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Sunday 1st April 2018 Helen & John İllingworth In memory of Joyce, Douglas and Brenda

> Sunday 8th April 2018 Vacant

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Sunday 15th April 2018 **Dorothy Jones** In memory of her family

Sunday 22nd April 2018 Elaine & Fred Schofield In memory of Mum & Dad

Sunday 29th April 2018 Anne & Ian Dawson

Flowers lovingly arranged by

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Should you know of anyone for whom Church flowers would be a source of comfort. please contact Helen or Joyce.



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### **100 CLUB WINNERS**

### **MARCH 2018**

Nr 48 Diane Bennett 1st

Fred & Elaine Schofield 2nd Nr 95

Margaret Bamford 3rd Nr 53

Congratulations

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

### "ABOUT PEOPLE"

It is with sadness that we record the death of Edna Goodier and we offer our love and sympathy to her grandson, Christopher and to all the family.

Our warmest congratulations to Ewa and Jules for their wedding which will take place on Friday, 27 April. We wish them a long and happy life together.

This is your space to share news of every kind, so please keep us informed.

## TROKE CLUB

Stroke Club Concert Monday 30th April 2018 @ 7.30pm

Tickets are now available for the Stroke Club Concert.

Our friends the Trinity singers will once again be entertaining us and the usual home made "delicious" refreshments will be served - all for £2.00!!

Please come along and support this worthy and very enjoyable occasion.

Tickets available from John Wood (01706 645252) or any member of Church Council

Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Stroke Club Concert The Trinity Singers Present - Music For You Monday 30 April 2018 at 7:30pm Tickets £2.00 including light refreshments Contact Person - John Wood 01706 645252 Rochdale Unitarian Church, Clover Street.

# **EMINDER**

## Subscriptions

for NELUM and UCM are now due and may be paid to John Illingworth.



## ILM NIGHTS



Why not come along to join us on one of these evenings - everyone is welcome. If you are interested in the film or in a good value night's entertainment, then we'd urge you to come

The film commences at 7pm, we have an ice cream interval and toilet break about half way through. At the end we adjourn to the blue room for a pie and pea supper with home made cakes, tea and coffee. The suggested donation is £6 per person. We doubt you'd get better value for money anywhere!

### **Date - 12 May 2018**

### Film - Dunkirk

In May 1940, Germany advanced into France, trapping Allied troops on the beaches of Dunkirk. Under air and ground cover from British and French forces, troops were slowly and methodically evacuated from the beach using every serviceable naval and civilian vessel that could be found. At the end of this heroic mission, 330,000 French, British. Belgian and Dutch soldiers were safely evacuated.

## Date - 22 September Film - Darkest Hour

A thrilling and inspiring true story begins at the precipice of World War II as, within days of becoming Prime Minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill (Academy Award nominee Gary Oldman) must face one of his most turbulent and defining trials: exploring a negotiated peace treaty with Nazi Germany, or standing firm to fight for the ideals, liberty and freedom of a nation. As the unstoppable Nazi forces roll across Western Europe and the threat of invasion is imminent, and with an unprepared public, a sceptical King, and his own party plotting against him, Churchill must withstand his darkest hour, rally a nation, and attempt to change the course of world history.

## **Date - 17 November** Film - Victoria & Abdul

Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favour with the Queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner circle try to destroy. As their friendship deepens, the Queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.

## **RUC CALENDAR**



## Flower Month Helen

## **APRIL**

Sun	01	10.30	aster Sunday Worship led by Abi Elliott-McGuffie from Bury	
Mon	02	10:00	Walking Group Easter Walk (page 11)	
Wed	04	5.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Mrs Eunice Smith	
Wed	04 -	Sat 07	General Assembly Meetings in Daventry, Northamptonshire	
Sun	80	10.30	Sunday Worship led by Rev Andrew Parker	
Mon	09	7.30	Book Circle at 5 Bagnall Close	
Wed	11	5.00	Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Mrs Eunice Smith	
Wed	11	6.45	Women's League Meeting	
Sun	15	10.30	Sunday Worship led by Rev John Allerton	
Sat	21	11.45	Spring Lunch in aid of the Roof Fund	
Sun	22	10.30	Sunday Worship led by Len Elias from Dean Row Chapel	
Wed	25	7.45	General Council Meeting	
Wed Sat	25 28	7.45 11.00	General Council Meeting  North West Provincial Assembly AGM at Gateacre Chapel, Liverpool	
			North West Provincial Assembly AGM	



