



Godalming Unitarians

Meeting at Meadow Chapel

November 2018 Calendar

Sunday Services at 11:00 am

4th Danielle Wilson, Interfaith Minister

11th Rev Sheena Gabriel, Remembrance Sunday
Please be in your seats by 10.55.

'Remembrance - 100 years on: Will we ever learn?'

A service to commemorate all victims of war, with a collection for 'War Child', supporting child victims of conflict.

With children's activities in the hall, led by Pam Cookney & Steve Williams.

Please will parents take children straight to the Hall; they will join us in the Chapel for the end of the service.

18th Jenny Miller, Interfaith Minister & Friend of Godalming Unitarians
'One River, Many Wells - is Interfaith a Fruit Salad?'

A multi-faith service for Interfaith Week, with music, poems, readings, prayers and candle lightings for World Faiths. The service will focus on the Oneness and Unity of All Religions, exploring what prominent teachers from each faith have to say on the subject of Interfaith Unity.

25th Sheena Gabriel, All Age Social Action Sunday

A short service for all ages to mark the 'International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women'.

This will be followed by activities in the Hall, including making & writing cards for people suffering human rights violations, via Amnesty International 'Write for Rights Campaign', & making up Christmas Gift Boxes for women and children supported by 'Your Sanctuary'.

See page 4 for more details & preferred contributions.

2nd Edie Campbell, Interfaith Minister & Friend of Godalming Unitarians:
Dec Advent Service

NOVEMBER ROTAS

Greeting

Refreshments

Flowers

4 Nov Nina Smit

Pam Cookney &
Steve Williams

Nina Smit

11 Nov Susie Kirkpatrick &
Roger Hurley

Dana & David Daniels

Christine Hayhurst

18 Nov Georgina Myring

Bill and Christine
Hayhurst

Nicola Young

25 Nov Frances Bergman

Jacquie Verbeek

Sue and Jeff Teagle



OTHER DIARY DATES

Sunday 4th November:

Promptly at 12:30

FIRST SUNDAY WALK

Details on page 4

Tuesdays 6, 13, 20, 23, 27 November 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 6, 13, 20, 27 November 8- 9.30

HATHA YOGA in the Hall

Contact Julie Gibson on 07527 558457

Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28, November

7:00 - 8:15 pm MEDITATION

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

Contact Rob Oulton or Sheena Gabriel.

Monday 12th November 7 - 8 pm

THINKING AT SUSIE'S

Contact Jill Durrant for more information.

jill4255@hotmail.com

Wednesday 7th November 10.30 - 12.30

KNIT-WITS in the Hall

Contact Pam Lovejoy on 07884 144344

Thursday 8th November 1:30 - 3:30 pm

COMMUNITY ART CUPPA in the Hall.

Contact Pam pamcookney@btinternet.com

Thursday 22nd November 7 - 8 pm

PRAYER CIRCLE in the Chapel.

Contact Sheena Gabriel.

Friday 23rd November 7pm

SOCIAL AT SUSIE'S

Contact Jill Durrant for more information.

Friday 30th November

BOOK GROUP

See Page 5 for details

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Message from the Minister

Dear members and friends of Godalming Unitarians - this is the first of what I hope will be a regular (if not monthly!) column from me - your minister.

I thought I'd begin with letting folk know a bit more about my role. Sometimes when newcomers hear I'm officially employed as a 'half time' minister at Meadrow, they ask me what I do with the other half i.e. "do you have another job?" That's a fair question - to which the short answer is "no" and the long answer is "yes - several!" Let me explain:

Ministry encompasses so many things that don't easily fit within a designated number of hours - planning / delivering services and mid week groups, conducting rites of passage, attending to pastoral concerns, responding to emergencies, liaising with Trustees, plus answering a myriad queries (from theological questions, to lost property!) We are fortunate to have able worship leaders within the chapel and district, which means on Sundays when I'm not 'on duty' at Godalming, I can lead worship at other Unitarian churches. I'm also a tutor on the Advanced Unitarian Worship Studies Course. As I receive a small fee for both these things, they could be seen as 'other jobs', but are also part of my wider role as a minister within the denomination.

I attend minister's meetings around the district and go on twice yearly retreats with a Covenant group - which act as peer supervision. As a committee member and part of the welfare team for the 'Unitarian Ministerial Fellowship' - I respond to pastoral needs amongst ministers, help to organise our twice yearly conferences, and the chaplaincy at the Annual General Assembly meetings. Some years I lead workshops at FUSE, and take on active roles at Hucklow Summer School. I've also led district quarterlies, spoken at Theology conferences and written articles for the Inquirer. These activities are done on a voluntary basis, and serve as 'Continuing Professional Development'.

