

NEWSLETTER 6TH APRIL 2024

Posted on April 6, 2024 by Andrew Brown

Greetings to you all.

If you wish to join us for the *Morning Service of Mindful Meditation* on Zoom, then please click on the following link and join from 10.15am. The service starts at 10.30am and will finish on, or shortly after 11.30am.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86584947084?pwd=RHdlVWlVbG5uajcxODhqT2h5djExZz09>

Meeting ID: 865 8494 7084
Password: 729425

[The Mystery & Miracle of Life A Sunday Morning Service of Mindful Meditation \(reorder w. conversation and one song July 2023\) Download](#)

The minister's blog and podcast (which contains the weekly thought for the day) can be found at the following links.

[CAUTE -MAKING FOOTPRINTS NOT BLUEPRINTS](#)

<https://open.spotify.com/show/2MD0r3SKy7H66r2XMYiGZC>

Church AGM - Sunday 21 April

Agenda's will be sent to church members on Saturday for the AGM along with the draft minutes

from last year's AGM. The Annual Report and Accounts will follow when we receive it from Staffords, the Independent Examiners of our accounts.

Sunday 7 April - Picnic Lunch and Monthly Music

7 April is the first Sunday of the month. Bring a picnic lunch to eat together with others following the service and coffee.

Following this is our Singing Together time led by Marianna who will lead us in several songs and chants, some to brush up'and some new. One is a 3 part round based on a Haiku (music attached). Marianna says : 'A Haiku is a poem with three lines and a limited number of syllables. Don't worry if you can't read music as this song is easy to learn.'

"Kiitsu Kyokai" Seiza Meditation and Conversation Meetings on Zoom

Our midweek gatherings for meditation and conversation take place on Thursdays. Please note, this event starts at 7:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of the month, and at 10:30 am on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. (NB. No meetings on any fifth Thursday).

The Zoom link for all these meetings is :

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85775868333?pwd=LEuyKnfbRJORbqsuzkhsonHui4ttwA.1>

Meeting ID: 857 7586 8333

Passcode: 970614

This project springs from the Cambridge Unitarian community's exploration of the possibilities for creating a creative, free spirituality ([jiyūshūkyō](#)) suitable for our modern age that draws on the practices and insights of the Japanese Unitarian tradition, especially as they were presented and developed by Imaoka Shinichirō sensei (1881-1988).

Please contact the minister Andrew Brown directly, or click on either of the two following links, to find more detailed information:

<https://andrewjbrown.blogspot.com/p/kiitsu-kyokai.html>

<https://www.cambridgeunitarian.org/evening-service/>

[Kiitsu Kyokai \(帰一協会\) Order of Service \(January 1, 2024\) Download](#)

A video by George Williams about free-religion and the 36th Congress of the International Association for Religious Freedom

As the current President of the [International Association for Religious Freedom](#) (IARF), [George Williams](#) (with whom I'm working to translate [the essays of Imaoka Shinichirōsensei](#)) was asked to make a short video talk about its current work promoting [free-religion \(jiyū shūkyō\)](#) to be shown at the [British General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches meetings in April 2024](#).

This 14-minute long video has just gone live on YouTube and you can watch it at the link below. There are two [Cambridge Unitarian Church](#) related bits of content. At 126" a photo appears which shows, in the centre, H. Stewart Carter, who was the minister in Cambridge between 1946-1966 and also a member of the Secretariat of the IARF during the 1950s. The second appears at 11'11" where my own work with the Cambridge community gets a very positive mention.

I hope this will help you to see how my own current exploration of [free-religion \(jiyū shūkyō\)](#) – or, as we have also been calling it in Cambridge, a creative, free-spirituality – fits into a still small, but much wider, developing movement of modern, liberal religious thought and practice across the globe.

<https://youtu.be/fJGY7vwiSfU?si=qI5H23zuze7A2GRi>