



## **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.

## **BUC Newsletter April 2022**



Welcome to the Spring and to this April Brighton Unitarian Church Newsletter. Although daffodils appear earlier each year, I certainly associate them very much with Springtime, and a reminder of the good that endures.

In this newsletter you will find

Details of Sunday services

A message from our hard-working committee

Details of Friday Lunchtime Concerts

A Community section containing appeals to help our sisters and brothers

# SUNDAY SERVICES

Starting at 11.00 a.m.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> April      **John Naish**, BUC Member- this service will in the church and also live-streamed, but there will be no recording to watch later.
- 10<sup>th</sup> April      **Stephen Crowther**, BUC member – this will be in the church and live-streamed.
- 17<sup>th</sup> April      **Susie Courtault**, Interfaith Minister and BUC member- this will be in the church and live-streamed.
- 1<sup>st</sup> May          **Kate Whyman**, Unitarian Minister Plymouth- we are invited to join the Plymmouth Unitarian service via live-streaming
- 8<sup>th</sup> May          **Brian Bell**, BUC Member
- 15<sup>th</sup> May        **Eleanor Chiari**- this service will be held in the church.

Please contact Caroline Drijver on 07791781022 if you need assistance getting to or from the church.

## FROM THE COMMITTEE

Our new Church Manager Alison Sinclair joined us on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please do pop in and say hello if you are around the Church on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays.

# FRIDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERTS



## *Lunchtime Concerts at Brighton Unitarian Church Fridays 12.30-1.15pm*

The performers are a mixture of top local talent and touring musicians from across the globe. It's a perfect way to spend your Friday lunchtime.

### **April 2022**

**1st** Duo Brikcius: cellists Anna Brikciusová & František Brikcius perform compositions written for two cellos by Jacques Offenbach; Irena Kosíková, Leoš Janáček, Bohuslav Martinů and Antonio Vivaldi.

**8th** Pianist Chisato Kusunoki performing JS Bach - Partita No. 1 B flat major; Justin Connolly - Sonatina No.3 'Sonatina Scherzosa' op.46 (2015) World Premiere and Rachmaninoff - A selection of Preludes.

**15th** Lorenzo Masotto, Italian pianist and composer will play pieces from his last album "i=r", inspired by classical post-romanticism, jazz, and contemporary music.

**22nd** The Aschenbach Trio: Anna Litvinenko (Cello), Laurence Cuttriss (Clarinet), Norman Jacobs (Piano) performing Arvo Pärt 'Mozart-Adagio'; Robert Muczynski 'Fantasy Trio'; Ann Callaway 'The Memory Palace'; Hugh Wood Trio Op.40 & Frederic Rzewski 'Rubinstein in Berlin'.

**29th** Ukrainian born pianist Ivan Hovorun will play Ludwig van Beethoven Sonata C sharp Minor, Op. 27, No. 2; Felix Mendelssohn Variations Sérieuses Op. 54;

Frederic Chopin Nocturne in C sharp Minor and Franz Liszt Ouverture zu Tannhäuser, S.442.

### **May**

**6th** Lyndsay Jeffery (Clarinet) and Nick Andrews (Piano) look forward to playing a selection of pieces for clarinet and piano, from jazz to classical to romantic. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

**13th** Nick Andrews plays Bach. BUC regular, Nick Andrews will play an all-Bach recital. Opening with the 3rd Partita and ending with the extraordinary French Overture. In between he'll play some wonderful transcriptions of Bach by other composers.

**20th** 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.

**27th** The LIPS Quintet: Dan Elson (Oboe), Hanna Barriga (Flute), Charlotte Woolley (Clarinet), Matthew Sackman (Horn), Rick Yoder (Bassoon) performing Le Tombeau de Couperin - Ravel; Architectonics 1 - Erkki Sven Tuur; Sonata in Bb K358 - Mozart.

