



Godalming Unitarians

Meeting at Meadow Chapel

April 2019 Calendar

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

7th **Rev Sheena Gabriel:** A Service to mark World Health Day.

We will be joined by Eli Beckett from Oakleaf Enterprise—a charity based in Guildford which provides vocational training and social inclusion activities for those suffering from mental health issues.

14th **Stuart Coupe**, Member of Billingshurst Unitarians: Palm Sunday

Children's activities in the hall, led by Rob Oulton

21st **Rev Sheena Gabriel: Easter Sunday Service**

Donations for 'Water Aid Jars of Change Lent Appeal' will be gratefully received.

28th **Pam Cookney**, Member of Godalming Unitarians: 'But are you happy?'

In
the
Hall **CAFÉ CHURCH** in the Hall, starting with breakfast at 10.45
Find out more about this on page 6, and please volunteer if you can greet or bring refreshments.

5th **Rob Oulton**, Member of Godalming Unitarians
May

and **At 12 noon: A reflective service for GOOD FRIDAY** in the chapel, led by
Fri- Sheena and Rob, with readings, meditation, silence and music.

day To be followed by a bread and soup lunch at 1.00pm All welcome.

19th Please let Rob Oulton know if you intend to stay for lunch.

April Donations to the Water Aid Lent Appeal.

APRIL ROTAS

	<u>GREETING</u>	<u>REFRESHMENTS</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
7th	Georgina Myring	David and Dana Daniels	Jacque Verbeek
14th	Frances Bergman	Nicola Young	Nicola Young
21st	Roger Hurley	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
28th	Volunteer needed	Christine Hayhurst & Laurie Kulcher	David & Dana Daniels

OTHER DIARY DATES

Sunday 7 April: Promptly at 12:30

FIRST SUNDAY WALK: Details on page 7

Tuesdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 6 - 7.30

UKELELE CLUB in the Hall.

Arrive early from 5:45 to tune up.

Contact Shirley Faraday on 07771 757163.

<http://you-ukes.org.uk/home.html>

Tuesdays 2, 23, 30: 8- 9.30

HATHA YOGA in the Hall

Contact Julie Gibson on 07527 558457

Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24: 7.00 - 8.15 pm

MEDITATION In the Chapel.

Silence from 7:30 - 8:00.

Contact Rob Oulton or Sheena Gabriel.

Monday 8 April: 7 - 8 pm

THINKING AT SUSIE'S

Contact Jill Durrant for more information.

jill4255@hotmail.com

Wednesday 3 April: 10.30 - 12.30

KNIT-WITS in the Hall

Contact Pam Lovejoy on 07884 144344

Thursday 25 April: 1.30 - 3.30 pm

COMMUNITY ART CUPPA in the Hall.

Contact Pam pamcookney@btinternet.com

Thursday 25 April 7 - 8 pm

PRAYER CIRCLE in the Chapel.

Contact Sheena Gabriel

Friday 26 April: 7pm

SOCIAL AT SUSIE'S

Contact Jill Durrant for more information

jill4255@hotmail.com

Friday 5 April 7.30:

NEW GROUP: Live the Questions

In the Chapel: See details on Pg 7

Friday 12 April:

BOOK GROUP

At Inge's. See page 7 for details

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CHAPEL TRUSTEES

Adam Baumberg (Secretary)

Pam Cookney

Paul Richards

(Chair)

Christine Hayhurst

Steve Williams

Laurie Kulcher (Treasurer)

Richard Myers

Nicola Young

**Our thanks to
Christine Hayhurst and Paul Richards who have been
co-opted as trustees**

***Please let one of the trustees know if you could step up too,
and try out being a trustee.***

KNITWITS' NEWS

The Knitwits have been very busy knitting items for good causes.

At their March session they were pleased to welcome Sandy Lowry - Events Fundraising Administrator at the Royal Surrey County Hospital - who spoke about the difference these items make within the elderly wards and special care baby units.

Sandy left loaded down with bonnets, blankets, twiddle-muffs and knitted bunnies! Items surplus to requirement will be sold to raise valuable funds for the hospital. The Knitwits have also sent knitted jumpers to refugees in Kosovo and Syria.

Well done to everyone involved - keep up the good work!

Next Knitwit session - April 3rd.

CAFÉ CHURCH APRIL 28TH

Help, Please!

**Can you help to provide or/and serve refreshments
or greet the congregation at the start of
the Café Church service on 28th April?**

Please give your name to Christine or Laurie.

MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER

'PULLING TOGETHER'

Walking round Broadwater Lake recently, watching the community of birds (including a few geese) that make their home there - and pondering what we can learn from nature - I was reminded of these words, from an unknown source:

The SENSE of a GOOSE: on Teamwork & Leadership

In the Autumn when you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in the "V" formation, consider what science has discovered about why they fly that way. As each bird flaps its wings it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying capacity, than if each bird flew on its own.

Lesson 1: People who are part of a team and share common direction, get where they are going quicker & easier because they travel on the trust of one another. Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock.

Lesson 2: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will share information with those who are headed the same way we are going. When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back in the wing and another goose takes over.

Lesson 3: It pays to share leadership and take turns doing hard jobs. The geese honk from behind to encourage those upfront to keep their speed.

