

An update on building works

A report by architect's firm in Eastbourne, recommended by English Heritage, estimates that it will cost around £145,000 to repair the portico, floors and columns on the church front.

We will be applying for a grant of £100,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) who require a further survey to be carried out to show if any other work needs to be done.

We will apply to various Unitarian, and other, grant-giving bodies. We are hoping to start the work in the summer of 2017. It will take about 4 months to complete during which time the church will have to close for rites of passage but regular services and hirings will continue as normal.

The funding raising group already has a very lively programme of events planned for the rest of this year (see below). Any ideas for fundraising that anyone can suggest would be really welcomed, however small or large.

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FUN(D)RAISING PROGRAMME TO DATE

- Summer Fair - 11am-4pm, Saturday 18 July
- Hullabaloo Quire Concert - 7.30pm, Saturday 18 July
- Concert of mixed music and spoken word (Jacquie Currie) 7.30pm, Saturday 5 September
- Fish n chip quiz evening - Friday 16 October
- Wham Jam Choir. Matinee and evening concerts - Saturday 21 November

Contact Marion in the office (01273 696022) or Fanny, Chris Branagh, Ann Woodhead or Jeannie Hull in church, with offers of help or suggestions.

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Milk Bottle Tops. Anne is extremely grateful to all those people who give her bottle tops. However, It would really be appreciated if they could be 'clean', which would save her a great deal of work.

The new bottle top collection is raising money for a special wheelchair for a very severely disabled young girl.

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Jars of Grace. The small change donated during tea and coffee after services are given to a nominated charity. For the next quarter we will be collecting for *Whoopsadaisy* - a local charity for children with physical disabilities, particularly cerebral palsy. Operating from the pavilion in Preston Park, they use a

particular system of learning to help such children live life as independently as possible. Receiving no statutory funding, they rely entirely on grants and donations to maintain their vital service. www.whoopsadaisy.org.

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Sunday Pulpit Arrangements for May 2015

All services start at 11 a.m.

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| 03 | Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)
Music: Kathy Pitt
Tea & Coffee: Heather & Mark |
| 10 | Rev Daniel Costly (Minister at Sevenoaks UC)
Music: Joe Ward
Tea & Coffee: Katherine |
| 17 | Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)
Music: Pamela Nickels
Tea & Coffee: |
| 24 | Paul Taylor (Member, BUC)
Music: Kathy Pitt
Tea & Coffee: Jeanette & Helen |
| 31 | Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)
Music: Nick Andrews
Tea & Coffee: Stuart |

Setting Up: *The important task of setting up the church for worship on a Sunday morning is carried out by volunteers from the congregation. If you would like to help with this valuable work, please contact Jef or any member of the committee.*

Coffee Rota: Volunteers needed! Training on the wonderful coffee machine is provided and no one has to do it on their own. Please write your names down for making coffee after the Sunday service. **The list is on the wall in the kitchen in a transparent wallet, just sign up for any of the dates listed.** (Please leave the rota there though!) Any queries ask Jo (O'Sullivan). *Thank You.*

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BRIGHTON UNITARIAN CHURCH

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We welcome all who seek a better life through spiritual and intellectual exploration.

We have respect for all faiths, coupled with a modern religious outlook that encourages freedom of individual thought and conscience.

We welcome all who believe that religion is wider than any one sect and deeper than any one set of opinions.

We do not impose a particular creed on our members or ministers.

We affirm the worth of all people regardless of age, gender, nationality, sexual orientation, ability or background.

We seek to provide strength and encouragement for the spiritual journey and daily living.

We believe that all life on our planet is interconnected.

We believe that how a person lives is a measure of their faith.

Brighton Unitarian's May Festival, which runs from the 1st to the 31st May, includes events from Brighton Fringe, The Great Escape and lots of independent arts and music performances.

Plus Friday Lunchtime Concerts showcasing talented graduates from Trinity College of Music.

Please have a look at our website and see for yourselves what is going on. www.brightonunitarian@googlemail.com. Posters and flyers for all events on display in the church vestibule.