Tickets on the door. **£5 suggested donation.** Tea and coffee from midday.  
New Road, Brighton BN1 1UF [www.brightonunitarian.org.uk](http://www.brightonunitarian.org.uk)

# COMMUNITY

## Help with resettling a refugee family

Susi and Kim from Brighton and Hove Community Sponsorship have contacted us - they are looking for people to help with their work in resettling a refugee family in our city. More details can be found on their website, <https://www.brightonhovecs.com/how-to-help>. They are looking for help with finding accommodation, fundraising and other support in the resettlement process, e.g. filling out forms, language interpretation. Susi can be contacted via email [brightonhovecs@gmail.com](mailto:brightonhovecs@gmail.com)

## Supporting resettlement of Ukrainian refugees

If you are specifically interested in supporting Ukrainians seeking refuge in UK when you could look at the Reset Communities and Refugees website, <https://resetuk.org/>

## **CALL FOR THE 366<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEETING – TAUNTON UNITARIAN CHAPEL**

*We have received this invitation from Daniel Costley, Secretary of the General Baptist Assembly, which has regularly given us a small grant to help pay for our Lay leader. If anyone would like to go please contact [secretary@brightonunitarian.org.uk](mailto:secretary@brightonunitarian.org.uk) by the first week in April.*

The General Baptist Assembly will be holding its Annual General Meeting at **Taunton Unitarian Chapel, Mary Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3PE on Saturday 7th May 2022**. We will gather from 11.30, with a Service at 12pm, lunch at 1pm, and the AGM at 2pm, to finish by 3pm.

As agreed at the AGM last year, we are this year again moving the meeting to a member congregation, and will include a Service, the meeting, and a chance to for social gathering. Events in recent years at Sevenoaks, Godalming and Nottage have proved to be very popular and nourishing.

Given the distance involved for some delegates, balancing the needs of the Assembly's finances, and following discussion with congregations, we cannot necessarily cover the full costs of travel for delegates, but will pay up to the first £50. We cannot, as is normal, cover the costs of non-delegates, but we do encourage as many people from each congregation as possible to attend. For those travelling some distance, perhaps shared cars might be an option for travel.

## An appeal by the Unitarian General Assembly

### **Saving Ukrainian lives now**

We are seeing a terrifying tragedy unfold before our eyes. The people of Ukraine are facing the worst disaster and Europe as a whole our most dangerous political crisis since the Second World War.

Many children's lives are in immediate danger, 7,500,000 directly affected by this rapidly escalating conflict. Homes, schools and hospitals have been damaged or destroyed. Water, electricity and other essential facilities have been badly disrupted. Landmines and other devastating weapons are killing many innocent civilians.

Should not Unitarians and all people of goodwill feel morally impelled to act now to save lives?

Bombs are rained down on Ukrainian cities. Innocent civilians, including defenceless women, children and the elderly, are subjected to incessant shelling and are forced to take cover in basements and shelters. They endure days without water, food and other basic supplies.

By donating to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal you will help Ukrainian victims of war by:

supporting families with food, warm clothing, first aid and medicines; taking people to hospitals, transporting medical supplies and helping set up blood donation units; supporting and funding hospitals and primary healthcare facilities, fire fighters and civil protection units ;

repairing homes, schools and community centres; and rebuilding or replacing Ukraine's vital infrastructure damaged or destroyed by war.

If you wish to respond to this urgent appeal please call **0300 023 0820** or visit [redcross.org.uk/Ukraine](https://redcross.org.uk/Ukraine) or send a cheque made out to the **British Red Cross** and send it to British Red Cross, 44 Moorfields, London EC2Y 9AL.

Please kindly earmark it to the British Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Thank you.

*Anne Mills, President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches*

*Rev. Sue Woolley, Vice-president of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches and Secretary of the Unitarian Peace Fellowship*

*Rev. John P. Carter, President of the Unitarian Ministerial Fellowship and Chair of the Unitarian Peace Fellowship*

*Robert Ince, Global President of the IARF and EC member*

*Derek McAuley, Chair of the IARF British Chapter*

*Rev. Michael Allured, Chair of LDPA Council*

*Rev. Jim Corrigan, LDPA District Minister*

*Rev. Joy Croft  
Rev. Ashley Hills  
Rev. Jo James, EC member  
Dr Lizzie Kingston-Harrison  
Rev. Celia Midgley  
Rev. John Midgley  
Rev. Feargus O'Connor  
Rev. Matthew Smith  
Rev. Charles VanDenBroeder  
Rev. Martin Whitell*

## **A POEM**

If I Can Stop One Heart From Breaking  
by Emily Dickinson

If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not live in vain;  
If I can ease one life the aching,  
Or cool one pain,  
Or help one fainting robin  
Unto his nest again,  
I shall not live in vain.

Please do send in any contributions to the church, marking them for the attention of Caroline Drijver

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