**YORK UNITARIANS**

**News Sheet** **May 2026**

**CHAPEL NEWS**

**Main points from Chapel Trustees meeting Sun 12th April**

David Zucker was unanimously elected as the new Chairperson of the committee.

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

The new Constitution has now been formally registered with the Charity Commission, and trustee records have been updated.

Trustees continue to pro-actively search for a Minister and explore various options.

We are creating 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 needed. This is a long-term project which will be completed in sections. Look out for emails from Zoe Bojelian requesting information you may be aware of.

Following Asad's departure, the Trustees will advertise for an individual to host our zoom on Sundays and also to maintain our website. Three people have volunteered to have training on zoom to enable us to continue to be able to offer this facility to those unable to attend services in person. Thank you.

A new initiative is being launched to raise the chapel's profile locally, including the formation of a publicity sub-committee. If you are interested in joining them, please contact Nicky Jenkins.

**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 27th May at 7.30pm** at Marta & Simon's house. Topic has yet to be decided and will be announced via chapel notices. 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 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.

**OTHER NEWS**

**York Interfaith Group**

**Tuesday 5th May** This month the topic is **'Dance & Movement in Faiths.'** The meeting takes place at **7pm** in West offices as usual. Drinks available from 6.30pm.

**Dates for your diaries**

**Sat 30th May** York Unitarians will be taking part in the Pride Parade as part of York Pride Festival. Marchers most welcome and some t-shirts will be available for volunteers to borrow for the day. Please let members of the Social Action Group know if you plan to go along.

**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.

**Sat 27th June** Members are encouraged to attend the YUU AGM which is to be held in chapel.

**CONCERTS THIS MONTH**

**Occasional Concerts**

**The Friday Concerts**

**8th May** – Gema Lu Cai, piano

**22nd May** – Asuka Sumi, baroque violin

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 2nd May 1pm** with students from York St John offering Louis Andriesson's 'Workers Union'.

**Sat 2nd May 7.30pm** Late Music Ensemble reimaging Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'.

**Sat 9th May 1pm** tenor Christopher O'Gorman joins forces with Mark Hutchinson for a celebration of 20th & 21st century music.

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS & SERVICES THIS MONTH**

**May 3rd** – Joan Sinanan – Serendipity Service on the theme of 'May'

**May 10th** – Nicky Jenkins – Inspiration, Protest & Community

**May 17th** – Jenny Jacobs – Three Score Years and Ten

**May 24th** – Claire Lee – Saints & the Un-sainted

**May 31st** – Claire Wilton – 'Allyship: a service for Pride'.

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