

## BUC Newsletter July 2022

### Our Mission Statement

Brighton Unitarian Church provides a caring environment, with spiritual depth, without dogma, offering a community resource to diverse groups in congruence with our values, promoting a diversity of Unitarianism nationally, and with a concern for a more compassionate world.



It's Caroline Drijver here bringing you the July edition of our BUC newsletter, a little briefer than usual.

I took this picture a few days ago as I was drawn to the way in which a few stray 'weeds' were made more beautiful by their own shadow, and how this in turn lit up a plain wall with crumbling paintwork. I may not have noticed it if I had not found myself waiting for someone who arrived a little late to meet me. If you have a picture to share, please do send it in!

In this newsletter you will find:

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# SUNDAY SERVICES



*Services will begin at 11.00*

26th June - Rev Fay Barratt, Interfaith Minister, Manchester

3rd July - Rev Kate Whyman, Minister for Plymouth Unitarian Church

10th July - Rev Kate Dean, Minister for Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Hampstead

17th July - Rev Duncan Voice, Minister for Horsham and Ditchling

24th July - Rev Jim Corrigan, District Minister

31st July - Jennifer Sanders Lay Pastor for Hastings Unitarian Church and BUC member,

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# Friday Lunchtime Concerts

## 24th June - Pam Cragg and Maggie Grimsdell

One piano, four hands- Pam and Maggie will be performing works by Beethoven, Bizet, Edward Gregson, Chaminade and Gavrilin

## 1st July - Evelyn Harrison and Zhanna Kemp-Dashkovskaya

Evelyn Harrison and Zhanna Kemp-Dashkovskaya recently formed as a Saxophone and Piano duo and will be playing an eclectic programme of music ranging from romantic to jazz.

## 8th July - Elena Toponogova

Elena Toponogova is a concert pianist and chamber musician based in London. Her main interest is Russian repertoire with an especial focus on the work of Nikolai Medtner. She will play music by F.Schubert, S. Rachmaninov and N.Medtner.

## 15th July - Ty Jeffries

Ty Jeffries is a composer, lyricist, pianist & entertainer, his compositions span the world of classical music, vaudeville, music hall & golden age Hollywood. His concert at BUC will be a rare stripped back 'as himself' acoustic performance of his songs & piano music.

## 22nd July - Siriol High-Jones

Siriol Hugh-Jones (Cello) and Steve Carroll-Turner (Piano) explore works by less well-known 20th-century composers in a programme that takes us from Poland via the USSR to Mexico and Argentina. Solo Cello Sonata No. 1 (1960) by Mieczyslaw Weinberg (1919-1996). Cello Sonata (1948) by Blas Galindo (1910-1993). Le Grand Tango by Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992).

## 29th July - The John Lake Quartet

The John Lake Quartet: John Lake (Piano), Elizabeth Bustard (Saxes and Flute), Matt Casterton (Double Bass) and Simon Cambers (Drums) play a selection of Latin jazz tunes by the late, but eternally great, Chick Corea including Return to Forever, Spain & La Fiesta, Eternal Child, Japanese Waltz and Rumba Flamenca.

# WIDER UNITARIAN COMMUNITY

## Summertime in Richmond

Richmond and Putney Unitarian Church is to host our LDPA Summer Quarterly – to take place on **Saturday 9th July**. A big thank you to the minister, Rev'd Simon Ramsay, and the congregation, for agreeing to this.

**W**ith a spacious church and garden, Richmond promises to be an excellent venue for the Quarterly. The event will begin from 12 noon, with a bring-your-own lunch. At 1pm, a service of worship and welcome will take place.

Highlight of the day will be an illustrated talk on the Galilee Bible by Anglican priest Rev'd Tim Yeager, from 2pm. This is an introduction to the life and times of Jesus from a fresh perspective, viewing the Gospel stories in the context of the history, economics and culture of first century Galilee. There'll be workshop elements too.