Beyond the Unitarian umbrella I'm involved with several interfaith and Ecumenical groups i.e. helping to organise public meetings, or leading days of reflection - part of my attempts to network within the community and build links with other people of faith. I am also in the 2nd year of a 3 year ecumenical course in London, training in 'Spiritual Direction'.

Ministry in this widest sense amounts to a *more than* full time job, though it's sometimes hard to distinguish between what's 'work' and what's 'leisure', as I enjoy so much of what I do! And there's always more I'd like to do, than I can possibly fit in. The trustees and others at Meadrow, do a wonderful job to help keep our community ticking over - attending to so many things behind the scenes - but there are always more jobs than we have volunteers. As we reflect in the coming months on new groups and social action projects we'd like to develop, I ask you each to reflect on what YOU might be able to contribute, and invite you to get in touch! Ending with the words of UU minister Gordon B McKeeman:

"Ministry is that quality of being in community that affirms human dignity - beckons forth hidden possibilities, invites us into deeper, more reverent relationships, and carries forward our heritage of hope and liberation..."

*We who minister speak and live the best we know, with full knowledge that it is never quite enough
And yet are reassured by lostness found, fragments reunited, wounds healed, and joy shared.
Ministry is what we all do — together."*

"Ministry is what we all do —together." May it be so.... In Hope, Sheena

Notices & Announcements

First Sunday Walk November 4th

Bill & Christine Hayhurst will lead a 4.5 mile circular walk from Compton to Ye Olde Ship at Artington, for lunch, and back via the Loseley Estate.

Please meet promptly at 12:30 in the Chapel car park for car-sharing to the start of the walk.

Sheena will be taking leave
from 29 October til 4 November.

For urgent matters during this period,
please contact one of the trustees.

Signing petitions

*If you want to be approached to sign petitions, you need to sign up to join the Open Noticeboard Google Group. To do this, follow the link below *, or, email webadmin@unitariangodalming.org.uk and Adam will 'join you up' to the group.*

Anyone in this group can post to the whole group, but your post will not be anonymous.

If you do not post, you will simply receive group notices, and your email address will always be kept private.



CHAPEL

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

TRUSTEES

Richard Myers
Nina Smit
Steve Williams
Nicola Young



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<https://groups.google.com/a/unitariangodalming.org.uk/forum/#!forum/open-noticeboard/join>

25th November Social Action Sunday

We will be making up Christmas gift boxes for 13 families housed in a safe refuge by *Your Sanctuary*, which supports survivors of domestic abuse in North-West Surrey.
www.yoursanctuary.org.uk

Their wish list is:

- Christmas food treats like small Christmas cakes, nuts, cheese balls, twiglets, chocolates, sweets
- Gift Vouchers for older children/teens, ideally redeemable in multiple stores such as One4all gift cards
- Bottles of perfume for mums
- Decorations, small for family rooms and large for communal rooms.

If you can't be at Chapel on the 25th, contributions can be left ahead of time in the Chapel Vestry. If you'd prefer to donate money, and let us buy suitable items on your behalf, contact Pam on pamcookney@btinternet.com or Sheena on revsheenagabriel@gmail.com

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Multifaith Service

Building Bridges, not Borders

4.00 pm on Sunday 18th November at
St Nicholas Parish Church, Bury Street,
Guildford, GU2 4AW

Guildford & Godalming
Interfaith Forum members will give
short presentations from the Hindu,
Jewish, Buddhist, Christian, Muslim,
Sikh & Baha'i traditions

If you are interested, please contact
Carolyn Neogi at
www.spanglefish.com/gginterfaithforum

Meadrow Folk Concert

Saturday November 17th
7.30pm in the Chapel

With singer-song-writers
Mike Reinstein, Stuart Coupe
Philippa Reed & Chris Maxfield

Proceeds will be in aid of
'Compassion for World Farming'

Tickets £10,
including refreshments on
events@unitariangodalming.org.uk

or from Rob Oulton on
07960 023805



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.

This month's Book Club will discuss

'Sugar Street'
By Naguib Mafouz

Friday November 30th
Contact Louise Baumberg for
more details: 01483 537206

Contributors to next month's calendar
The deadline for items to be included
in December's calendar is
16th November. Thank-you!