### **CHURCH CHARITY 2016 - 2018**

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## REGULARS

Please ring - to confirm

Administrator in Church - most Mondays 10am till 1pm Contact Paul Hubbard - 01706 648461

**Keep Fit Group** - most Mondays at 10:00 am Contact Person: Margaret Salt - 01706 852575

**Badminton** - most Thursdays at 8:00 pm Contact Person: Margaret Salt - 01706 852575

Choir Practice - most Fridays at 7:15 Contact Person: Helen Illingworth 01706 649015

## **ROTAS**

## WARDENS COFFEE

Margaret Salt Diane Bennett	01 Apr	John & Edna Wood
Helen & John	08	Margaret Shore
Illingworth	Apr	Madge Rimmer
Dorothy Jones	15	Helen Illingworth
Margaret Shore	Apr	Margaret Salt
Edna & John Wood	22 Apr	Joyce Ashworth Pat Chippendale
John Illingworth	29	Diane Bennett
Fred Schofield	Apr	Dorothy Jones

If anyone is unable to attend when on Coffee Rota, will they please arrange cover or see Margaret Shore.- Thanks

## **M**AY

Wed 02 5.00 Afternoon Tea — Hostess: Ann Shepherd
 Wed 02 6.45 Women's League Meeting
 Sun 06 10.30 Congregational visit to Bury Church



# GENERAL COUNCIL

# **Summary of Church Council Meeting 8th March**

Council discussed the appointment of Abi Elliott-McGuffie as Pastoral Support Officer. A report was received from our new administrator, Paul Hubbard, on his progress since his appointment in February. Three potential Church charities were shortlisted, with further discussion planned for Whit Sunday. And the motions submitted for the 2018 Annual Meetings were debated, in order to make recommendations to the congregation.

# Congregational outing to Bury on Sunday 6th May 2018

As Ewa will be taking three Sundays off in April/ May due to her wedding, Council thought it would be a good idea on one of the Sundays to have a Congregational outing. The Bury Church have invited us to join them at their morning service on 6th May which commences at 11.15 am and it just so happens that it is Ainsworth Chapel's Anniversary in the afternoon at 3.00 pm. On hearing about the outing, Abi has very kindly invited us for lunch at her home in Tottington which will also give us the opportunity to see her cattery. A list will be put up on the notice board and as usual we will arrange for transport for anyone who would like to go.



## **Annual Meetings**

Additionally, this year's Motions and Background Papers have been released. These have been mailed out to congregations, worship leaders and those booked for the Annual Meetings but if you wish to view or download them, they can be found at <a href="https://unitarianmeetings2018.com/">https://unitarianmeetings2018.com/</a> under the menu item 'Policy & Debate'.

### Death of Rev Dr Phillip Hewett

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Rev Dr Phillip Hewett on Saturday 24 February 2018, at the age of 93. He served at Montreal (Assistant 1953-54), Ipswich (1954-56), Vancouver (1956-91) and Victoria (Interim 1991-92).

#### **Death of Rev Dr David Doel**

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Rev Dr David Doel on Thursday 22 February 2018, at the age of 87. He served at Manchester Blackley (1953-57), Hindley (1960-76), and Dukinfield (1976-98) with Manchester Gorton (1982-95).

# Working on our Welcome: Improving Our Hospitality to LGBTQ+ People

A workshop will take place on Saturday 16 June 2018 for an 11.30am start until 3.30pm. It will be held at York Unitarians, St. Saviourgate Unitarian Chapel, St. Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NQ.

In this workshop, led by Quaker activist Fred Langridge and Jane Blackall from Kensington Unitarians, we will explore some practical ways in which our communities can offer a better welcome to visitors who identify as LGBTQ+.

# European Unitarians Together (EUT) – Berlin 2019

The European Unitarian Universalists (EUU) and the Unitarier – Religionsgemeinschaft freien Glaubens (URFG) are pleased to announce that the 2nd EUT will take place in Berlin from 7–10 June in 2019. The Boards of both the EUU and URFG are convinced that a gathering of likeminded yet different European Unitarians, Universalists, U U's, Free Religious and related groups can bring out the best in all of us, helping to spark contagious inspiration and provide leadership in Europe during tumultuous times. We hope you'll join us. Please put the dates in your diary.