The talk will be a short version of a very popular lecture series that Tim Yeager has been presenting for the Progressive Christianity Network in recent years. The course has been repeated several times, and has attracted online audiences of 100 and more.

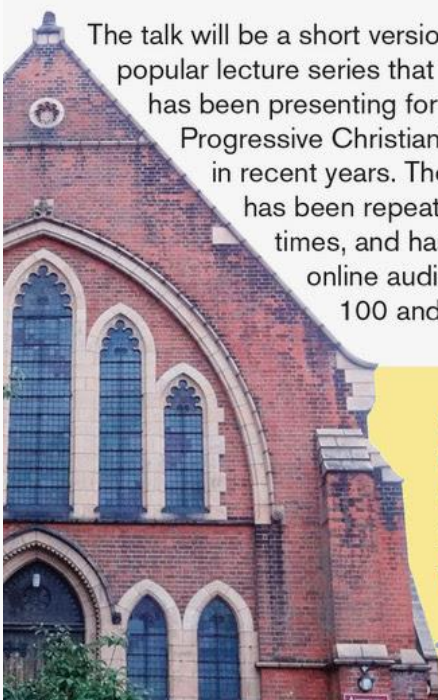
Tim will show some of the beautiful and startling images he has collected - images which give new insights into Galilean life 2,000 years ago.



There'll be tea, refreshments and socialising to end the day. Do come along for an enjoyable and informative afternoon!

Please let our District Administrator Helen White know if you plan to attend: [administrator@ldpaunitarians.org](mailto:administrator@ldpaunitarians.org)

**WHEN** Saturday 9th July, from 12 noon.  
**WHERE** Richmond and Putney Unitarian Church,  
Ormond Road, near Richmond Bridge,  
Richmond TW10 6TH.  
**WEBSITE** [www.rpuc.org.uk](http://www.rpuc.org.uk)



## Unitarians at Pride in London

2 July 2022



### FIND OUT MORE

We are delighted that the Unitarians have been accepted to take part in the [Pride in London](#) parade on **Saturday 2 July 2022**.

This year is a significant year for the Pride movement and the LGBTQ+ community as they commemorate 50 years since the first Pride took place in the United Kingdom. Places on this celebratory march are keenly contested, so we are honoured to have been chosen once more. London Unitarians said:

*“We are a welcoming, inclusive faith group with our roots in liberal Christianity whilst welcoming all faith backgrounds. We have many LGBTQ+ members and we perform same-sex weddings. Unitarians and Free Christians have been associated with welcoming LGBTQ+ friends to our churches and chapels for decades. We played a key role in campaigning for and bringing about the legal changes to conduct same-sex marriages. A number of our clergy are LGBTQ+, and as a faith group we are thrilled to support diversity in its many forms.”*

[If you'd like to join London Unitarians by taking part in Pride In London 2022, please email Helen White.](#)

# A POEM

I have recently been drawn to Native American poetry and thought I would share this one which acknowledges that we are part of something vastly larger than ourselves and that our human actions matter. It is, I think, optimistic.

## Eagle Poem

To pray you open your whole self  
To sky, to earth, to sun, to moon  
To one whole voice that is you.  
And know there is more  
That you can't see, can't hear;  
Can't know except in moments  
Steadily growing in languages  
That aren't always sound but other  
Circles of motion.  
Like eagle that Sunday morning  
Over Salt River. Circled in blue sky  
In wind, swept our hearts clean  
With sacred wings.  
We see you, see ourselves and know  
That we must take the utmost care  
And kindness of all things.  
Breathe in, knowing we are made of  
All this, and breathe, knowing  
We are truly blessed because we  
Were born, and die soon within a  
True circle of motion,  
Like eagle rounding out the morning  
Inside us.  
We pray that it will be done  
In beauty.  
In beauty.

By Joy Harjo

Please do send me your contributions for the next newsletter by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

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