Lesson 4: Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front line, helping them to keep pace in spite of day-to-day pressures and fatigue. When a goose gets sick, is wounded and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect it. They stay with the goose until it is able to fly and launch out with another formation to catch up with the group.

Lesson 5: If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each when things get rough. Next time you see a formation of geese remember: it is a reward, a challenge and a privilege to be a contributing member of a community with a shared sense of purpose.

These words seem apt for our Chapel community right now. With 2 trustees recently stepping down, the remaining trustees are looking at ways to divide up roles between them, and are pleased to welcome 2 more people to help with some tasks. But as with most small communities, there are always more jobs, than there are volunteers. Key responsibilities too often fall on the shoulders (or wings!) of the same people, and sometimes those taking the lead need a rest. I'd ask you all to bear with us over the coming months, if we can't move forward with some projects as fast as we'd like to. Perhaps you can honk (gentle) words of encouragement to those up front - because the trustees and others who volunteer their time and energy - need the support of the whole community behind them. Or better still consider if YOU could step up to the role of becoming a trustee? When the work is shared between enough people, it need not be onerous! And let's keep in mind, from the strongest to the weakest, ALL of us are needed and have something to of value to offer, as we move forward together with our shared vision of a spiritual community that can make a real difference in our world.

In faith and hope, Sheena

Notices & Announcements

Save the date!

2019 Great Get-Together Community Tea Party

Saturday 22nd June
3.30—5.30 Godalming Unitarian Chapel



In memory of Jo Cox

Tea and freshly-made
cakes available

Music by
Godalming Youth Band
& You Ukes

All welcome, young and old

Please speak to Pam Cookney as soon as possible
if you can deliver leaflets locally
to advertise our Great Get-Together.

Jazz Concert in aid of Nepal

On Saturday, 13th April at 7:30pm in the Unitarian Chapel, Meadow,
a fundraising concert featuring the excellent
Phoebe Gaydon & The Gaydon Jazz Quartet,
in aid of two Nepalese projects:

*Care4Nepal and Nick Morrice's continuing support of orphans in Kath-
mandu.*

Tickets £15.

Also, a Talk & Slide Show featuring Nick's recent visit to Nepal
on Sunday, 14th April at 7pm—see page 6.

Retiring collection after both projects.

Please email jacquieverbeek@yahoo.co.uk to reserve your tickets now.

Notices & Announcements

SLIDE SHOW AND TALK ABOUT NEPAL

On Sunday 14th April, in the Hall, at 7.00pm

Nick Morrice will talk about his recent trip to Nepal
Seats are free, but there will be a raffle, and a retiring collection for
• Care4Nepal

• Nick's continuing work in Kathmandu

Contact Jacquie on jacquieverbeek@yahoo.co.uk

What happens in Trustees' Meetings?

If you would like to read minutes of past meetings, search

<http://www.unitariangodalming.org.uk/trustee-minutes/>

Password: Meadow

WHAT IS CAFÉ CHURCH?

Café church is a less formal gathering than a normal service, which gives us the chance to get to know each other a bit better.

- We meet in the hall at about 10.45 for a late breakfast /snack/early lunch, of 'home-baked' goods, tea and coffee.

We eat sitting around small tables, perhaps joining others we don't know very well.

- We don't have coffee after the service, which goes on till 12.15,

As we eat, we share ideas in a structured discussion, prompted by the service leader. Some songs, prayers and music punctuate the service.

Children are welcome, and will be able to join in.

On April 28th, Laurie Kulcher & Christine Hayhurst will organise and serve the food.

PLEASE LET THEM KNOW IF YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE SAVOURY ITEMS
SUCH AS CHEESE SCONES OR MUFFINS, or GREET

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First Sunday Walk April 7th

Bill & Chris Hayhurst will lead a 5 mile circular walk around Puttenham Common, with lunch mid-way at the dog-friendly Good Intent pub in the village. Easy walking across heathland and farmland; 9 stiles.

Meet in the Chapel car park at 12:30 for car-sharing to the start of the walk (Puttenham Common middle car park).



BOOK GROUP

This month's meeting is on Friday 12th April at Inge's, to discuss

'RAGTIME'
by E L Doctorow

Please contact Louise for more information on 01483 537206

SOCIAL ACTION: VOLUNTEERING

We're going to run a feature over the next few months in the Calendar about some of our volunteering activities.

So we invite you to write a small piece about what your particular volunteering involves.

STARTING NEXT MONTH!

*Please contact Nicola if you are able to contribute.
nicola@njyoung.co.uk*

NEW GROUP! 'LIVE the QUESTIONS'

Friday 5th April at 7.30

This is the 2nd session, exploring themes related to faith, spirituality and life issues -

in a structured and supportive environment.

**This month's topic is
'Spiritual' or 'Religious'?
What do we mean by 'Spirituality'?**

**Tea and coffee will be available from 7.00.
Sessions will be on Friday evenings
on a monthly basis
If you are interested, please contact
Sheena if you haven't already done so.**

MINISTER'S MOVES

Sheena will be away:

**At the Unitarian General Assembly
meetings 15—18 April**

On leave from 22—28 April

The COPY DEADLINE for
the MAY CALENDAR is
MONDAY 15 APRIL

Thank-you!