# Open Letter co-ordinated by Christian CND

The following open letter was co-ordinated by Christian CND:

"Successive UK governments have pledged their support for a world free of nuclear weapons. Today the House of Lords will discuss a United Nations Treaty that bans nuclear weapons. The Treaty is the result of multilateral negotiation and is supported by more than 120 states, more than 50 of which have already signed. Unfortunately the United Kingdom has refused to engage with the process ...

At a time when the threat of nuclear war continues to hang over all of us, the Treaty represents a unique opportunity for the nuclear weapon states to walk together towards a total ban.

We hope that the debate in the Lords today will be the first step towards the UK engaging with this process and joining the growing international consensus against nuclear weapons ... We urge the government to reconsider its position on the Treaty.

"Beauty is a form of genius - is higher, indeed, than genius, as it needs no explanation. It is of the great facts in the world like sunlight, or springtime, or the reflection in dark water of that silver shell we call the moon." - Oscar Wilde

### Walking Group Short break in Northumberland.

Considering all the snow we'd had just before we went and now again as we got back our 3 full days where blessed by dry weather, although still



cold and windy! It definitely blew the cobwebs away and you needed to wrap up well, as the photograph shows when we set off on our circular walk up Bamburgh beach, by the side of the famous castle.

The day before walked from Amble to Warkworth and back again where we happened to finish up in an ice cream parlour! By coincidence John and Beryl Allerton where staying not far away in Craster and so on our third day we meet up, spending a nice day browsing the world famous Barter Book Shop and exploring Alnwick.

## **OCAL EVENTS**

## JOE SALT MEMORIAL COWM RESERVOIR RACE



# Andems Runners assisted by Rochdale Harriers present: *Joe Salt Memorial Cowm Reservoir Race!*

Joe Salt contributed over 60 years to Athletics, and Andems are staging the annual Memorial Race.

The Race begins from the Cock & Magpie pub (CockHall Lane, Whitworth, Rochdale, OL12 8BJ) on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm sharp. So please arrive in plenty of time! Race numbers are to be collected on the night, and entry is limited to 200 runners (13-years-old+). The race is measured at 5km, and incorporates 2 laps of Cowm Reservoir. All proceeds are to go to Springhill Hospice and the Breast Care Unit at The Royal Oldham Hospital. A prize will be awarded to ALL finishers!

For further information, please call (01706) 750620 or email <a href="mailto:info@andemsrunners.co.uk">info@andemsrunners.co.uk</a>. Please consider sharing, if coming by car, and park on Cowm Park Way South. Event information kindly supplied by Andrew O'Sullivan:

https://bookitzone.com/andrew o sullivan/iJ2FFX

#### **Easter Walk**

Will we ever get to walk the Ashworth, Cheesden and Naden



Brooks walk? Perhaps in May when the bluebells will be out. Our next walk will be on Easter Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, when we're off to Shibden just outside Halifax. We've done the walk a couple of times before and always enjoy it. Also there's the added advantage of Shibden Hall if the weather sets in. Meet at Church at 10 am and bring a packed lunch.



There were only five members at our last meeting when we discussed I Let You Go by Clare Mackintosh. We all thoroughly

enjoyed it and can recommend it to anyone who enjoys a good suspense. John and Bill read it whilst on holiday and neither of them could put it down!

The next meeting is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April when we will be discussing Trust in Me, a thriller by Sophie McKenzie.



After the huge success of last year's dramatic play 'Steel Magnolias' we welcome back Heywood AODS! This play is a slight departure from last year, as it is more of a comedy that centres around a brother and sister who innocently set up a Neighbourhood Watch group following petty crime from a nearby estate, only for the group to go out of control and become an authoritarian force controlling the lives of the people they are supposed to protect. Come show your support for local theatre!

## **DIARY DATES 2018**

Date	EVENT
03 Feb	Women's League AGM at Bury
17 Feb	Charity Lunch
11 Mar	Mothering Sunday
21 Mar	Women's League Lunch at Town Hall
24 Mar	Film Night
21 Apr	Spring Lunch
30 Apr	Stroke Club Concert
13 <b>M</b> ay	Anniversary & Membership Service
20 May	Whit Sunday
12 May	Film Night (note revised date)
30 Jun	Summer Lunch
01 Sep	Women's League Project Lunch
22 Sep	Film Night
13 Oct	Autumn Lunch & Tombola
17 Nov	Film Night
01 Dec	Christmas Lunch

## Interested in learning more?



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