

Cambridge Unitarians

Monthly Newsletter - August 2015

For your diary

Sat 1 Aug : 10.30am - 1pm : Work party.
Volunteers needed to tackle some cleaning, tidying, decorating and maintenance jobs around the church. Contact Shirley if you can to help.

Sun 2 Aug : Services 10.30am and 6.30pm.
Bring & Share Lunch.

Sat 8 Aug : 3-5.30pm : Tea Party at the home of Martha and Amit, 58 Ross Street, Cambridge.

Sun 9 Aug : 10.30am service : *Windows in your soul* - an interactive service when we can reflect on our own experience and listen to the insights of others. Please bring a reading, story, poem or object to church and be prepared to tell the congregation why it is important to you and how it has brought 'light' into your life. No evening service.

Sun 16 Aug : 10.30am service led by Jackie Metcalfe, a member of our congregation. The theme is *Why did Jesus teach in parables?* No evening service.

Sun 23 Aug : 10.30am service led by our Minister Emeritus, Frank Walker. Address on: *Albert Schweitzer, Humanitarian Healer and Revolutionary Thinker*. No evening service

Wed 26 Aug : 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. 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.

Sun 30 Aug : 10.30am service led by Lewis Connolly. Theme: *Perched upon the church's branches*. No evening service.

Sun 6 Sep : Services at 10.30am and 6.30pm conducted by Andrew Brown. Bring & Share Lunch after the morning service.



(Above) Some members and friends of the congregation plus visitors after our Membership Service on 26 July when Andrew Brown's contract as our minister was renewed and made permanent.

(Right) Andrew Brown signing his new contract.

(Below) Gigi and Lucy's wedding at the church on 6 July.



Weddings

Congratulations to two couples who were married in the church during July. Gigi Baughman and Lucy Erser were married on 6th, and Amanda-Jane Keel and Jonathan Page on 12th.

Worship workshop at Norwich

Norwich Unitarians are running a Worship Workshop at the Octagon Chapel, Norwich on Saturday 24 October 11.00 – 16.00. Sarah Tinker and Jane Blackall from Kensington Unitarians are leading this training event which is aimed at lay members of congregations who lead, or would like to lead, worship. The course is open to members of other Unitarian congregations in the east of England.

If you are interested please contact Carol at c.palfrey@keme.co.uk (01692 650442)

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis and must be booked in advance. There is no charge.

Lewis Connolly

Lewis, our guest preacher on 30 August, was born in Scotland, raised in Texas, and educated here in England. He describes himself as 'a conscientious Anglican priest turncoat, who has found his home in the Unitarian Church' and is now in the Unitarian ministerial discernment process. He is married to Catherine, who is herself training for Anglican ministry. During his ministerial training here in Cambridge, he regularly attended the weekly discussion group held here at the Memorial Church, and is very much looking forward to coming back and taking the service.

<http://www.lewisconnolly.com/>

Children's Club

We have plans to take forward the idea of a Children's Club to be held during the 10.30 service on the first Sunday of each month. It will start with DBS-checked provision of child minding facilities alone funded by the Ministry Development Fund. Start date to be announced shortly. Andrew and Susanna Brown, and Julian Holloway met recently to discuss how this can be developed. The first step is the child-minding, then a steering group will be formed when a couple of new members appear to join them, including one other parent with children. Some wonderful things can be done! During the coming year, we hope the support for something more fun and educational will emerge. Your ideas will be valuable, and the Ministry Development Fund means solid and original things can be done with considerably greater ease than we are used to! Please talk to the Minister or Susanna Brown.

Summer Tea Parties

Many thanks to Jerry and Caroline for hosting a tea party at their house in Histon on 11 July.

Thanks to Tony and Katie who invited church members to their annual garden party (18 July) held in memory of their son Mark. Proceeds from the raffle were shared between the church and [SOBS](#), a support group for people who have lost a loved one by suicide.

Martha and Amit's tea party will be on Saturday 8 August (3-5.30pm) at 58 Ross Street, one of the streets off Mill Road. All are invited.

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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Minister's Rest Days: Mon, Tue

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