



Cambridge Unitarian Church noticeboard with graffiti inspired Andrew Brown's address '[The Free Mind and the "Rationale of Religious Enquiry"](#)' given at our church on 18 June.

For your diary

Sun 2 Jul: 10.30am : Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren.
Bring & Share Lunch.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sun 9 Jul: 10.30am : Service led by Gavin Lloyd from Bicester. Pianist: Rosemary Wheeler.
Coffee in the church after the service.
No evening service today.

Gavin writes: When I was first invited to [lead this service] at this time of year I immediately remembered the approach of the 'marching season' in Northern Ireland. Somewhat rashly I have chosen the Orange Order and their marches as my theme and am fearful that it will go down like a lead balloon. Andrew [Chairman] has assured me, however, that the congregation is 'very open minded' and 'will not be scared off'. Those outside the Orange Order frequently view it as an organisation of triumphalist bigots lording it over the Roman Catholic population of Northern Ireland. Part of a note in the dust cover of a book by the Dublin born Roman Catholic writer, Ruth Dudley Edwards, reads, 'Hopelessly inept at public relations, the Ulster Protestants stay silent while their heritage and traditions are traduced around the world'. I hope to develop the theme of the Orange Order by showing that although it has been thoroughly hijacked by politicians, its roots lie in respect for freedom of conscience and godly living, ideals not dissimilar to our own.

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Accessibility Project Appeal and Information

Last month, we mentioned that we anticipate a shortfall of about £8500.

So we are asking members and friends of the church to consider making a contribution to this very good cause. Thank you to those of you who have already donated.

Please speak to Shirley about how to donate.

If you use online banking, you may find it useful to have details of the church's bank account:

Name of Account: Unitarian Church Cambridge

Sort code: 40-52-40

Account number: 00060218

Please remember to Gift Aid your contribution.

Building work starts on Monday 3 July, and should be finished by Friday 1 September. The final stage in the project will be on Monday 4 September when the church cleaners will give our premises a thorough clean.

During July and August the Church Hall will be out of use, but safe access will be maintained through the building site to Andrew Brown's study and the church kitchen. Coffee will be served in the church after the morning services throughout the summer.

There will be no Bring & Share Lunch on 6 August - bring a picnic instead! We'll let you know about the September Bring & Share Lunch later.

There will be no lunch club during July and August.

Summer Tea Parties

Everyone is welcome to our church tea parties.

Sat 8 Jul : 3-5pm. Tea party at Jerry and Caroline's (17B Mill Lane, Histon, Cambridge CB24 9HW)

Sat 12 Aug : 3-5pm. Tea party at Tony and Katie's (166 Hartford Road, Huntingdon PE29 1XQ)

Sat 17 Sep : 3-5pm. Tea party at Sylvie's (11 Youngman Avenue, Histon CB24 9HP.).

Sun 16 Jul: 10.30am : Service led by Andrew Brown. Coffee in the church after the service. Pianist: Peter Shepherd.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sun 23 Jul: 10.30am : Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: John Dillistone.
Coffee in the church after the service.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sunday 30 Jul : 10.30am : Service led by Andrew Brown.
Pianist: Rosemary Wheeler.
Coffee in the church after the service.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Sun 6 Aug: 10.30am Service.
David Rooney will give the address on 'Some thoughts about death'.
Organist: Julian Warren.
Coffee in the church after the service.

No Bring & Share Lunch on 6 August due to the building works, but please bring a picnic to eat on Christ's pieces (or in church if it's wet).

No evening service.

Sun 13 Aug: 10.30am Service led by Michael Allured from Golders Green.
Pianist: Rosemary Wheeler. Coffee in the church after the service.
No evening service.

Sun 20 Aug: 10.30am Service led Peter Sampson from Lancaster.
Organist: Hugh Taylor.
Coffee in the church after the service.
No evening service.

Sun 27 Aug: 10.30am Service led by Sue Tombs and Shirley Fieldhouse, members of our congregation. 'A Cornucopia of the GA'.
Organist: John Dillistone.
Coffee in the church after the service.
No evening service.

Sun 3 Sep: 10.30am Service led by Andrew Brown. Organist: Julian Warren.
Coffee in the church after the service.
6.30pm. Service of mindful meditation.

Rowan

Rowan opens its doors once again as part of Cambridge Open Studios. Jenny Gibson, a member of this church, will be exhibiting some of her work. Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 July, 11am – 6pm at 40 Humberstone Road, Cambridge CB4 1JG.

Music on the Green

Ipswich Unitarians have invited us to their 'Music on the Green' event on Saturday 15 July (11am-4pm). There will be a variety of live music, a raffle, teas, coffees and cakes, books

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: Andrew J Brown 01223 576952
(Please note - the minister will be away for about a week in early July and is on summer vacation during August)

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Pastoral care: During the minister's summer vacation (August) please contact Shirley Fieldhouse or Andrew Bethune if you know of anyone who is ill or in hospital, or has any other pastoral needs.

