

OLD CHAPEL
Dukinfield
a Unitarian congregation
Here let no one be a stranger



August/September 2024

Dear Friends

As we move through each year, some days will have special associations or memories for us such as birthdays, anniversaries or other days when something significant happened in our lives. Religions are no different and the various festivals and holy days each year arise from the collective memory of the faithful, often passed down through many centuries. August and September contain a number of dates which are special in this way.



August 1st is Lammas Day, derived from "Loaf Mass Day," an old Christian festival marking the first wheat harvest of the year when farmers would bake a loaf of bread from the new crop and take it to church to be blessed. For Hindus August often coincides with the celebration of Lord Krishna's birth celebrated with vibrant rituals, dramatic reenactments of Krishna's life, and devotional songs and dances. For Muslims, the Islamic New Year often falls in August or September, depending on the lunar calendar. This marks the migration of the Prophet Muhammad from Mecca to Medina and is observed with prayers and reflection on the past year's spiritual journey.

September brings the Jewish High Holy Days, beginning with Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and culminating in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. These solemn days are marked by prayer, reflection, and repentance, with traditions such as sounding the shofar (ram's horn) and fasting. The Christian Feast of the Holy Cross on 14th September is not well known these days but it may remind those of you who have been to Rome with me of our time there because it commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena in the year 326 who then founded a church in Rome to house it, which we visited. Then September draws to a close with

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Chapel service (normally) 2.00pm

Sunday School (normally) 2.00pm

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FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

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| 4 | Christine & Philip Cheetham,
Judith, Ian & Oliver | Loving memories of
Emily & John Holland |
| | Jean Mellor, Elaine Ford
& family | Loving birthday memories of Ronnie.
a dear husband, dad and granddad. |
| 11 | CHAPEL CLOSED | |
| 18 | the Leach family | In loving memory of Mr & Mrs James
Robinson & Mr & Mrs Charles Leach |
| | Jean, Jennifer, John
and families | Birthday Memories of Donald Wykes |
| 25 | Shirley Richardson
and family | In remembrance of
Gladys & Norman Crosby |
| | Dawn Buckle and Family | In loving memory of Roy, a dear
Husband, dad and granddad. |

the celebration of Harvest Festivals on the last Sunday of September or the first of October which mark the completion of the harvesting season begun at the beginning of August.

These are just a few of the significant dates and festivals in August and September. They, alongside the birthdays, anniversaries and special days we recall each year help us to remember how the past has shaped the present and continues to be just as important in the future.

Every blessing.
Andrew.

FLOWERS FOR SEPTEMBER

1 Elaine Booth & family In loving memory of Dorothy & Tom Shaw

Happy memories of Peter & Jean Hartley
from Dukinfield Old Chapel Pantomime Society

8 Susan Kelly & Family In memory of Peter Short

Jean Mellor & Family In memory of Mr & Mrs J Mellor

15 Bronwyn & Kevin Lowe In remembrance of Bill & Hilda Pugh and
& Family dear brother, Trefor

Kathleen Saxon In loving memory of Mr James Saxon
& Mrs May Bentley

22 Remembering past members of our congregation

29 In remembrance of Mr R.G Tym and Mr And Mrs H Tym of Cornwall
formerly of Dukinfield. (Legacy to Old Chapel Dukinfield)

WARDENS WORDS

Its that time of year when we are all travelling off on holidays to take time to restock our energy. We all need to have that time to stop, relax and reset so that we can move forward with more gusto! Even if you're not going away on holiday its important that we remember to make time for the things we like to do and just relax at home. Over the next two months we have a quieter time in our Chapel life too.



In August we will close for our usual one week, and then we will be ready for all that September brings. We have our Heritage weekend at the beginning of September and we will need help in preparing for our open days. This is a time when we can proudly display our history but also look to the future – we need to show that we are looking forward too. I'm sure Dawn will point us in the right direction with our displays but we will need support from everyone to make sure that it is a success. September is also a time when we start to prepare for our Autumn Fair, so recoup your strength now – we're going to need lots of support in the coming months.

Kevin

CRAFTY NATTERING

Our Crafters will meet on Tuesday **27 August and 24 September** at 7pm when I'm sure much discussion will go on regarding our Craft stall at the Autumn Fair. Everyone is welcome and come even if you don't craft – the nattering is just good fun!

Bronwyn

FUND RAISING

In August we are all looking forward to the last of Andrew's talks on the European Royal Families. So on **Tuesday 13 August** at 7.30pm we will have his talk on **European Coronations and Inaugurations**.

These have been wonderful evenings so don't miss out.

In September we are all going on a **Table Top Treasure Hunt on Tuesday 10 September at 7.30pm**.

This will test your skills of observation and hopefully have fun while we do it!

As with all our fund raising evenings we rely on donations of food for our refreshments and there will be lists up for volunteers in the Hall – we are very grateful to those who can help out where they can.

Donations of raffle prizes would be welcomed too.

All this is in the final run up to our Autumn Fair on **Saturday 19 October**, so make a note in your diary now and then you won't miss it. If you can help in any way on the day of our fair please let Marjorie Gee know. We would be glad of any help you can offer.

