

Godalming Unitarians

Meeting at Meadow Chapel

December 2018 Calendar

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

- 2nd **Edie Campbell**, Interfaith Minister & Friend of Godalming Unitarians:
A service for the first Sunday in Advent
- 9th **Rev Sheena Gabriel**, with children's activities in the hall led by Rob Oulton
Shirley and David Faraday will be running a 'Live Your Values' food stall in the hall after the service.
- 16th **Rev Sheena Gabriel**: ALL AGE Christmas Service by
5 pm candle-light - with carols, readings and stories based on the 'Flora and Fauna of Christmas'.
NOTE 5 pm start (There is no morning service.)
Followed by refreshments in the hall: please contact Anne-Marie Walsh if you can offer mince pies, stollen bites or seasonal treats.
amw.amw2@gmail.com
Our collection will go towards a charity supporting homeless people and their pets.
- 23rd **Louise Baumberg**, Chair of Godalming Unitarians
5 pm Christmas Carols & Contemplation by Candlelight
A meditative service of carols and words. A chance to take a breath in the busy Christmas season.
NOTE 5 pm start (There is no morning service.)
- 30th **Edie Campbell**, Interfaith Minister and Friend of Godalming Unitarians
An alternative service for the turning of the new year:
'Old Year, New Year'
- Friday** **Blue Christmas** led by **Edie Campbell & Sheena Gabriel**
21st A gentle, contemplative service for the Longest Night, for those who
7pm are carrying pain or loss. See Page 5 for details.

***Sheena will be taking leave from 24th—30th December
In pastoral emergencies, please contact one of the trustees.***

	<u>Greeting</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Flowers</u>
2 Dec	Nina Smit	Pam Cookney & Steve Williams	Nina Smit
9 Dec	Jill Durrant	Mary Mutton & Frances Bergman	Sue & Jeff Teagle
16 Dec	Jacquie Verbeck	Walsh family with support from Dana Daniels	Christmas Arrangements
23 Dec	Georgina Myring	Jacquie Verbeck	Christmas Arrangements
30 Dec	Susie Kirkpatrick & Roger Hurley	Anne & Pete Rasmussen	Christmas Arrangements



OTHER DIARY DATES

Sunday 2nd December:
Promptly at 12:30

FIRST SUNDAY WALK: Details on page 4

Tuesdays 4, 11, 18, December 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 4 December 8- 9.30

HATHA YOGA in the Hall

Contact Julie Gibson on 07527 558457

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19 December:

7:00 - 8:15 pm **MEDITATION (NOT on 26)**

In the Chapel. Silence from 7:30 - 8:00.

Contact Rob Oulton or Sheena Gabriel.

19th will be a seasonal meditation, followed by mulled wine and festive snacks.

Monday 10th December 7 - 8 pm

THINKING AT SUSIE'S

Contact Jill Durrant for more information.

jill4255@hotmail.com

Wednesday 5th December 10.30 - 12.30

KNIT-WITS in the Hall

Contact Pam Lovejoy on 07884 144344

NB: NO KNITTING in January

Thursday 13th December 1:30 - 3:30 pm

COMMUNITY ART CUPPA in the Hall.

Contact Pam pamcookney@btinternet.com

Thursday 20th December 7 - 8 pm

PRAYER CIRCLE in the Chapel.

Contact Sheena Gabriel.

Friday 14th December 7pm

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AT SUSIE'S

With carols & music from You Ukes, mince pies, mulled wine and readings

Contact Shirley Faraday:

shirley.faraday@icloud.com

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Trustee Feature

TRUSTEE PROFILE Pam Cookney

I am the Volunteer Coordinator, Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator and the Coordinator of our monthly Community Art sessions. I am also involved with the running of the Children's Programme this year and I keep an eye on the displays in the Unitarian Church Hall and ensure that they stay fresh, relevant and up-to-date.

As Volunteer Coordinator, the main challenge I find is encouraging a wider variety of people who attend Unitarian services regularly to sign up for the Greeting and Tea & Coffee rota or to help at other events that crop up throughout the year, so that the responsibility for these duties is shared out amongst everybody and does not always fall to the same people. We are lucky to have many dedicated and willing helpers who regularly sign up on these rotas, but it is always refreshing when new people offer to become involved as greeting and serving drinks are both great ways to get to know everybody.

