



BUC Newsletter December 2022 and January 2023

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 our BUC newsletter for December and January.

In this newsletter you will find:

Details of Sunday Services

Details of Congregational Services- do check the times for these.

Friday Lunchtime Concerts

AGM and Committee Election details.

From the Committee

A poem

SUNDAY SERVICES

Services will begin at 11.00 except for:

11th December when the service will start at 6.00pm

24th December when the service will start at 4.00p

there will be NO service on 25th December

4th December

Fay Barratt- Interfaith Minister

This service will be projected to the church from Manchester

11th December at 6pm

Frances Tulley - BUC member

Candlelit Carol Service. Please read the details on Congregational Services for more details.

18th December

Brian Bell - BUC Member

Winter Solstice Service

24th December at 4pm

Fanny Tulley - BUC Member

Please read the details on Congregational Services for more details.

1st January 2023

Congregational Service - 'Gratitude and Hope'

Please read the details on Congregational Services for more details.

8th January

Rev Kate Whyman. This service will be projected to the church from Plymouth.

15th January

Stephen Crowther - BUC Member

22nd January

Eleanor Chiari

29th January

Rev Sheena Gabriel - Former Minister at Godalming Unitarian Chapel

CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

Brighton Unitarians *Sunday Services*



Candlelit Carol Service

11th December 6pm

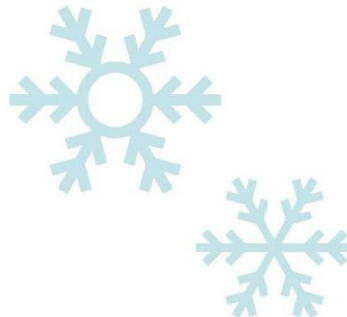
Festive organ by Carl Jukes.
Congregational carol singing, readings,
mulled wine and mince pies.
Entrance free
with a retiring collection in aid of the the Hummingbird Project.



Christmas Eve Candlelit Service

24th December 4pm

No service on Christmas Day.
Sunday 1st January 2023 at 11am.



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More from Susie Courtault about these services

As the Christmas festivities are approaching, Fanny and I are starting to plan how we can include everyone.

Sunday 11th December at 6.00pm

We will be having a candlelit Carol Service with Carl Jukes playing the organ. There will be carol singing, mulled wine and mince pies. We will have a retiring collection for the Humming Bird Project.

Christmas Eve service, 24th December, 4.00pm

Fanny would love to know how many of you will be around and coming to a service. If you can contribute in any way, please contact her with your suggestions.

Fanny's email is francestulley@virginmedia.com

New Years Day, Sunday 1st January 2023 at 11.00am

Our congregational service on 1st January 2023 is entitled 'A service of Gratitude and Hope'. We thought as the new year falls on a Sunday we are together, we thought it would be a good idea to share poems, wisdom words and readings on the above theme - and our favourite music (a kind of desert island discs!) - both recorded and live.

As we leave 2022 behind us we will give thanks for everything that has sustained us and as we enter a new year, we will offer our hopes going forward. If you are away and unable to be with us in person, you can join in spirit by letting us know your reading or music choice and someone will read it and play it for you. We will be livestreaming the service and it will be recorded for you to watch later if you want. Please speak to Fanny or Susie if you would like to be part of this congregational service. We do need you!

Susie scourtault8@gmail.com

Fanny francestulley@virginmedia.com

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



Concert 12.30 - 1.15 pm
Tea & Coffee 12.00 - 12.30pm

The concerts are diverse, mostly classical but also jazz and folk. The performers are a mixture of top local talent and touring musicians from across the globe. These affordable concerts in our beautiful church are a perfect way to spend your Friday lunchtimes.

Come and have a drink before from our coffee room before the concert starts and get to know your fellow concertgoers.

Wheelchair-accessible venue.

£5 Suggested Donation.

Everyone Welcome.

