

Warwick Unitarians

Newsletter

October and November 2019

Worship on Sundays at 4.30
At High Street Chapel, Warwick

6th October	Diane Rutter
13th October	Gavin Lloyd
20th October	Taizé Service
27th October	Rev Mark Hutchinson

3rd November	Diane Rutter
10th November	Kath Forder
17th November	Rev Sue Woolley
24th November	Angela Maher

Sunday services last about an hour and are followed by refreshments and conversation for those who can stay.

You are invited to bring non-perishable foodstuffs for the Harvest Service on October 6th – after which there will be a cheese and wine Supper. See details page 2.

Chapel Address: High Street, Warwick, CV34 4AX.
For further information please see our website:

Preachers for October and November

Diane Rutter from our sister chapel at Kingswood will again be taking services for us. **Rev Sue Woolley** is the Midland District Minister. Based in Northampton, Sue also travels the region taking services in all the MU chapels. **Gavin Lloyd** is our loyal friend from the Oxford Congregation. **Angela Maher** comes from New Meeting in Birmingham. We are delighted to invite **Rev Mark Hutchinson** from the Cotswold Group to lead a service again. **Kath Forder** is a Lay Pastor from Evesham and she will bring us a service to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The Taizé service on 20th October is a new venture for us and will be led by **Elaine Nomura**.

**To all of these we extend our warmest thanks
for leading our service.**

WHAT'S ON

Diane Rutter will be leading a **Harvest Service on October 6th**.

Non-perishable foodstuffs brought for the **Harvest Table** will be taken to the **Food Bank and Soup Kitchen** in Leamington where it was received with warm appreciation last year. You are welcome to stay for a cheese and wine supper after the service

Lora Markham leads a **Mindfulness Meditation** group every second and fourth Friday of the month, starting at 10.30.

For more details contact Lora on 07842216516

The sessions for this period are on **11th** and **25th October** and **8th** and **22th November**

The Chapel is open as usual on **Fridays** from 11.30 or shortly afterwards for coffee and conversation before a short 20 minute lunchtime service of worship at 12.15 with prayer, reflection and music, taken by one of the congregation.

Every **2nd Tuesday** of the month there is Carpet Bowls played in the Chapel from 2.00 pm.

The next Bowls Days are

8th October and **12th November**.

All welcome – experience not necessary, though a willingness to enjoy cake might be!

ROUNDUP

For the last eighteen months we have been experimenting with using our own Lay Person in Charge to oversee our congregational life. As Roman Loxley Doyle settled into the swing of taking regular services, twice a month on Fridays and once a month on Sundays, we watched him gaining confidence in leading worship, and putting to good use much of what he had been studying in his courses in Luther King House in Manchester.

It is a matter of mutual regret that the arrangement had to come to an end and we are now back being responsible for our own management, whether day-to-day or for the weekly service rota and such things. We will continue to look for the right ways to extend our presence here in Warwick where we seem at times to be astonishingly invisible despite our prominent position on the High Street - and indeed despite the considerable number of people who pass through our doors each week for classes and other activities.

Of course, we like to think that our website might contribute to spreading the word about us, but sadly despite the efforts of Marilyn, the technology has proved skittish and wilful. Our advisers from Headquarters, who originally created the site, have not been able so far to help us restore the features that we had functioning before and want to retain. We continue to try to resolve these problems!

There was a joyous wedding in the Chapel on September 6, when Jo and Mark, who have been frequent attenders over the last year, invited friends and family and members of the congregation to join them in celebrating their marriage. Sadly Roman was unwell and unable to officiate as planned but Diane oversaw a lovely service - and the photo-op in a sunny garden afterwards. We wish Jo and Mark every happiness as they now move to settle into their new life in Ludlow.

Alfonso damaged his spine, shoulder and chest in an accident at home but is now back attending Chapel. He still rides into town on a bicycle - currently an electric one that he has been loaned. Cherry is cheerfully walking all over town again after her knee operation. She has needed it over the last few weeks as she has found herself taking responsibility for the preparation of two of the flats for new tenancies - suddenly a much more burdensome duty that it used to be

because of changes in the law for landlords. We are extremely grateful for all that she (with help from Elaine and Adam) have been doing over the summer to leave us in an up-to-date position with our properties.

I am now wrestling with a new hip as well as a new computer, so please excuse errors in this newsletter!

The Chapel team

Chair: Malcolm Burns 01926 831559 **Secretary:** Elaine Nomura 01926 611964 **Treasurer:** Cherry Dodd 01926 491311 **Committee:** Adam Makinson.

Music Peter Flower 07508 042 694

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