Bronwyn

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August

- 4 Rev A Parker
- 11 Chapel Closed
- 18 Rev A Parker
- 25 Mr Tom Grimshaw

September

- 1 Rev A Parker
- 8 Mrs C Wilkie
- 15 Rev A Parker
- 22 TBC
- 29 Rev L Dobson



Dukinfield Old Chapel Unitarians
Old Road Dukinfield

Everyone is warmly welcome to
come to a talk by
Rev Andrew Parker

Tuesday 13th August

At 7.30pm

European Coronations and Inaugurations

£5 including refreshments and two raffle tickets

Nurturing faith, embracing life, celebrating difference

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Dukinfield Old Chapel
Unitarian Pantomime Society
Community Hall, Old Road Dukinfield



Everyone is warmly invited to a

Race Night

●
●
● Saturday 28 September
at 7.00pm

Adults £5

Children under 5 £3



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Dukinfield Old Chapel
Unitarian
Community Hall, Old Road



Everyone is warmly invited to a

Table Top



Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 10 September

at 7.30pm

£5 (incl of light refreshments and two raffle tickets)

Extra Raffle tickets 50p

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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Once again we'll be joining in the national and local Heritage Open Days. The theme this year is Routes - Networks - Connections. Chapel will be open on Saturday 7 September 1.30-4.00pm and Sunday 8 September 11-00am-1.00pm. I'm hoping to join with Christine Clough to revise the Beatrix Potter Trail which includes Gorse Hall, Stalybridge Unitarian Church, Flowery Field Church and Hyde Chapel. We all have connections with Beatrix and her family - the Leeches and Ashtons.

We will be serving refreshments in chapel so help with this is always welcome. Hope to see you there.

Dawn Buckle

SAD NEWS

It is with much sadness that we have to announce the death of Betty Davies. Betty joined our congregation, alongside John Bradbury, on the closure of Mossley Church and became a much loved member of Old Chapel. She died at her home in Stoneswood Retirement Home, Delph and our sympathies go out to all her family. Her funeral will be held on Wednesday 14 August, 1.30pm at Dukinfield Crematorium.

THANK YOU

Just to say thank you for the delicious gift you gave me as I stepped down from all responsible roles at chapel and for the lovely words that went with it. I'm looking forward to having afternoon tea at Slattery's in Whitefield, my home town!! in the not too distant future. Thank you again. Much love, Dawn.

WELCOMERS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 Christine and Ann
- 8 Walter
- 15 Emma and Claire
- 22 Judith
- 29 Dawn

TEA ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 Sunday School
- 8 Marjorie L and Susan
- 15 Kevin and Bronwyn
- 22 Judith and Emma
- 29 Marjorie L and Susan

FOR THE RECORDS

FUTURE DATES

Baptisms

September 29th @ 12.30.pm.

Weddings.

September 14th @ 1.00.pm. and 3.00.pm.

September 28th @ 1.00.pm.

PANTOMIME SOCIETY

The Pantomime Society are holding a Race Night on Saturday 28 September commencing at 7 pm. As usual there will be either meat and potato pie or cheese and onion pie for supper.

The cost is £5 for adults and children under 5 cost £3

We look forward to your support and ask that we have final numbers and choice of pie no later than Sunday 22 September.

Start saving 50p pcs ready to place your bets!

Ann Andrew

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCENE

As we write this the sun is out at last. It has obviously been waiting for the school holidays.

Because there is only one more magazine after this one before the Autumn Fair we feel we have to mention our Christmas stall! As usual we will be in charge of this and would appreciate any donations of suitable Christmas items to help swell the Old Chapel funds. We do appreciate the support we receive from the Old Chapel family
Christine and Ann

DIARY FOR AUGUST

- 2 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts from 6pm.
4 **Sun Service led by Rev A Parker at 2.00pm**
6 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
7 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
8 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
9 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
10 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30 - 12.15
11 **Sun Chapel Closed**
13 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
13 **Tue Andrews Talk at 7.30pm**
14 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
14 **Wed Chapel Council Meeting 7.30pm**
15 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
16 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
17 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30-12.15
17 Sat Private Party 2 - 4pm
18 **Sun Service led by Rev A Parker at 2.00pm**
20 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
21 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
22 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
23 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
24 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30-12.15
25 **Sun Service led by Mr Tom Grimshaw at 2.00pm**
27 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
27 **Tue Crafty Nattering at 7.00pm**
28 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
29 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
30 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
31 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30-12.15

WELCOMERS FOR AUGUST

- 4 Christine and Ann
11 Closed
18 Emma and Claire
25 Jennifer

TEA ROTA FOR AUGUST

- 4 Sunday School
11 Closed
18 Kevin and Bronwyn
25 Judith and Emma

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- 1 Sun Service led by Rev A Parker at 2.00pm**
- 3 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
- 4 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 4 Wed Chapel Council Meeting 7.30pm**
- 5 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 6 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
- 7 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30 - 12.15
- 7 Sat Heritage Open Day 1.30 - 4pm**
- 8 Sun Heritage Open Day 11 - 1pm**
- 8 Sun Service led by Mrs C Wilkie at 2.00pm**
- 8 Sun Uni Crafters 2.00pm in the hall**
- 10 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
- 10 Tue Table Top Treasure Hunt 7.30pm in the extension.
- 11 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 12 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 13 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
- 14 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30-12.15
- 15 Sun Service led by Rev A Parker at 2.00pm**
- 17 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
- 18 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 19 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 20 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
- 21 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30-12.15
- 22 Sun Service led by TBC at 2.00pm**
- 24 Tue 2nd Dukinfield Cubs 6.30-8.00pm
- 24 Tue Crafty Nattering at 7.00pm**
- 25 Wed Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 26 Thu Unity Stage School 6.00-9.00pm
- 27 Fri 2nd Dukinfield Beavers and Scouts 6.00-9.30pm
- 28 Sat Unity Stage School 9.30-12.15
- 28 Sat Pantomime Race Night 7pm**
- 29 Sun Service led by Rev L Dobson at 2.00pm**

**DEADLINE DATE FOR THE OCTOBER MAGAZINE
IS THE 22 SEPTEMBER**

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