

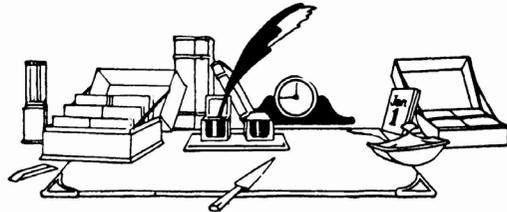
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Brighton Unitarian Church Newsletter

March 2017



Thursday Workshop: Inclusive Communion March 23rd from 7 to 9.30pm

Our Thursday workshop will be rather unusual this month - it will take the form of an inclusive Unitarian communion led by Jef Jones and Susie Courtault. We will be breaking bread together and meeting prayerfully and mindfully in the presence of the divine.

To modern Unitarians communion may not seem very Unitarian at all; yet it was a part of Unitarian worship well into the twentieth century. Kensington Unitarians hold an Inclusive Communion after all their services: it is open to all who wish to attend and has become an integral part of their church week. Inclusive Communion is ecumenical in the broadest sense and in a time of division seeks to bring people together. This workshop will involve sitting together in a circle of connection, prayer and unity.

Your Unitarianism? Explorations in Faith

Seven years ago, Jef Jones organised a small exhibition for our church. He asked members of our congregation to write a few paragraphs about what Unitarianism meant to them. The responses were fascinating, varied and lively. They were printed them on laminated sheets, along with photographs of the contributors and displayed in the church on open days. They also formed a chapter of our book *Unitarians Talking*. Jef would like to do the same this year, so he is inviting you to contribute. What does Unitarianism mean to you?

Concerts in March

All Lunch-time concerts are at 12.30 pm, and entry is £3.50



Friday 3rd: Marion Peskett (flute) and Kathy Pitt (piano). Music by Debussy, Poulenc, Prokofiev and William Lloyd Webber.

Friday 10th: Pianist Orlando Shamlou with a programme of J S Bach: Partita No. 5 in G Major, BWV 829, and French Overture.

Friday 17th: Sue Mileham (soprano), Jane Plessner (clarinet) and Nicola Grunberg (piano). 18th to 21st century works by Mozart, Bellini/Nicolai, Sphor, Schubert & Malcolm Arnold.

Friday 24th: Stephen Raine returns with a programme of J S Bach and Chopin including Bach's intense Partita in C minor BWV 826 and Chopin's virtuosic Ballade No. 1 in G Minor.

Friday 31st: Amalthea - Klio Blonz (flute) and Siobhan Swider (harp). Vivaldi to Debussy with Thomas's traditional Welsh melodies entwining.

Volunteers needed (again!)

We are looking for volunteers again - this time to help with teas and coffees at the **LDPA Quarterly** on March 18th. For more information please see below - it would be great to have some volunteers to help with this! And of course we are always looking for more volunteers to help us set up the church on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping with either of these please contact Jef.

Annual General Meeting of the LDPA 2pm March 18th, Brighton Unitarian Church

Officially this is the Annual General Meeting of the London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches. It doesn't sound exciting does it? But it is an opportunity to connect with Unitarians from London and the South East. Apart from the business meeting there will be worship, and tea in the hall afterwards.

The meeting is scheduled to start at 2pm. People are invited to arrive for tea and coffee from 1.30pm. The business of the AGM will include the election of members of the District Council, who are the LDPA's Trustees and your elected representatives for governance of the LDPA's activities. Members are normally elected for three-year terms. Congregations may nominate a person at the meeting; or beforehand. If you're interested in standing please contact Jef Jones

Sunday Pulpit Programme March and April 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 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 (Member BUC)

Pianist: Joe Ward

2nd April
Brian Bell (Member BUC)

Pianist: Kathy Pitt

9th April
Rev Jen Sanders (Member BUC)

Pianist: Pamela Nickels

16th April (**Easter**)
Susie Courtault (Member BUC)

Pianist: Joe Ward

23rd April
Francis Clark-Lowes (Member BUC)

Organist: Maurice Rigby

30th April
Phillida Simpson (Member BUC)

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.

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Why do you come to church? How did you discover Unitarianism? Where does Unitarianism fit into your faith journey? If you are interested all you have to do is email your words to Jef Jones with the heading **My Unitarianism** and send it to buc@brightonunitarian.org.uk. Later in the year he will display them both in the church and on the Church's website. Jef suggests no more than 300 words... although fewer than that would be just fine. And if you contributed seven years ago you might like to review your words and think about adding to them.