Chairman: Andrew Bethune 01480 387883
Vice-Chairman: Tony Burns 01480 432284
Treasurer: Shirley Fieldhouse 01223 426514
Secretary and Safeguarding Officer: Brendan Boyle 01480 387883

Committee Members:
Katie Burns 01480 432284
Ben Grey 01954 261786
Sue Tombs 01223 844454
Stephen Watson 01223 319527

Minister Emeritus: Frank Walker
01223 874460

Hall Bookings:
Sue Tombs 01223 338543

UNITARIAN CHURCH CAMBRIDGE : Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Sunday, 23 April 2017 in the Church after morning service

1 The Minister: began the meeting with a prayer.

2 Present :

Andrew Bethune, Brendan Boyle, Andrew Brown, Susanna Brown, Katie Burns, Tony Burns, Suzanne Carnwath, Beverley Carpenter, Shirley Fieldhouse, Jenny Gibson, Ellen Horner, Luisa Hutchings, Robin Lamboll, Sabrina Lewins, Noreen Lewis, Mark Mason, M Rahman (Roman), David Rooney, Charlie Wade-Smith, Susan Tombs, Yasmine Umer, Frank Walker.

Apologies : Caroline and Jerry Carr-Brion, Ben Grey, Rosemary and Stephen Watson.

3 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 17 April 2016: Minutes approved. Approval proposed by Shirley Fieldhouse, seconded by Suzanne Carnwath.

4 Matters arising from the minutes - None

5 Statement of accounts and trustees' report

The Treasurer introduced the report, noting that the church's assets (including the church building, manse and Tallerman House) now total £3,202,159 an increase of £88,127 (due to revaluation of the church), since the previous year. During 2016, our expenditure exceeded income by £10,548. Liquid assets (bonds and bank accounts) were £100,895 at the end of 2016. Income of £21,507 from Tallerman House (a shop and two flats in Newnham) is a major source of income for the church. During 2016 we made improvements to the kitchen at the shop, and we do not envisage any major expenditure on Tallerman house in the next couple of years. The Ministry Development Fund now stands at £38,491 following expenditure of £10,729 on campus ministry, website, electronic display and some other minor items. In answer to a question from the meeting, the Secretary said that committee would consider sourcing electricity and gas from a green supplier. Acceptance of the statement of accounts and trustees' report was proposed by Robin Lamboll, seconded by Sabrina Lewins and duly accepted by the members present.

6 Budget for 2017

The Treasurer presented the budget for ordinary expenditure during 2017 noting that it does not include figures for grant income and expenditure on the Accessibility Project which are still under discussion. Acceptance of the Budget for 2017 was proposed by Tony Burns, seconded by Mark Mason and again duly accepted by all.

7 Minister's remarks

Rev. Andrew Brown referred to his comments in the Trustees' Report and the day's address, which drew on Bertrand Russell's 10 Commandments. He drew attention to the vital role played by the church committee, whom he thanked, mentioning Shirley Fieldhouse in particular. Shirley has given advance notice of her intention to step down as Treasurer in 2019. He was heartened by the increased participation from a wider section of the congregation in contributing to prayers and readings during services as well as helping out with coffee and lunch rotas, whilst encouraging others to also consider becoming more involved. He repeated that as a church community we are in a very positive place.

8 Chairman's remarks

The Chairman reflected on a busy year in the church's life. The innovative Student Ministry Project (September 2016-February 2017) proved successful in some areas, but posed more questions than it answered. Susanna Hartland's report of the Project can be read on the church website. We hope to continue with occasional themed events throughout the coming year. Rosemary Watson and Shirley Fieldhouse were thanked for their hard work in the planning and fundraising stages of the Accessibility

Project, which we expect to be completed during July and August 2017. Tony Burns was thanked for organising the rota of volunteers to help with serving coffees and lunches, and giving readings and prayer during morning services. The volunteers were also thanked. The Chairman noted the success of the crèche that was offered during the autumn (thanks to Marijke Janssens and Jon Brookshire). It brought some young families together, and a task for the coming year is to build on the momentum. The Minister and Chairman hope to meet with someone from the Cambridge Storytellers who may be able to help us establish a viable Children's Programme in the church. The Chairman thanked Andrew Brown for his continued ministry among us.

9. Approval of revised Membership procedures document. Having been circulated, acceptance of the revised Membership Procedures document followed, having been proposed by Katy Burns, seconded by Beverley Carpenter.

10 Election of officers and committee for 2017-2018

There were two nominations for new committee members, Ben Gray and Stephen Watson. Together with the existing committee and their specific roles as itemised in item 11 below, they were unanimously approved having been proposed by Mark Mason, seconded by Suzanne Carnwath.

Chairman	Andrew Bethune
Vice-Chairman	Tony Burns
Secretary	Brendan Boyle
Treasurer	Shirley Fieldhouse

Committee members - Katie Burns, Ben Grey, Sue Tombs, Stephen Watson.

11 Other Appointments

Safeguarding Officer	Brendan Boyle
Worship Group Convenor	Andrew Bethune
Lettings Secretary	Sue Tombs

12 Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts - Agreed to continue with Staffords having been proposed by Tony Burns, seconded by Mark Mason.

13 Any other business - None

Meeting finished about 12.20.

Brendan Boyle, Secretary.