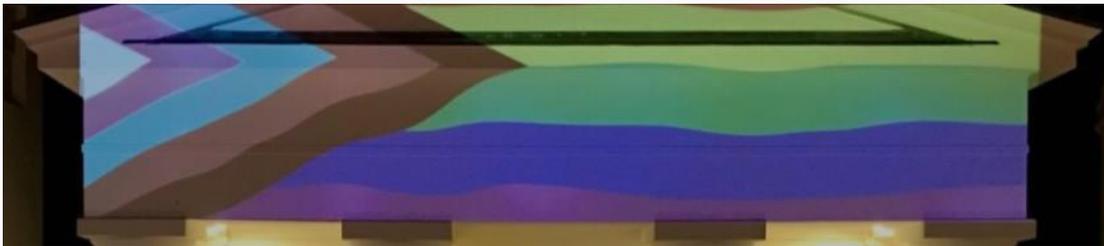




BUC Newsletter August 2022

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 August edition of our BUC newsletter.

It's that time of year again! August: inspiring awe, respect and admiration. People who stand up for their civil rights and the rights of others surely deserve our awe, especially those who have made personal sacrifices to this end. We all benefit. And so here we are, just a little over a week to go before Brighton Pride weekend. A time to celebrate, and for me personally, a time to reflect on how I would like to be braver with regard to some of the threats we are living with.

Have a good August!

In this newsletter you will find:

Details of Sunday services

Details of Friday Lunchtime Concerts

BUC and Pride- we're holding a stall

Impulse

A Poem

SUNDAY SERVICES

Services will begin at 11.00

31st July

Rev Jennifer Sanders. Interfaith Minister, BUC member and Lay Leader for Hastings Unitarians

7th August

Elanor Chiari.

14th August

John Naish. BUC member

21st August

Rev Susie Courtault. BUC member

28th August

Stephen Crowther. BUC member

4th September

Jane Blackall. Kensington Unitarians

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.

There will be no lunchtime concerts in August. The concerts will be back on Friday 2nd September.

Below are the concerts for September

September 2nd: Laurence and Oliver are a duo of aspiring musicians, bringing us a selection of their clarinet and piano repertoire.

September 9th: Paul Richards will be performing a variety of Spanish & South American Classical Guitar pieces spanning Samba, Folklorico to Milongas and more...

September 16th: Belladonna (Sue Mileham, soprano, Jane Plessner, clarinet, Nicola Grunberg, piano) present "Mixed and Matched", a varied programme to include works by Faure, Richard Strauss, Meyerbeer, Mozart & maybe even a little Gershwin!

September 23rd: Saxophonist Alex Bondonno returns to the Brighton Unitarian with Joss Peach on piano, playing jazz standards from Abdullah Ibrahim, Horace Silver, Thelonious Monk and many more as well as a smattering of unexpected tunes (Soundgarden anyone?).

September 30th: Soprano Olive Murray "Nuggets and Nibbles" - bite size 'opera appetizers'! A taster of musical hor d'oeuvres to sumptuously sample this lunchtime.

BRIGHTON PRIDE

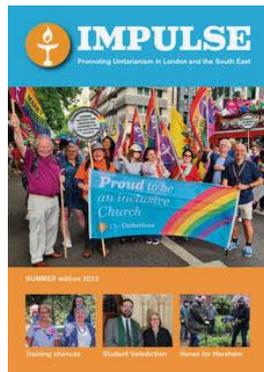


We will have a stall outside the church on Saturday 6th. It will be set up at 11am, and we will need volunteers for hourly slots from 12 midday.

Please help if you can. It will be fun!

Anyone who can help please contact Helen White via email at secretary@brightonunitarian.org.uk

WIDER UNITARIAN COMMUNITY



For the Summer edition of IMPULSE:
visit <https://www.ldpaunitarians.org/newsletters>

Included in this edition:

Ideas for rekindling congregations abound in an interview with Rev'd **Kate Dean** of Rosslyn Hill Chapel, Hampstead. Her advice? Start small, and 'give things a go'.

So what is essential for maintaining congregational life? And what's fundamental for our faith? **Lucy Harris** delves deep in a search for answers.

Radical change is afoot! Next year's Festival of Unitarians in the South East (FUSE) is going to be in the Summer and at a Retreat Centre! Surely not? Yes it's true, read all about it.

And there's more: London District shines at Pride; Jesus of Galilee lecture success; Autumn Quarterly, the full details; Are you keen to train to lead worship?; and ... Gaps in ministry open up ... can they be filled?

A POEM

This isn't actually a poem, it's the lyrics to the beautiful song by Labi Siffre. He wrote it in 1984 in response to seeing a documentary on apartheid in which a white soldier indiscriminately shot a group of unarmed South African children. Later, in an interview, he said that as soon as he had written it he knew it was about him being gay.

Something Inside So Strong

by Labi Siffre

The higher you build your barriers
The taller I become
The further you take my rights away
The faster I will run
You can deny me, you can decide
To turn your face away
No matter 'cause there's

Something inside so strong
I know that I can make it
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no
There's something inside so strong
Oh, something inside so strong

The more you refuse to hear my voice
(ooh-weh ooh-weh ooh-weh ooh-weh)
The louder I will sing
You hide behind walls of Jericho
(ooh-weh ooh-weh ooh-weh ooh-weh)
Your lies will come tumbling
Deny my place in time, you squander wealth that's mine
My light will shine so brightly it will blind you
Because there's

Something inside so strong, strong
I know that I can make it

Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no
There's something inside so strong
Oh, something inside so strong

Brothers and sisters
When they insist we're just not good enough
Well we know better
Just look him in his eyes and say
We're gonna do it anyway
We're gonna do it anyway

There's something inside so strong
And I know that I can make it
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no
There's something inside so strong, oh
Something inside so strong

Brothers and sisters
When they insist we're just not good enough
Well we know better
Just look him in his eyes and say
We're gonna do it anyway
We're gonna do it anyway

Because there's
Something inside so strong, (something inside so strong)
I know that I can make it
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no, oh no
There's something inside so strong
Something inside so strong (oh oh yeah)
I know that I can make it
Though you're doing me wrong, so wrong
You thought that my pride was gone, oh no, oh no
There's something inside so strong
Oh oh, something inside so strong

