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Newsletter

SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2015

Mon 31 ..

Faith Trip to Brantwood, Lakes (Out) Julian etc

SEPTEMBER

Sat 05 ..

Faith Trip to Brantwood, Lakes (Home) Julian etc

Sun 06 10:30

Foodbank Coll'n & Guest Preacher Terri Quaye

Sun 13 10:30

Communion

Julian

Sun 20 10:30

Minister

Julian

Sun 27 10:30

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Julian

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Harvest Brunch with Bucks Fizz

Andrew

OCTOBER

Sun 04 10:30

Foodbank Coll'n & Assistant Preacher **Holly ***

Sun 11 10:30

Visiting Preacher **

Wade Miller-Knight

Sun 18 10:30

Communion

Julian

Sun 25 10:30

Minister

Julian

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AGM, Elections & Trustees' Meeting

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NOVEMBER

Sun 01 10:30

Foodbank Coll'n & Visiting Preacher Terri Quaye

Sun 08 10:30

REMEMBRANCE (All Saints & Souls)

Julian

Sun 15 10:30

Communion

Julian

Mon 16 ..

Faith Trip to Cyprus & Turkey (Out) Julian etc

Sun 22 10:30

Visiting Preacher

Jeannene Powell

Sun 29 10:30

ADVENT SUNDAY

Alex

DECEMBER

Tue 01 ..

Faith Trip to Cyprus & Turkey (Home) Julian, Andrew, Sue

*** WELCOME BACK HOLLY!**

Who returns from her overseas relief work

***** Julian leading worship for Basel Unitarians, Switzerland***

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COMMITTED TO GOODNESS
Eusebius (3rd century, adapted)

May I be no one's enemy, and may I be the friend of that which lasts forever.

May I never quarrel with those nearest, and if I do, may I be quick to restore the friendship.

May I love only what is good: always seek it and work to achieve it.

May I wish for everyone to find happiness and not envy their good fortune.

May I never gloat when someone who has wronged me suffers ill fortune.

When I have done or said something wrong, may I not wait to be told off, but instead be angry with myself until I have put things right.

May I win no victory that harms either me or those who compete against me.

May I help those who have quarreled to be friends with each other again.

May I, as far as I can, give practical help to my friends and anyone who is in need.

May I never fail a friend who is in danger.

When I visit those who are grieving, may I find the right words to help heal the pain.

May I respect myself.

May I always control my emotions.

May I train myself to be gentle and not allow myself to become angry.

May I never whisper about wicked people and the things they have done, but rather seek to spend my time with good people and to follow their good example.

NEWS

Many thanks to our visiting preachers over the last quarter, Wade Miller-Knight and Terri Quaye. Thanks also to Chris for helping us remember the great late singer Cilla Black. The day trip to Brighton was well supported. We arrived at 11am to torrential rain. It looked as if the weather would be dreadful all day. But we were blessed with a beautiful afternoon. We all did our own thing, but Julian and several others had lunch at the Camelford Arms, noted for its Sunday lunch and a good time was had by all. Andrew insisted on swimming thereafter, and in a far from safe sea, to Julian's evident consternation and with onlookers being impressed and amused. Needless to say, a drink was called for and taken overlooking the beach in the bright sunshine of the late afternoon and Julian joined the group on the bus singing to the radio on the journey home! Jimmy and Maureen are both challenged and excited by news that our neighbouring Fitch Court and their home is to be demolished and they are to be relocated to Somerlyton Road, approximately one mile from the Chapel. Sue is monitoring the situation closely with Julian. Indeed, our immediate area is due for massive change, with large residential development either side of the Chapel. This is welcome news so far as much-needed housing supply is concerned, but we will need to do all we can to ensure our oasis of calm, positive and restorative energy and community support is protected. Accordingly, Andrew is in the process of putting together a team of professionals from within our community and friends with real estate, architectural, construction and legal expertise to advise the Trustees. The members of this Trustees' Development Advisory Group (TDAG) will be confirmed at the AGM. It will be noted that Julian and our main officers will be away in Turkey in November. They will, however, still be contactable via e-mail, and by 'phone in an emergency via the main number. Andrew's colleague at Fitch & Ferrule maintenance contractors, Carl Atkinson, has kindly agreed to oversee the premises in their absence. Services will be covered by Alex and Jeannene Powell and the District Minister should be available.

TRUSTEES' ELECTIONS

The existing trustees are content to be re-elected. If members wish to nominate others (which is most welcome), we suggest both have been in membership for more than two years and the nominator will need to get the nominee's agreement and forward the nomination to Sue in writing not later than Sunday 11th October. Please contact Sue for any further details.

