

Cambridge Unitarians

Monthly Newsletter - September 2015

For your diary

Sun 6 Sep : Services 10.30am and 6.30pm.
Bring & Share Lunch.

Sat 12 Sep : 11am - 4pm : The church, hall and garden will be open to the public as part of 'Open Cambridge' and 'Heritage Open Days'.
Volunteers needed to welcome visitors.

Sun 13 Sep : Services 10.30am and 6.30pm.

Wed 16 Sep : 4.30pm : Church Committee Meeting

Sat 19 Sep: 3-5.30pm : Tea Party at 11
Youngman Avenue, Histon.

Sun 20 Sep : services at 10.30am and 6.30pm

Wed 23 Sep: 12noon-2.30pm. Lunch Club.
Offering companionship, good food and an opportunity to talk about a particular issue that is relevant to the well-being and happiness of retired people or those planning retirement. This month we'll be talking about how our childhood links to our adult experience. A donation of £2.50 is suggested to cover the cost of the meal.
Contact: 01480 432284.

Sat 26 Sep : 1.45 - 5pm : 'Technology - Satan or Saviour' (an Eastern Union event at Bury St Edmunds). Details in right hand column of this page.

Sun 27 Sep : 10.30am service led by James Barry. Evening service of Mindful meditation at 6.30pm.

Summer Tea Parties

'Thank you' to Martha and Amit for hosting a tea party, attended by 15, at their home in Cambridge on 8 August.

The final tea party for this summer will be on Saturday 19 September (3-5.30pm) at 11 Youngman Avenue, Histon CB24 9HP. Many thanks to Sylvie for her invitation.

Technology - satan or saviour?



James Barry (pictured above), will be at the AGM of the Eastern Union of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches. That's an organisation by which the Unitarian churches of East Anglia can meet and work together.

The event will be on Saturday 26 September at the Unitarian Meeting House, Churchgate Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1RH between 1.45 and 5pm.

James is a member of our denomination's Executive Committee. He'll be talking about what the Unitarian response should be to the technology revolution we see all around us.

Here is the programme:

- 1.45 Arrive
- 2.00 Service - taken by James Barry
- 2.30 AGM
- 3.15 Talk by James Barry and discussion
- 4.15 Tea
- 5.00 Finish

If you'd like to go this event, please contact Shirley Fieldhouse,
s.fieldhouse@btinternet.com, tel. 01223 426514.

Even if you can't make it to Bury St Edmunds that day, you will have the chance to meet James at our morning service in Cambridge the following day (Sunday 27th) when he will be giving the address.

Preparing for our minister's sabbatical

Our minister, Andrew Brown, will be taking a sabbatical during May-July 2016 followed by his regular August holiday. This means that for four months, we, the church members, will be responsible for ensuring that things run smoothly in the church. That includes a greater than usual involvement in planning and running church services than we normally have.

There is a lot of talent in this church, and many people have already participated in running our worship services. But there is surely much that us 'amateurs' can learn. So, during the autumn, the Wednesday evening 'conversation' slot will be used for a series of training sessions. These will be designed to help us understand how to put a service together, where to find worship resources, boost our confidence, and more. Fuller information next month.

We are hoping to be able to invite some interesting guest speakers. If you have any ideas about who we could invite, or what themes our services could focus on, please speak to any member of the committee.

The Ministry Development Fund will help with the costs of the sabbatical, including enabling Andrew to undertake any study or personal development activities, and support the cost of bringing guest preachers to us.

Church Questionnaire

Your committee is keen to know what you like, or might like to change, about Cambridge Unitarian Church.

To help us to plan the future, and get a better feel regarding the congregation's thoughts and ideas, we are sending out a questionnaire during September to survey all members and friends of the church, whether you are local or live far away from Cambridge. Those on our email list will receive this electronically to be completed online. Others will receive it by post.

We would be extremely grateful if you could all participate, even if you don't feel able to answer all the questions. The survey can be completed anonymously.

Don't miss this chance to air your views, and help to shape the future of our church.

Hall Bookings

Marie Paisley, who has managed our church hall bookings for the past year or so, is stepping down. She has moved to Ely, and the distance, combined with her responsibilities for her young family, mean that she feels the time has come for someone else to take on the job. The committee would like to thank Marie for all her hard work, enthusiasm and efficiency. If anyone might be interested in taking on this role, please contact either the Minister or Brendan Boyle.

About our church

This church belongs to a liberal Christian tradition which welcomes the loving, critical and enquiring spirit. It is founded upon an 'open trust' which imposes no doctrinal tests upon its minister or members. We meet in the spirit which is exemplified in the life and utterances of Jesus, for the worship of God and the service of humankind.

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