellery Movement in the 1970's.

The New Jewellery Movement saw jewellers working with non-precious materials and experimental design in order to address contemporary social, fiscal and political issues. This had a profound impact on future jewellery making in the UK and beyond which can be seen through the chronology shown in I AM HERE



Makers featured include Susanna Heron, a major presence in the New Jewellery Movement who championed the importance of design over materials and David Watkins, who experimented with new material technology approaches to jewellery. Other makers include, Gijs Bakker, Caroline Broadhead, Gerda Flöckinger, Karl Fritsch, Rudolf Kocsa, Roger Morris, Ted Noten, Dorothea Prühl, Mah Rana, Hans Stofer, Emmy van Leersum,

<http://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/iamhere>

Days are getting longer and soon the flowers will be blooming....but more importantly The Civic's very own alternative craft market is on it's way, that's right...Spring is coming and so is the Spring Apothecarium! At our alternative craft market we've got everything from geeky collectables and gothic jewellery to steampunk delights, Chocolate art and Vintage gifts.

With returning Apothecarium favourites A Pawfect Fit, Phoenix Graphics, Angels From Demons, Albion Artifacts, Crafty Kiwi and Brierley Bears as well as lots of exciting new makers never before seen at The Civic, we've got more vintage, steampunk, geeky, goth and alternative crafty goodies than you could shake a stick at!

New to the Spring Apothecarium we are so excited to introduce you to Time Was, Phileascogg, H'art, Alternative Finch,

Purple Dream Designs, Simply Unique, Petit Boutique De Chocolat, Inspired By Steampunk, Dollerium, Ornamentology, Bats and Pieces, Juju Treats, Madley-Oats Photography, Good Fairy, Bad Fairy, Planet Kitty Comic Vault and Laurian Grays Wardrobe!

And if that wasn't enough, we've got live local music and in an Apothecarium first we've got the fantastic JuJu Treats coming along to teach you how to make your very own Bees Wax Candles and Bath Bombs at their drop in workshops! (or if you'd rather book a time slot you can do that here)

So don't miss out, come along to the Gallery@, The Civic on Saturday 2nd April 2016 and we'll see you there!

FREE ADMISSION...and most importantly, a certain **Josh** may be playing at the event!!!



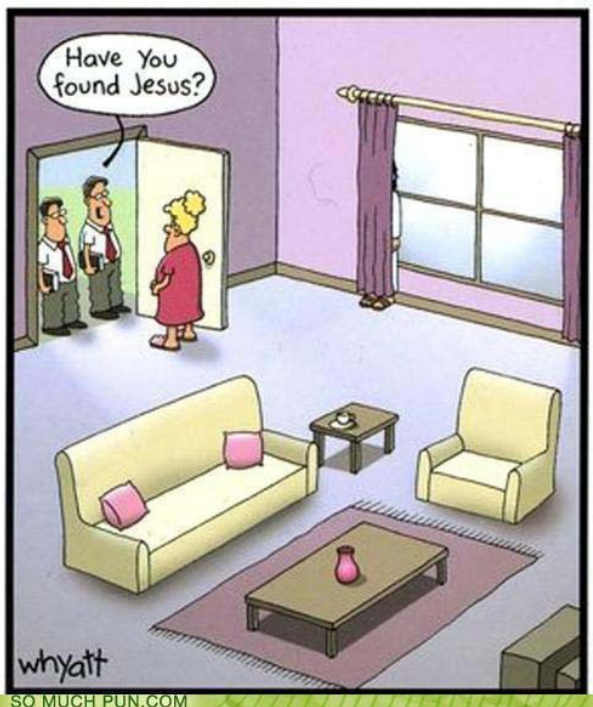
The Engagement Group The group chooses a location and theme for each meeting, engaging with one another following engagement group principles. The group has been dormant for a while, so if you are interested please get in touch. Contact Steve (boudicca7@talktalk.net) or Mel at Chapel.

Our Safeguarding Policy is available in the Chapel Vestry, and the summary statement and poster on display on the entrance notice board. **If you have any concerns about the safety of our children and vulnerable adults please contact the safeguarding office (Mel Prideaux) immediately.** All contact information and procedures are in the policy document.

Fire Evacuation Safeguarding Procedure A chapel fire procedure is available on the notice board. Fire Officer is Paul Dawson, who can be contacted at Chapel with any queries or concerns.

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.

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