YORK UNITARIANS

News Sheet **March 2026**

CHAPEL NEWS

Our Chapel AGM will be on Sunday **22nd March** after the service. You should have received copies of the relevant documents via email and Zoe has printed out some for those members without email. If you haven't received any please do contact us and let us know. The first committee meeting of the Chapel Trustees after the AGM will be on **Sun 12th April**.

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.

The Meditation Group meets 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. Cuppa soups & drinks are available but otherwise please bring your own lunch with you.

The Poetry Group will meet again on **Wed 25th March at 7.30pm** at Marta & Simon's house. The topic is going to be 'Blossoms'. There is a zoom option available so please let Dee know if you want to join it. Please note the new time of us starting at 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 3rd March This month the topic is **'Fabric and Touch in Faiths'** There will be a panel of people giving short talks on how this topic is reflected in their faiths followed by questions & discussions. The meeting takes place at **7pm** in West offices as usual. Drinks available from 6.30pm.

York City of Sanctuary

YCoS urgently need people to help sponsor Ukrainians, mostly women and children, needing accommodation. The 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme offers: £350 per month (tax free) per household for sponsorship. You will need to commit to sponsor for 6 months minimum. A sponsor offers a bedroom in their home and access to facilities (kitchen and bathroom), but is not required to provide food or personal items. If you can help, please contact Rebecca Russell at rebecca@yorkcos.org.uk

Dates for your diaries

From the Social Action Group:

Wed 1st April U3A Spring Concert at 2pm in chapel. Free entry. All donations all go to our Chapel Charities. Please bring cakes etc for the refreshments afterwards. All support most welcome.

Sat 30th May York Unitarians will be taking part in the Pride Parade / March 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)** This service will be followed by a 'bring & share' vegetarian meal.

CONCERTS THIS MONTH

Occasional Concerts

Friday March 6th 7.30pm York Opera 60th birthday concert - York Opera celebrates 60 successful years with a special anniversary programme. Excerpts from La Vie Parisienne, Orpheus and the Underworld, Die Fledermaus, the Moon, and plenty of Gilbert and Sullivan. Tickets on door or via website www.yorkopera.co.uk Tickets £16 plus 75p booking fee and £9 for JSA, students, under 18

The Friday Concerts

13th March – Alistair Donaghue (tenor)

27th March – Amanda Crawley (soprano) and Nicky Losseff (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

Sat 7th March 7.30pm with the Obert Quartet. £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

March 1st – Elizabeth Faiers – Café Church with the theme of Hope

March 8th – Claire Wilton – Give to Gain (International Women's Day)

March 15th – TBC - Serendipity Service (Mother's Day)

March 22nd – Dee Boyle – Spring Equinox & Ostara

March 29th - TBC -(Palm Sunday & British Summer Time begins)

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