

THE WAKEFIELD UNITARIAN

The Newsletter of Westgate Chapel, Wakefield



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January 2016

Services at Westgate

Worship Leaders and Services Times - January 2016

Please note that **all Sunday services in 2016 will now be held at 3pm** including on the first Sunday of the month.

Sunday 3rd January (3pm) - Stephen Carlile

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

Sunday 17th January (3pm) - The Reverend John Clifford (President of the General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches)

Sunday 24th January (3pm) - Sheena McKinnon

Sunday 31st January (3pm - Holocaust Memorial Day Service) - Chris Pilkington

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

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Sunday 15th November 2015

Nine members of the congregation attended the Annual Meeting on Sunday 15th November. The meeting began with reflections on the loss of Phyllis Lockwood, Kate Taylor and Ralph Denby during the past year. The Annual Report for 1 October 2014 - 30 September 2015 was accepted and it was noted that the accounts for the year would be signed off in time for the meeting of Chapel Committee in January 2016.

Elections for officers took place and the following were elected.

President - Stephen Carlile
General Secretary - Chris Pilkington
Treasurer - Sally Fairweather
Events Secretary - Paul Dawson
Pulpit Supply Secretary - Chris Pilkington
Financial Secretaries - Paul Dawson and John Goodchild
Newsletter Editor - Stephen Carlile
Ordinary Committee Members - Alisdair Scott and Gillian Scott (in addition to those elected in previous years and serving a three year term - David Arthur, Bill Humphries, Liz Kitson and Dr Melanie Prideaux)

The posts of Inquirer Distributor and Flower Secretary were abolished.

It was decided that in 2016 all Sunday services (including on the first Sunday of the month) would now start at 3pm. In addition from February 2016 the monthly evening service would be replaced by weekly Thursday lunchtime services (more details of these will follow in due course).

Interfaith tree Planting

On Sunday November 22, with the support of Tree Warden Roger Parkinson and WMDC, Wakefield Interfaith Group organised a symbolic tree-planting event in Thornes Park to celebrate Interfaith Week.

Christians of different denominations - including Quaker and Unitarian - Muslims, Pagans and others were joined by the Mayor of Wakefield to plant a Holm Oak as part of what will eventually become a Faith Tree Trail.





After the planting the group were welcomed to St James's church on Denby Dale Road for light refreshments and an opportunity to share thoughts and readings about trees and the environment from their faith tradition.

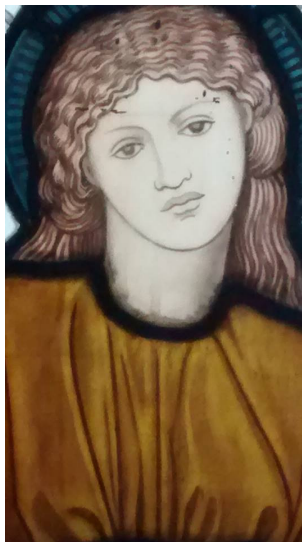
Cynthia Dickinson

Yorkshire Unitarian Union/Yorkshire Unitarian Lay Preachers Association Meetings- Saturday 16th January 2016

The January meetings of the YUU and YULPA will take place on Saturday 16th January at Mill Hill Chapel in Leeds commencing at 11am with the lay preachers meeting where the Reverend Jo James (Mill Hill) will talk about what he has learnt during his first year of ministry.

This will be followed by lunch at 1pm and then at 2pm the current President of the General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches, the Reverend John Clifford, will share his views on the Unitarian denomination nationally. The YUU quarterly business meeting will then follow at 3.15pm and the meeting should be finished by 4.15pm.

All Unitarians are welcome to attend the meetings but only the formal delegates from congregations may vote on matters being decided by the YUU. The YUU representatives from Westgate Chapel are David Arthur, Paul Dawson, Bill Humphries and Chris Pilkington.



YULPA AND YUU at Leeds

11.00am for 11.30, YULPA Meeting. Arrivals for lay preachers: Rev. Jo James will facilitate a discussion around 'faith and growth': what works for our congregations, what isn't working so well, how we shift obstacles and what underpins the whole project

12.30pm Short business meeting

12.30 for 1.00pm Arrivals for YUU members

1.00pm-2.0pm Lunch: Provided by the Leeds Vegan Alliance will be in the Priestley Hall and will be provided on a 'Pay as you feel' basis, profits from this lunch will directly finance the Interfaith Vegan Alliance' next meal shared with people who live outside or in poverty which will be held at the chapel five days after the YUU event.

We will move back to the chapel for the afternoon.

2.00pm-3.00pm GA President John Clifford

3.00-3.15pm break

3.15-4.15pm Quarterly meeting

4.15pm Closing devotions led by John Clifford
(about 20 minutes)
Hot drink for those who wish.
All away by 5.0pm

November Artwalk

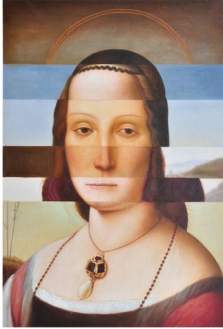




The artist showing her work in November used Moths as her subject and began in a small way making models using scrap materials but they multiplied as moths have a habit of doing. She thought of the caterpillars munching away and destroying materials. Realising how beautiful Moths are she produced many paper cutouts and invited us to fold them and hang them up in the Chapel and they looked very effective.

Other work displayed is the result of long and painstaking processes involving experimenting with colour and techniques. as in the birds shown. There were some lovely items that would make presents.





Coming up at the Civic

Rob and Nick Carter:

Composite Portraits

23 January 2016 -

26 March 2016

AniMotion

23 January 2016 -

26 March 2016



And finally...

well done to Josh who entered his schools talent competition **The K Factor** and won it!

Alas no flight for him and his dad to somewhere warm, just the glory of holding the title for the next few years, but very well done to him.

Following his success he sang beautifully at Bradford and again at Scarborough....maybe one day he'll do Westgate!!



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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