As Trustees we are always keen to encourage new people to join our community as members and to ensure that the Godalming Unitarian Church is well attended and sustainable for the future. Community Art has been a great link for many people to our wider Unitarian Community, alongside other regular events held at the church, but an ongoing challenge continues to be to inform our local community that such a valuable and enjoyable resource exists and to encourage people to come along. We are now affiliated to the Action for Happiness 'Happy Café' network, and look forward to being included on their website and reaching a wider group of people.

If I could change one thing at Meadow, it would be for there to be greater awareness locally and nationally of all that modern Unitarianism stands for. For myself, I am grateful to be part of a community that encourages individuality, diversity, inclusivity and freedom of thought and that promotes and inspires compassion, respect, justice and consideration towards others. Surely this has a huge contribution to play in modern society?

FOLLOW UP TO OCTOBER'S CAFÉ CHURCH

A summary of some key aspirations expressed in the café church discussions - to be revisited at January's AGM

- ◆ To let people know we are here: becoming more visible
- ◆ To build on ways people can drop in: more frequent social opportunities
- ◆ To provide dedicated activities for teenagers
- ◆ To employ a community outreach worker
- ◆ To promote our library of resources for sharing.



**Please think about these suggestions,
and how you could contribute to getting any of them off the ground.
Most of all, please come to the AGM on 20/1/19 ready to share ideas!**

Notices & Announcements

First Sunday Walk December 2nd

Christine and Bill Hayhurst will lead a circular 5 mile walk from Meadow Chapel, with lunch at The Jolly Farmer in Bramley. A little hilly in part, but no stiles.

Meet in the Chapel car park for a 12:30 departure.



MEADOW AGM

*This will take place on Sunday 20th January after the Service
Please put the date in your diary, and look forward to useful chat, and a shared lunch.*

Please see Page 3 for some of the things that we will be able to discuss



CHAPEL

Adam Baumberg (Secretary)
Louise Baumberg (Chair)
Laurie Kulcher (Treasurer)
Pam Cookney

TRUSTEES

Richard Myers
Nina Smit
Steve Williams
Nicola Young



COMMUNITY ART AT CHRISTMAS

Come and do some Christmas themed art and craft, and/or join us for a Christmas cuppa with mince pies and other festive nibbles
on Thursday 13th December from 1.30—3.30

ALL AGES WELCOME!

PS: We are now affiliated to
Action for Happiness and are officially a



HAPPY CAFÉ !!!

See the weblink for more info, on <http://www.actionforhappiness.org/about-us>

*'Action for Happiness asks of you to be loving compassionate and true,
A giver of joy and a healer of sorrow, Creator of a new tomorrow
Making the happiness of all your wish, your compassion, your goal.'*



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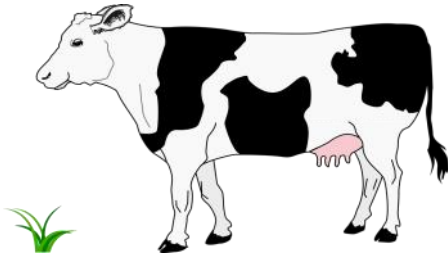
Charitable Activities

Thanks to all those who contributed generously to our Social Action service in November.

13 Christmas boxes were made up for *Your Sanctuary*, and dozens of cards sent via Amnesty's *Write for Rights*.

At our Remembrance service, we collected £166 for *War Child*.

And our Folk Concert raised £376 for *Compassion in World Farming*.



BILLINGSHURST FOLK CLUB

Saturday Evening, December 1st with Mike Reinstein and others.

Meet at the Chapel car park at 7.00pm to car-share.

There is a £3 suggested donation on the door, and newcomers are very welcome.

UKULELE & all instruments JAM

20 December at Branch Café,
11 Wharf Street, Godalming
All Welcome

Ukuleles will also bring
Christmas cheer to
Farncombe Station
at 8 am on December 20th.



MEADOW ROTAS

For Greeting, Refreshments & Flowers

Thanks to those of you who responded to this message last month.

And, we still need more help!

We have been struggling to fill these rotas recently.

This means that most of the work is falling on just a few of us.

Please think about whether you can spare some time once every couple of months, and sign up well in advance.

Details are always needed to go in the calendar by the middle of the preceding month.

Blue Christmas Service

This is for YOU if you find the celebration of Christmas and the festive season difficult.

All are welcome to join Edie & Sheena for a time of quiet reflection, with words, music and candle lighting. Contact Edie on edie@fastmail.fm

Contributors to next month's calendar

The deadline for items to be included in January's calendar is 14th December. Thank-you!