YORK UNITARIANS

News Sheet **September 2026**

CHAPEL NEWS

On 6th Sept there will be a Chapel de-cluttering day. The session will be from 1pm to 3pm so if you are able to stay on after the service and help out at all please do so.

The next Chapel Trustees meeting is on 20th September so it you have anything for them to include in their discussions please let them know in advance. There will be a report and update from them in the chapel notices and also in the October news sheet.

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. 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.

Please note that if we have any more heatwaves over the coming weeks the meditation group may well be cancelled at short notice. 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.

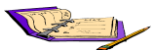
The Poetry Group will meet again on **Wed 30th Sept at 7.30pm** at Marta & Simon's house. The topic is **Autumn Fruit**. There will be a zoom option available so please let Dee know if you wish to join the group via this method and she will add your name to the email list.

Welcome Bags & **Food Bank** Items are still needed for the newly arriving refugees and we are most grateful for vegetarian items for the bags. **All items are needed again now**, including tins of toms, kidney beans and chick peas. 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.

OTHER NEWS

York Interfaith Group

Tuesday 1st Sept This month Christopher Collingwood will be talking about Eihei Dogen, the founder of the Soto School of Zen. It will include details about his life in Japan, his teachings and how they still have an effect on our lives even today. The meeting will be at West Offices in York as usual and the room is open from 6.30pm for refreshments. The evening starts at 7pm and ends around 8.30.

Dates for your diaries 

1st – 18th October is the York 50+ Festival. Plans are well underway for various events during the festival and if you need more details in advance please contact them on 07965 246193 or email: yorkfiftyplus@gmail.com or check out their website www.yorkassembly.org.uk/50-festival-26/

Sat 7th – Mon 16th November is Interfaith Week in York. As usual there will be a variety of events taking place around the city and the theme for this year is 'Lighting the Way Forward'. The programme should be ready to send out with the October news sheet.

CONCERTS THIS MONTH

The Friday Concerts

4th Sept – James & Ruth Sanderson (piano & violin)

25th Sept – Barefoot Piano Prayers (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.

York Chamber Music Festival from **11th to 13th September** with two concerts in our chapel

Fri 11th Sept & Sat 12th Sept both at 1pm – 2pm Check website for more details www.ycmf.co.uk

Tickets are £15 Aged 18 & under are free

WORSHIP LEADERS & SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sept 6th – Barbara Barnes (The Wisdom of Humility)

Sept 13th – Jo O' Sullivan (service title tbc)

Sept 20th – Dee Boyle (Celebrating the Autumn Equinox & Mabon)

Sept 27th – Joan Sinanan (Serendipity service on Joys & Sorrows)

Any news or information for the October news sheet, please send to Dee before 23rd Sept