



YORK UNITARIANS

News Sheet

August 2026

CHAPEL NEWS

The next Chapel Trustees meeting – will be on 2nd August so if you have anything for them to include in their discussions please let them know in advance. There will be a summary report of the meeting in the chapel notices and also in the Sept news sheet.

Service Leaders are still needed to lead Sunday services so if you would like to take one, please contact Elizabeth Faiers efaiers@gmail.com 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. Please check the pulpit rota on the vestry wall to see where the spaces are and then let Elizabeth know.



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 for those who want to stay. **NB** The group will have a summer break just before the Bank Holiday weekend and so there will be **NO MEDITATION on Thursday 27th August**.

Please note that if we have any more heatwaves over the coming weeks and months the meditation group may well be cancelled at short notice. Although the chapel itself is cool people have to either walk or travel on buses to reach there and this can be quite exhausting during the heat of the day. If you want to go onto the meditation email list please contact Dee and she will add you to it so that you can be kept informed. If it does have to be cancelled, we can always opt to hold it on zoom instead for those who are happy with that.



The Poetry Group will meet again on **Wed 26th August at 7.30pm** at Marta & Simon's house. The topic is **The Printed Word – Books, Magazines, Comics, Publications etc**. Please note that there is **no zoom link available this month** so please let Marta know if you are going to be there in person.



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.

YUU Committee Meeting – On **Saturday 1st Aug** there will be a YUU committee meeting in the upper room at Chapel between 2pm and 5pm.

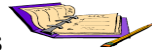
OTHER NEWS

York Interfaith Group



Tuesday 4th August This month is the annual picnic. This year it is being hosted by the Liberal Jewish Group and held at the Friends Meeting House in Friargate, York. It is a 'bring & Share' vegetarian finger food picnic so that it is suitable for people from all faiths and cultures. Please bring along any food to share between 6.30 and 7pm when the picnic starts. It will end by 8.45pm and we look forward to seeing those who can make it. We will be in the Penn Room if the weather is wet but outside on the patio area if it is dry. At present there is still parking in the Clifford's Tower car park.

Dates for your diaries



Sat 5th Sept – We are hosting a wedding commitment ceremony at chapel between 2 – 4pm. If anyone wants to volunteer to help out on the day or the late afternoon on 4th please let Dee know. We hope to have the chapel and gardens looking good for that day so any help gratefully accepted.

6th Sept - Decluttering Day We are planning on having another 'Decluttering Day' after the service so if you are able to help out for a few hours please bring lunch with you. Many thanks to all those who stayed last time and hopefully we can get more people to help out again this time.

CONCERTS THIS MONTH



The Friday Concerts

7th Aug – Anna le Hair (piano)

21st Aug – Lewis Kingsley-Peart (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

Please note that Late Music concerts have ended for this season but will return again in Spring 2027.

WORSHIP LEADERS & SERVICES THIS MONTH



Aug 2nd – Richard Brown (Consciousness)

Aug 9th – Nicky Jenkins & John Bowden (My Journey into Unitarianism)

Aug 16th – Helen Simpson (service title TBC)

Aug 23rd – Esther Constable (service title TBC)

Aug 30th – Christina Coopland (service title TBC)

Any news or information for the September news sheet, please send to Dee before 23rd Aug

