



Brighton
Unitarians

BUC Newsletter November 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 our November BUC newsletter. The committee and other volunteers have been busy with recruitment and there is good news about the role of caretaker and Church Administrator/Venue Manager. Also, January is approaching, so we will be needing some new committee members to help with the smooth running of the church. I'm really pleased to have the contribution of a poem this month, and I've included details of three online events from the wider Unitarian community.

As always, please do send any contributions to caroline.drijver@gmail.com

In this newsletter you will find:

Details of Sunday Services

Details of Friday Lunchtime Concerts

From the Committee

Important message about the committee election in January

Wider Unitarian Community

A poem

SUNDAY SERVICES

Services will begin at 11.00

30th October 2022

Francis Clark-Lowes, BUC member

6th November 2022

Eleanor Chiari

13th November

John Naish - BUC Member

20th November

Jane Blackall - Kensington Unitarians

27th November

Rev Jim Corrigall - District Minister

4th December

Fay Barratt- Interfaith Minister

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



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

£5 Suggested Donation.

4th November:

Nigel Thomas, double bass & Geoff Hearn, shakuhachi flute. This performance of acoustic bass and shakuhachi music will induce a quiet atmosphere of peace and tranquility.

11th November:

The Kelleth Piano Trio (Rachel Ellis, Siriol Hugh-Jones and Stephen Carroll-Turner) play trios by Beethoven (his wonderful 'Ghost' trio) and Schubert.

18th November:

Jenny McCalmont & Louise Gledhill (sopranos) with Andrew Robinson (baritone) & Howard Beach (harpsichord) perform trios by Pepusch, Handel and a scene from Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea. Pipes and reeds to accompany the singing....

25th November:

Italian pianist, Simone Alessandro Tavoni with a programme that will include Schubert: Sonata D568, Mompou: Cancion y Danzas (selection), Chopin: Mazurkas op 50 & Chopin Ballade no 3.

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!

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Our new team

We are very happy to welcome Stuart Lee as our new Duty manager/caretaker. His other job is stage doorman at the Theatre Royal. He's very excited to have the keys of 2 Grade 2 listed buildings.

Cat Stead is our new part-time Church administrator/Venue Manager. She'll be working 26 hours a week now: a few more than before in the hope that the job is do-able in that time and that we can enjoy some stability. Cat is currently the administrator for Brighton Philharmonic Orchestra and will start with us on Wednesday 16th November.

Until 16th November Christine will be in the office Mondays and Fridays, so will have limited time. Please, therefore, save any admin jobs that need help until the end of November if possible.

COMMITTEE ELECTION

Committee Elections – Call for Nominations

What a year it's been for our beloved church, but here we still are - and moving forward again!

Many of the congregation have offered their help in various ways over the last 12 months - and we give great thanks to them.

On top of this, the overall running of BUC both as a place of worship and an events venue has been down to the hard work of the six members of the Committee – Francis, Susie, Julia, Jo, Kathy and Helen. They have done such an amazing job.

At the AGM in January, some of the Committee will be stepping down - so we need others to step up! Please carefully consider offering your time to serve on the Committee in 2023

(or encourage someone you know to do this). Our church can only function because each year some of its members volunteer to join the Committee and meet each month to oversee the building, finances, and paid staff. There are discussions to be had and decisions to be made – all as part of a supportive team.

One of the vacancies is that of Treasurer – so if you have a head for figures, please help us! If you'd like an initial chat to see what's involved, then do get in touch with Susie or Jo (Co-Chairs) via the church email buc@brightonunitarian.org.uk

Nominations are due in by Sunday 11th December. I'll be sending out an email in November with the Nomination Form for completing and other formal bits – but, in the meantime, please really think about serving on the BUC Committee.

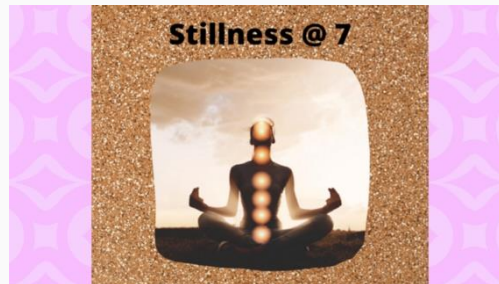
Thank you.

Jen Barton, Elections Manager

WIDER UNITARIAN COMMUNITY

The following two events are from the Unitarian Transformers [website](#):

Stillness at 7



7pm / Every Friday / Online

STILLNESS AT 7: FRIDAYS AT 7PM-7.15PM

Rev. Mark Hutchinson invites you to Shared Stillness at Seven each Friday at 7pm. A fifteen-minute period of shared stillness with periods to be in community gathered in prayer and reflection including:

Gratitude: two minutes to offer thanks

Knowing: two minutes in self-reflection

Listening: two minutes with our own still small voice

Loving: two minutes to offer love to the world.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94223648779...>

Meeting ID: 942 2364 8779

Passcode: 3c9Pb1

[Connect with this event on Facebook](#)

This event is offered as part of the [Unitarian Transformers](#) project.



