

For your diary

Sun 3 Sep: 10.30am. Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren.
Coffee in Church after service.
No Bring & Share Lunch today, but please feel free to bring a picnic to eat in the park opposite the church, weather permitting.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sun 10 Sep: 10.30am. Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: John Dillistone.
Coffee in Common Room after the service.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sat 16 Sep : 3-5pm. Summer tea party at Sylvie's (11 Youngman Avenue, Histon CB24 9HP). All members and friends of the church are welcome for an afternoon of relaxed conversation, cakes and tea.

Sun 17 Sep: 10.30am. Service led by Andrew Brown. Pianist: Peter Shepherd. Coffee in Common Room after the service.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Wed 20 Sep: 4.15pm. Church committee meets in Common Room.

Sun 24 Sep: 10.30am.
Service led by Andrew Brown.
Organist: John Dillistone.
Children's storytelling activity led by Marion Leeper (see next column).
Coffee in Common Room after the service.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Wed 27 Sep : 12noon-2.30pm. Lunch Club
Offering companionship, good food and an opportunity to talk about a particular issue relevant to the well-being and happiness of retired people or those planning retirement. A donation of around £3 is suggested to cover the cost of the meal.
Please let Katie know if you would like to attend. 01480 432284.

Sun 1 Oct: 10.30am : Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren.
After the service, we shall have the official opening of the new wheelchair ramp and the accessible toilets in the church hall.
And then our monthly Bring & Share Lunch .
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.



Accessibility Project. The new ramp almost complete - photographed on 29 August. Building work is expected to be finished by Friday 8 September. Official opening on 1 October.

Storytelling for children

We are delighted that Marion Leeper is going to run three story-telling events at our church for children and families. Dates are Sundays 24 September, 22 October and 3 December in the church hall during the morning service.

Marion is a storyteller, writer and educator based in Cambridge, and you can read more about her on her website
<http://www.marionleeperstoryteller.co.uk/>

We'll be contacting all young families connected to our church with full details in the next week or two.

Hear the people sing: songs of struggle and sacrifice

Sat 9 Sep: 7.30pm in Robinson Theatre at Hills Road Sixth Form College

Mark Mason has asked us to publicise this concert by The Festival Players in aid of Multiple Sclerosis research at Addenbrooke's. Organised by the Cambridge & District Group of the MS Society. Tickets (£15 - under 18s free) available in advance from Richard Moulton 01223 368696, Tony Collett 01223 893447 or cambridgesupport@mssociety.org.uk

Geraldine Owst

Geraldine died suddenly on 16 August. Those of you who were here in 1980s or later will know that Geraldine came to live with her mother (May, a Unitarian who came to our services) in Cambridge in Earl Street on her retirement from primary school or infant teaching.

She took charge of the Sunday Club for a number of years, organised weekly sessions and was loved by the children. She was also on the church committee as house officer.

About four years ago she moved into an Abbeyfield retirement home at Girton; her attendance at morning or evening services declined. She was within a couple of weeks of her 88th birthday. She leaves a sister and brother-in-law and two nephews.

In a sense, the church community was her family. Her funeral will be in our church on Tuesday 5 September at 2.30pm.

Shirley Fieldhouse

Accessibility Project

Building work is expected to be completed by 8 September, and the formal opening of the new ramp and toilets will take place after the morning service on Sunday 1 October.

Summer tea parties

Many thanks to Jerry and Caroline for hosting our July summer tea party. It was a warm sunny day and about 10 of us enjoyed tea, cakes and conversation in Jerry and Caroline's garden.

On 12 August, we again experienced glorious summer weather - sunny, blue skies, no wind - perfect for enjoying Katie and Tony's immaculate and colourful garden. Together with their son David, daughter-in-law Ruhi and grand-daughters Zara and Yasmin, they had invited us to their Garden Party with the warning not to have lunch before arriving. Good advice, as we tucked into a splendid cold buffet - and Katie's famous trifles. Ample room to move around and chat between garden tables and the conservatories. The children could delight in playing on the swings and the grass. Adults joined in with games - Robin proved skilful at juggling.

The raffle raised £111 to be split between SoBS (Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide) and the Unitarian Church. Many thanks to Katie and Tony for giving us this enjoyable event and for the opportunity to meet with their friends.

The final tea party of the summer will be on Saturday 16 September (3-5pm) at Sylvie's house (11 Youngman Avenue, Histon). Do join us if you can!

Shirley Fieldhouse and Andrew Bethune

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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