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COMING TO SILENCE: THURSDAY WORKSHOP
July 27th, 7.30 - 9.30pm

Silence is a key spiritual practice in many faith traditions, including Unitarianism. What are your feelings about it? Does it enhance your spiritual life or are you daunted by it? In this workshop we'll explore the challenges and rewards of silence as a spiritual practice. No need to book a place on this workshop - just come along - all are welcome!
This Workshop will be led by our lay leader – Jef Jones.

DEATH CAFE 2, on Sunday 30th July - at 4pm
Drop in to drink tea and eat cake, and to share and discuss all aspects of death in a safe and supportive environment. This is a free event, but any donations going towards costs and church building appeal fund are welcome. Host: Frances Tulley, funeral celebrant.

Concerts in July

Lunchtime Concerts are held on Fridays, from 12.30 – 1.15 p.m.
Tickets £3.50 Raising money for the Church Building Appeal Fund

Spend Friday lunchtime among friendly people, enjoying lovely music. Our concerts are diverse, mostly classical but with some folk and jazz. All our performers are talented and engaging: they enjoy what they do, aiming to make their concert a special event for everyone   Do come along and see for yourself. We are easily accessible via train or bus and NCP car parks are within a few minutes walk. Wheelchair accessible venue.

July 7th: Annabelle Pepper (Mezzo-Soprano) and Joe Ward (Piano) Songs of love and loss - a powerful series of emotionally charged songs on the joys and sorrows of love from the worlds of grand opera, art song and musical theatre.

July 14th: Eleni Galanopoulou, hailed as the 'soul of Greece', with Glen Capra on piano and Kostas Kationis, guitar. Beautiful folk-inspired 20th century Greek songs

July 21st: Paul Richards, Guitarist: Performs a programme of Latin American & Spanish guitar music on a summer's day.

July 28th: The John Lake Band: This band bring their their unique blend of jazz - classical, soul and rock. With John Lake on keyboards, Alex Bondonno on sax, Jackie Sampson on vocals and percussion, Oz Dechaine on bass and Simon Cambers on drums.

FROM THE LAY LEADER

I spent some of my sabbatical at the Franciscan Friary in Alnmouth. It sits on a green hill overlooking a long, beautiful beach. I was walking there one afternoon and came across a group of coastguards standing around a dead minke whale. It was about fifteen feet long and with no visible signs of injury or disease.

It was a sad scene but it gave me an opportunity to look closely at the whale. It had a sturdy barrel-like body, with delicate, elegant flukes. Its underside was a brilliant white, and its back an intense glossy black. Most striking was its baleen, the thick net of bristles which in baleen whales grow down from the upper jaw in the place of teeth. They use it to filter krill and small fish from the sea. (Baleen whales evolved from toothed whales about 30 million years ago.)

Increasing numbers of minkes are being washed up on the east coast and no-one quite knows why. Looking at this magnificent alien animal I gave thanks for the natural world, and for the science that helps us understand it. Let us treasure it, let us truly know its sacred worth and strive to be its wise stewards.

Jef Jones

Sunday Pulpit Programme
July and August 2017

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. You are warmly invited to join us for tea or coffee after the service.

2 July
Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)   Pianist: Nick Andrews

9 July
Stephen Crowther (Lay Leader, Hastings)   Pianist: Pamela Nickels

16 July
Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)   Pianist: Kathy Pitt

23 July
Revd. Jen Sanders (BUC Member)   Pianist: Joe Ward

30th July
John Naish (BUC Member)   Pianist: Jamie Andrews

6th August
Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)   Pianist: Nick Andrews

13th August
Stephen Crowther (Lay Leader Hastings)   Pianist: Pamela Nickels

20th August
Jef Jones (Lay Leader, BUC)   Pianist: Kathy Pitt

27th August
Phillida Simpson (BUC Member)   Pianist: Jamie Andrews

Setting Up: Please remember - 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.

NEW MUGS

We now have a new supply of BUC mugs. On sale for £5. Please buy one and help the Church Building Appeal Fund. On sale after Sunday service or via the church office.

SPECIAL FILM AFTERNOON

Sing-a-long-a West Side Story' Sunday 2nd July from 1pm in the Hall. Another one of our popular Film Afternoons. Bring and share lunch. Donations bar supporting the Church Building Appeal Fund. It will be fun! Bring your friends - whether they're Sharks or Jets!