2nd December

Pam Cragg & Maggie Grimsdell - one piano, four hands. The popular locally-based piano duo return with a new selection of music for two players by French composers including Bonis, Chaminade, Debussy, Fauré & Ravel.

9th December:

Pianist Vincenzo Delli Noci will perform Chopin's four ballades, regarded as being amongst the most significant extended works for solo piano of the nineteenth century.

16th December:

Pianist Nick Andrews will be joined by the great Dan James and his cello for 45 minutes of gorgeous music and maybe some Christmas cheese!

6th January 2023

Melody Magpies (Jenny Beckwith, Shirlene Billenness, Angela Goodall, Mary

Reilly) are a quartet comprising three experienced solo soprano/mezzo singers and a versatile accompanist. Their varied programme will include solo and ensemble songs and arias.

13th January

The Peach family with BAFTA-winning composer Joss Peach on piano; Josie Peach on sax and their daughter Poppy Peach on guitar, slide guitar and banjo. Playing a diverse mix of folk and jazz-influenced material.

20th January

Clarinet/bass clarinet specialist, Hannah Shilvock, and accompanist Viola Lenzi will present a programme that will include Dirk Brossé, Sebastián Tozzola, Ruth Gipps and Claude Debussy.

27th January

ECKOduo. Pianists Emre Oztek and Chisato Kusunoki. Playing Mozart - Sonata in C Major KV 521; Mendelssohn - Andante and Allegro assai vivace op.92; Brahms - Hungarian Dances selections.

3rd February

Matthew Sear: A Guitar Recital of Homages - Heitor Villa-Lobos, Leo Brouwer, William Walton, Django Reinhardt, Julian Bream, Manuel de Falla and Debussy.

10th February

Lewis Kingsley Peart with memorable melodies, stylish rhythms and thrilling pianism. This programme is a celebration of music written by great virtuosos from The Golden Age of piano playing.

AGM and COMMITTEE ELECTION

Our AGM will be held at 12.30pm on Sunday 29th January 2023, after the church service. Everyone is welcome, and people who have been a registered member of BUC for over 6 months will be able to vote. You will receive more details about this nearer the time.

At this AGM some of the Committee will be stepping down - so we need others

to step up, please! If you are interested then do email the church for nomination forms, at buc@brightonunitarian.org.uk or you can collect a paper version from the office. Candidates and their two nominees should both have been registered as members of BUC for at least a year. Nominations need to be submitted by 11th December 2022, please.

Please see below a message from the committee about the Treasurer role.

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Employing a staff Treasurer

No members of the Church have stepped forward to take on the role of Treasurer when Kathy Pitt leaves the post in late January. No-one, it has become clear, can afford the time.

It is illegal and unadvised to continue without a Treasurer so the current committee is therefore looking into employing someone to take on the basics for an hourly fee.

The basics are:

Using the accounts compiled by our bookkeeper, accountant, and wages company to

- prepare a brief monthly report to send to the committee meeting.
- write an Annual Financial Report for the AGM
- annually prepare the VAT and Gift Aid reclaiming forms.
- compile financial forecasts when required.
- run any big decisions past the committee, but otherwise would not need to attend Committee meetings.

So it does need a head for figures and it would be preferable for the person we employ to understand Brighton Unitarian values.

If anyone is interested or knows someone who might be, please contact Jo and Susie at Chair@brightonunitarian.org.uk

Otherwise, if you have any ideas of an organisation where we could find such a person please write with suggestions. We honestly don't know where to start.

Jo and Susie

Chair@brightonunitarian.org.uk

A POEM

I Hear You Call, Pine Tree

I hear you call, pine tree, I hear you upon the hill, by the silent pond
where the lotus flowers bloom, I hear you call, pine tree.
What is it you call, pine tree, when the rain falls, when the winds
blow, and when the stars appear, what is it you call, pine tree?
I hear you call, pine tree, but I am blind, and do not know how to
reach you, pine tree. Who will take me to you, pine tree?

by YONE NOGUCHI

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Please send in any contributions for the Newsletter
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