[Eco-Spirituality Connections](#)

Wednesday 23rd November 2022, 19:00 – 20:00+1

Zoom

Eco-spirituality connections – exploring our responsibility for our sacred home planet through the lens of various earth-centred traditions.

At connections meetings of Unitarian Transformers both current Unitarians and people new to Unitarianism are welcome. There will be a 10-15 minute talk and/or reading sampling a (Free Christian, Earth Spirit. Hindu. Spiritual not religious) connection with Unitarianism. After this there will be time for any who wish to share to do so, to a maximum time to be agreed. This is intended as listening time, listening to others. The last few minutes may be more discussion like drawing us ,as a creedless faith, to experience the spiritual connection as each individual feels it.

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Here is information and a link to online meditation facilitated by our friends Rev Sheena Gabriel and Rob Oulton:

You are warmly invited to *Together in Meditation*, a new, national, weekly, online group for Unitarians and friends to practice meditation together in a supportive environment.

The group is open to everyone, and we hope that those with no experience of meditation can join alongside those with an established practice. The group will be an open, loving, and inclusive space for us all to find tranquillity and insight together. We aim

to provide basic instruction in simple and well-established meditation methods and offer formal guided practices in which to try them out, including around 20 minutes of silence. At the end of the session, there will be a chance to stay for reflection and mutual support as we deepen our practice together. In keeping with the Unitarian ethos, the session will not be orientated to any particular religious, spiritual, or psychological system, though it will freely draw on the wisdom and methods of many different traditions.

The sessions will be facilitated by Rev. Sheena Gabriel and Rob Oulton who have held weekly meditations for Godalming Unitarians for the past 13 years alongside Richard Bober from *The Meditational Fellowship* and Lizzie Kingston Harrison, *Congregational Connections Lead*. Please contact Lizzie if you would like more information.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87445055226?pwd=V1lYUWs1WjdSZnZJbnZibHh4Qm1pQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 4505 5226

Passcode: 949149

Very warm wishes,
Lizzie Kingston Harrison
Congregational Connections Lead

A POEM

Ode

BY ARTHUR O'SHAUGHNESSY

We are the music makers,
And we are the dreamers of dreams,
Wandering by lone sea-breakers,
And sitting by desolate streams; —
World-losers and world-forsakers,
On whom the pale moon gleams:
Yet we are the movers and shakers
Of the world for ever, it seems.

With wonderful deathless ditties
We build up the world's great cities,
And out of a fabulous story
We fashion an empire's glory:
One man with a dream, at pleasure,
Shall go forth and conquer a crown;
And three with a new song's measure
Can trample a kingdom down.

We, in the ages lying,
In the buried past of the earth,
Built Nineveh with our sighing,
And Babel itself in our mirth;
And o'erthrew them with prophesying
To the old of the new world's worth;
For each age is a dream that is dying,
Or one that is coming to birth.

A breath of our inspiration
Is the life of each generation;
A wondrous thing of our dreaming
Unearthly, impossible seeming —
The soldier, the king, and the peasant
Are working together in one,
Till our dream shall become their present,
And their work in the world be done.

They had no vision amazing
Of the goodly house they are raising;
They had no divine foreshowing
Of the land to which they are going:
But on one man's soul it hath broken,
A light that doth not depart;
And his look, or a word he hath spoken,
Wrought flame in another man's heart.

And therefore to-day is thrilling
With a past day's late fulfilling;
And the multitudes are enlisted
In the faith that their fathers resisted,
And, scorning the dream of to-morrow,
Are bringing to pass, as they may,
In the world, for its joy or its sorrow,
The dream that was scorned yesterday.

But we, with our dreaming and singing,
Ceaseless and sorrowless we!
The glory about us clinging
Of the glorious futures we see,
Our souls with high music ringing:
O men! it must ever be
That we dwell, in our dreaming and singing,
A little apart from ye.

For we are afar with the dawning
And the suns that are not yet high,
And out of the infinite morning
Intrepid you hear us cry —
How, spite of your human scorning,
Once more God's future draws nigh,
And already goes forth the warning
That ye of the past must die.

Great hail! we cry to the comers
From the dazzling unknown shore;
Bring us hither your sun and your summers;

And renew our world as of yore;
You shall teach us your song's new numbers,
And things that we dreamed not before:
Yea, in spite of a dreamer who slumbers,
And a singer who sings no more.

Thank you Julia for contributing this poem

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by the end of Monday 24th November

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