

For your diary

Sunday 2 October: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren. Creche for children aged 2-8 in Common Room during service.

Bring & Share Lunch after service.

6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sunday 9 October: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Pianist: Rosemary Wheeler. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Wednesday 12 October : 7.30 for 8pm. Conversation: a lively, open, non-judgemental discussion about matters of faith and meaning.

Sunday 16 October: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Pianist: Peter Shepherd. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Wednesday 19 October : 7.30 for 8pm. Conversation: a lively, open, non-judgemental discussion about matters of faith and meaning.

Saturday 22 October : 7.30-9.30pm. [Tales from the Rainforest](#) - a mythological, zoological adventure through folk and fairytale with the fabulous storyteller and percussionist TUUP as the ultimate tour guide! Accompanied by Keith Waite, award winning flautist, composer, teacher, expert proponent of vocal gymnastics and leader of The Macusi Players. ([Cambridge Festival of Ideas](#) event. No need to book) <http://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk/events/tales-rainforest>

Sunday 23 October: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: John Dillistone. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Wednesday 28 October: 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. Contact: 01480 432284.

Wednesday 28 October : 7.30 for 8pm. Conversation: a lively, open, non-judgemental discussion about matters of faith and meaning.

Sunday 30 October: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Richard Hinitt. 6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Children's Activities



Sunday 4 September saw the start of our new creche for 2-8 year olds and it was a great success. Nine children, from four families, were there. Marijke Janssens is the creche leader, and the creche will be offered during the morning services on the bring & share lunch Sundays between now and Christmas (i.e. 2 October, 6 November and 18 December). On 4 September the young families all started off in the church before moving through to the Common Room.

Accessibility Project

A lot of progress has been made over the last few weeks. Rosemary Watson has been filling in application forms for funding from grant making organisations. Judith Margolis of Cambridgeshire Alliance for Independent Living visited the church to carry out an access audit, which some of our potential funders require. Planning permission has been granted for our ramps and protective canopy, and we've submitted the first of our grant applications.

City of Sanctuary

During September, an initial, exploratory meeting of the [Cambridge City of Sanctuary](#) group was held in our church (attended by thirty people from a variety of faith communities) to see how we can take the project forward in Cambridge. [City of Sanctuary](#) is a movement to build a culture of hospitality for people seeking sanctuary in the UK. Its goal is to create a network of towns and cities throughout the country which are proud to be places of safety for people seeking sanctuary and helping them integrate into their local communities.

Student Ministry

Our Student Ministry has now been launched under the leadership of Susanna Hartland. She has set up a student society called 'The Freethinkers' and will be offering a programme of events throughout the Michaelmas (autumn) term. The Freethinkers are on Facebook and Twitter at www.facebook.com/cambridgeunitarianstudents and @FreethinkersCam

13 Oct - Launch - Who are the Unitarians? (with John Harley)

20 Oct - Equal marriage - why it matters (with Derek MacAuley).

30 Oct - Interfaith crawl, visiting places of worship around Cambridge.

4 Nov - 'I, Daniel Blake' film night with Student Christian Movement and Anglia Ruskin Chaplaincy.

9 Nov - Immorality and non-resistance - a discussion of the liberal religious tradition and peace.

16 Nov - Liberal religion and radical democracy (speaker: Andrew Brown).

18-27 Nov - five Jazz Festival concerts in our church (details in November newsletter).

22 Nov - We need not believe alike to love alike - an ecumenical discussion between Cambridge Christian leaders.

There will also be a City of Sanctuary event, date and time to be decided.

Susanna was at the Anglia Ruskin freshers fair a week or two ago, and has a stall for the Cambridge University freshers fair on 4th/5th October.

'Timebanking' is a way for people to come together and help each other by exchanging knowledge, help and skills. There are already several timebanks in Cambridgeshire, part of a UK-wide network. As one strand of our student ministry, Susanna has set up a Cambridge Universities timebank.

Finally, I am happy to tell you that the Executive Committee of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches has promised to support our pilot project with a grant. This will enable us to extend Susanna's contract beyond the initial 6 month trial period.

Andrew Bethune

Unitarian Christian Association

The [UCA](http://www.uca.org.uk) celebrates its 25th anniversary with an event on Saturday 8 October 13.00-16.30 at Essex Hall, 1 Essex Street, London WC2R 3HY. Speakers are Tony Cross, a founding member of the UCA and Derek McAuley, Chief Officer of the General Assembly. Lunch at 1pm will be followed by worship and then speakers. If you'd like to attend please contact Jeff Gould on 01625403509 or jeffreylanegould1959@talktalk.net

<http://www.unitarianchristian.org.uk/events.html>

Exalt the Humble: Magnificat for Camfed

About 70 people attended the Camfed concert on 17th September, and over £700 was raised for a very good cause, the education of girls and young women in sub-Saharan Africa.

www.camfed.org

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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