

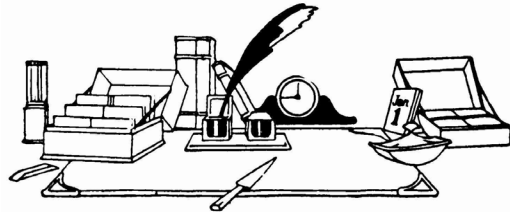
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VOLUNTEERS CAN MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE

For the Unitarian Church, 2016 was significant; plans for the Portico Repair Project were put in place, with the added bonus of the Heritage Lottery Fund releasing £15,000 towards investigations for the repair and conservation of the portico. But the Unitarian Church urgently needs volunteers to help the Church continue to flourish and develop as a place of spiritual and cultural inspiration at the heart of our beautiful City.

We are looking for volunteers to set up the Church on Sunday mornings. This is one of the key tasks our volunteers undertake and is an important contribution to our spiritual community: it makes Sunday services possible. If you are interested in donating your time to our church in this important and caring way, please speak to Jef, alternatively please email: buc@brightonunitarian.org.uk ... A volunteer is also needed to co-ordinate the volunteer rota for tea and coffee after the service, here again please speak to Jef or email the church. Your help will be greatly appreciated at an important time in the history of our lovely Church and its community.

Unitarian Festival & Summer School

The Unitarian Festival - FUSE - from the 17th to the 19th Feb, has a new venue - the lovely Horsley Park in Surrey. Accommodation includes modern rooms, pool & sauna, and 70 acres of parkland. Whether you are looking for an energising and inspiring conference with fellow Unitarians, a relaxing, spa-like weekend, or a spiritually enriching retreat, you will find it at FUSE 2017!
www.fusefest.org.uk

Summer School 2017
This wonderful week of spiritual development will take place from August 19th - 26th. Summer School happens each year at the Unitarian Nightingale Centre in Great Hucklow, a quiet village in Derbyshire's beautiful Peak District. The theme for 2017 is Walking Your Path with Joy! You can find more joyful details at www.hucklowsummerschool.co.uk

Concerts in February

All Lunch-time concerts are at 12.30 pm



Friday 3rd: Classical Folk with folk and classical music including Cinema Paradiso, Cavatina (He was beautiful) Russian dances and other favourites, accompanied by violin, flute and guitar.

Friday 10th: Brighton-based Romantic Minimalist composer-pianist Simon Young plays excerpts from his South Downs Song Cycle, and Book of 24 Preludes.

Friday 17th: The Mendelssohn's: A concert of words and music including a selection of piano works by Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn alongside extracts from letters and diaries. Larry Yates and Marcia Bellamy (narrators), Ambrose Page (piano).

Friday 24th: Pianist Michael Leach will be exploring German and Czech classical and romantic piano repertoire: Haydn, Brahms and Janacek.



Special Thursday Workshop with Jef

Thursday 23rd Feb from 7 to 9.30pm

Our lay leader Jef Jones will be running this month's Thursday workshop on 23rd Feb from 7- 9.30pm. The theme will be Walking and the Soul. We'll be sharing our experiences of walking and what it means to our spiritual lives - from walking meditations to a good hike in the country or a gentle stroll along the seafront - come and explore the spiritual benefits of walking. Everyone is welcome!

Quiz and Fish'n'Chips Night Breaks the Records



The Fabulous and much enjoyed Quiz and Fish & Chips Night on 21st January raised just over £450 for the Building Fund. It was a tremendously fun evening and thanks go to all who came along on a very cold evening, not least of all Kathy Pitt, who devised the fiendish questions that put our Quizzing Teams on their toes, between feasting out on some wonderful fish and chips.

CALL FOR USED GREETINGS CARDS

If you have any used greetings cards for Christine (Clark-Lowes) to recycle into new cards, please do so. She need general ones urgently, but will gratefully accept Christmas ones for use at a later date.

Sunday Pulpit Programme February and March 17

Our Sunday Services at Brighton Unitarian Church (BUC) are held at 11 am, unless indicated otherwise. Please note that from 10.50 on Sundays we have quiet and stillness in the lead up to the start of the service. Following the service you are invited to join us for tea or coffee.

5th February Jef Jones (Lay Leader BUC)	Pianist: Kathy Pitt
12th February Stephen Crowther (Lay Leader Hastings)	Pianist: Pamela Nickels
19th February Jef Jones (Lay Leader BUC)	Pianist: Joe Ward
26th February Francis Clark-Lowes (Member BUC)	Organist: Maurice Rigby
5th March Jef Jones (Lay Leader BUC)	Pianist: Nick Andrews
12th March John Naish (Member BUC)	Pianist: Pamela Nickels
19th March (Equinox Service) Jef Jones (Lay Leader BUC)	Pianist: Kathy Pitt
26th March Jo O'Sullivan	Pianist: Joe Ward

Setting Up: Please remember, as mentioned on the front page - the important task of setting up the church for worship on a Sunday morning is carried out by generous volunteers from the congregation. If you would like to help, please contact Jef or any member of the committee.



Mayoral Service in December

Our seasonal service for the Mayor of Brighton, Cllr Pete West, was a great success and the retiring collection raised £130 for the Clocktower Sanctuary – a project for young people

