YORK UNITARIANS

News Sheet **June 2026**

CHAPEL NEWS

York Pride Parade & Festival Sat 30th May York Unitarians will be taking part in the Pride Parade as part of York Pride Festival. Marchers in the Parade are most welcome. There are some spare t-shirts available for volunteers to borrow for the day. The group will meet at the Chapel at 11.15am and then make their way to York Minster in time for the start of the Parade at 12midday. We are not having a stall this year as the hours were extended yet again and it was not viable for people to be there for 10 hours! Please do let members of the Social Action Group know if you plan to go along so that we can watch out for you amongst the crowds.

New Hymn Books 12 new Purple Hymn books have been purchased for chapel use. If you want to donate the £12 cost of one and dedicate it to someone, please contact Richard Brown, Treasurer.

Knowledge Vault We are continuing to create a chapel Knowledge Vault which will be a central data base of information relating to the chapel. This is needed as information is often held in individual's heads and may not be readily accessible when required. This is a long-term project which will be completed in sections. We are currently asking about any policy documents that you may have knowledge of and so please send a copy of them to Zoe if you have any and do continue to look out for emails from Zoe Bojelian requesting information you may be aware of to add to the vault.

Service Leaders are still needed to lead Sunday services so if you would like to take one, please contact Elizabeth Faiers who is organising the pulpit roster. You can even 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.

The Meditation Group 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 24th June at 7.30pm** at Marta & Simon's house. The topic is a combination of the May & June ones as the May session had to be cancelled. It is therefore going to be 'Pride & Courage' to link in with the York Pride Festival and Refugee Week. Please let Dee know if you want to join and need the zoom link sent. Please note the new starting time of 7.30.

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 large box in the vestry for items required. We also continue to support the local food bank. The slightly smaller box is for food bank items. Both of these boxes are on the vestry table. Many thanks for all your ongoing support in our community.

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.

OTHER NEWS

York Interfaith Group

Tuesday 2nd June This month is the annual **'Planning Session'**. This is when we ask members for ideas and thoughts about what to include in Interfaith Week in November and also the Monthly Programme for next year. We also want to know about other events in York that we could take part in so do please come along with ideas. It is at **7pm** in West offices. Drinks available from **6.30pm**.

Mon 15th June York Unitarians will be at the Friends Meeting House between 10am & 2pm as part of the Refugee Week programme so do go along and chat to people about the support work in York.

Sat 27th June Members are encouraged to attend the **YUU AGM** which is now to be held at Bradford Unitarian Church, 7A Russell St, Bradford, BD5 0JB (**NOT YORK CHAPEL**) Please see David Zucker for more details or Elizabeth Faiers who is driving there and could offer a lift to anyone needing one.

Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 7th July – York Interfaith Group are planning a visit to the Sikh Gurdwara in Leeds so if you are interested in going and want to book a place on the coach, please contact them on yorkinterfaithgroup@gmail.com

CONCERTS THIS MONTH

The Friday Concerts

12th June – Eira Lynn Jones, harp

26th June– Nina Savicevic, piano

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

The Late Music Concert

Fri 5th June 1pm Federico Pendenza (Guitar) -This concert is postponed

Sat 6th June 1pm Stuart O' Hara (bass) and Marianna Cortesi (piano) - Yorkshire poets & composers

Sat 6th June 7.30pm The Elysian Singers – a celebration of Gerard Manley Hopkins

£13 / £11 on the door. Please check out https://latemusic.org for more details of all concerts.

WORSHIP LEADERS & SERVICES THIS MONTH

Jun 7th – Claire MacDonald – Habit for Humanity – the way we live now

Jun 14th – Anje Neutal – Not Alone

Jun 21st – Dee Boyle – Courage (Refugee Week)

Jun 28th – Christine Smith – TBC

NB Jun 21st Service followed by bring & share lunch

Any news or information for the July news sheet, please send to Dee before 23rd June