YORK UNITARIANS

News Sheet **April 2026**

CHAPEL NEWS

At our Chapel AGM on Sunday 22nd March members present voted to accept the changes to the Plain English Constitution and this will now be sent to the Charity Commission for approval and registration.

Jen Atkinson stepped down from the committee but she will stay on as a member of the Buildings Sub-Group. She was thanked for all the valuable work she has done over the years as a member of the committee. David Zucker and Joan Sinanan were voted onto the committee. The new committee therefore now comprises: Zoe Bojelian (Hon Secretary), Richard Brown (Hon Treasurer) (subject to Charity Commission approving new constitution). Sue Cooper, Elizabeth Faiers, Nicky Jenkins, Dee Boyle, David Zucker & Joan Sinanan. The first committee meeting of the Chapel Trustees after the AGM will be on **Sun 12th April** when a new Chairperson will be elected.

Chapel Charities – Two new chapel charities were voted in by members for the coming 12 months. These are the **York Rescue Boat** (Charity No. 1155849) & **York Traveller's Trust** (Charity No. 1189827) Fund raising will commence from March 2026 until March 2027. If you have any ideas about fund raising events or activities that you would like to organise, please let the committee know.

Service Leaders are needed. We need members to volunteer to lead services on a Sunday morning so if you would like to take one, please contact Elizabeth Faiers who is organising the pulpit roster. There are still spaces available for coming months so please do consider volunteering. You can always take it with someone else if you are unsure about doing it on your own. If you don't want to lead a full service you can always select a topic for a serendipity service and take the lead on that instead.

Spring Concert raising funds for chapel charities – This will take place on **Wed 1st April at 2pm.** Full details overleaf but please note that we need support on the day as well as volunteers to help out.

The Meditation Group are having an Easter break for two weeks and so the **next mediation will not be until 16th April**. They will then meet as usual on a Thursday morning. Doors open 10.30am and meditation starts at 11am. The session ends by 12midday with time for lunch and chats afterwards.

The Poetry Group will meet again on **Wed 29th April at 7.30pm** at Marta & Simon's house. The topic is going to be '**Showers**'. Please note - The session may be zoom only this month so please check with Marta or Dee nearer the time. Please let Dee know if you want to join and need the zoom link sent. Please note the new starting time of 7.30 and not 7pm as previously.

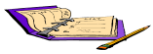
Welcome Bags & **Food Bank** Items are still needed for the newly arriving refugees and we are most grateful for vegetarian items for the bags. Please check the stripey bag in the vestry for items required. We also continue to support the local food bank. The box for these items is also in the vestry. Many thanks for your support with this ongoing help for people in our community.

Colton's Trustees We still need Unitarians to become Trustees of the Alms Cottages that we have responsibility for. If you are interested, please speak to either Elizabeth, Dee or Joan.

OTHER NEWS

York Interfaith Group

Tuesday 7th April This month the topic is **'Dimensions of World Peace through the lens of faiths & religions.'** The meeting takes place at **7pm** in West offices as usual. Drinks available from 6.30pm.

Dates for your diaries 

From the Social Action Group:

Sat 30th May York Unitarians will be taking part in the Pride Parade as part of York Pride. Marchers most welcome and t-shirts will be available for volunteers to borrow for the day if you don't have your own. More details nearer the date.

Sun 21st June York Unitarians are hosting the Interfaith Service to mark the end of **Refugee Week (15th to 21st)** The theme for the week is 'Courage'. It will be followed by a 'bring & share' veggie meal.

CONCERTS THIS MONTH

Occasional Concerts

Wed 1st April - U3A Spring Concert at 2pm in chapel. Free entry. All donations all go to our Chapel Charities. If you are able to help on the day please let Barbara or Dee know. We will need cakes etc and also help with refreshments and setting out tables and chairs after the concert. All welcome.

The Friday Concerts

10th April – Robert Webb, violin / Alasdair Jamieson, piano

24th April – Sax Forte, saxophone quartet

All concerts start at 12.30 – 1.30pm. £8 cash only on the door. 60% to performers / 40% to chapel.

The Late Music Concert

Sat 11th April 7.30pm with the Amabile Clarinet Trio. £13 / £11 on the door. Please check out https://latemusic.org for more details of their concerts for this coming season.

WORSHIP LEADERS & SERVICES THIS MONTH

April 5th – Elizabeth Faiers – Unitarian thoughts on Easter

April 12th – David Zucker – Whose word is it anyway?

April 19th – Visiting Minister -

April 26th – Clementine Beauvais – Learning something new

Any news or information for the May news sheet, please send to Dee before 23rd April