

WEEKEND GREETINGS FROM EMMANUEL ROAD, AUGUST 2020 (LAST NEWSLETTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2020)

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Greetings to you all as always and I trust this finds you as well as can be expected, 133 days since we closed our church's physical doors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Susanna and I are about to take a break from our official duties for the month of August to try and get a bit of rest and recover a bit from recent, personal, local and national events but I already look forward to calling, and perhaps even seeing you again in September.

If you need any information and/or help from the church community during the month of August please go to the contact page of the church website and email the appropriate person, either the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary or Room Bookings found in the drop-down box:

<https://www.cambridgeunitarian.org/contact/>

As in previous weeks, this Sunday morning there will be a service of Mindful Meditation on Zoom between 10am and 10.50am which will be followed by a time of conversation between 11am and about 12.30pm. This coming Sunday, and all Sundays throughout August, the Mindful Meditation is being led by Joy Magezis, Andrew Bethune and Stephen Watson (a big thank you to them). If you do not have the login details for these Sunday events please either refer to earlier email updates from our Church Chairman, Andrew Bethune or, failing that, by contacting our secretary in the manner noted above.

Before signing off I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart, and particularly the church committee (Andrew Bethune, Brendan Boyle, Sue Tombs, Tony and Katie Burns, Stephen Watson, Ben Grey, Elden Horner, Suzanne Carnworth, Courtney Van De Weyer) for

all their hard work, commitment, support and kindness shown during this difficult time. It's been hugely appreciated.

So, I'll sign off now by directing you to a piece I wrote this week when I realised the first Sunday of August was the twentieth anniversary of my ministry with you. But don't click the link if you want to read only words of unalloyed joy and celebration. It's not that kind of piece -- it couldn't be -- but, if you do chose to read it, then I hope you'll find a realistic piece that can help reconnect you, as it helped me to reconnect, with an underlying motivational energy to continue to work towards creating a more genuinely peaceful, just and fair world for all. And that, after all, is what a church such as our own, rooted in the example of the **human** Jesus should still be doing, is it not?

The Lestrygonians, Cyclopes and angry Poseidon are real and prowling once again through our world -a critical re-reading of Cavafy's Ithaca'on the twentieth anniversary of my ministry with the Cambridge Unitarians

With much love and gratitude,

Andrew