

# Warwick Unitarians

## Newsletter

### February and March 2020



Worship on Sundays at 4.30

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| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>  | <b>Diane Rutter</b>       |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b>  | <b>Pastor Kath Forder</b> |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b> | <b>Rev Jeffrey Bowes</b>  |
| <b>23<sup>rd</sup> February</b> | <b>Gavin Lloyd</b>        |
| <b>1st March</b>                | <b>Diane Rutter</b>       |
| <b>8th March</b>                | <b>Congregation + AGM</b> |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>Pastor Kath Forder</b> |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>    | <b>Sandy Ellis</b>        |
| <b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b>    | <b>Gavin Lloyd</b>        |

Warwick Chapel is a Unitarian Meeting House where we welcome everyone regardless of faith, background or beliefs.

We believe in the equality, worth and dignity of all people.

As liberal people of faith we cooperate to effect social change and justice for all. The chapel was originally founded in 1635 and moved to our present building in 1780.

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

## **Service Leaders in February and March**

**Diane Rutter** from Kingswood will be back to lead our worship in both February and March, as will Kath Forder from Evesham and Gavin Lloyd from Oxford.

**Jeffrey Bowes** is the Minister at Coventry and a frequent visitor to our congregation when he is free.

**Sandy Ellis** is from Droitwich but takes services all over the Midlands as well as advising on all sorts of management issues. We at Warwick are particularly grateful to him for his ongoing support.

**Please make a note of the fact that we will hold our AGM after a shortened service on 8th March. This will be our opportunity to discuss both any Motions proposed for the consideration of the GA meetings in April so that our Delegates know our views but also issues affecting our own Chapel, including suggestions for improvements that might be funded from Malcolm Sadler's generous Bequest to the Chapel.**

### **WHAT'S ON**

The Chapel is usually open on **Fridays** from about 11.30 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.

Lora Markham's **Mindfulness Meditation** group will meet at 10.30 on the **14<sup>th</sup>** and **28<sup>th</sup> February** and **13<sup>th</sup>** and **27<sup>th</sup> March.**

We usually have carpet bowls on **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month. The next Bowls Days are **11<sup>th</sup> February** and **10<sup>th</sup> March** in the Chapel provided the weather is not too uninviting, especially for those coming from Kingswood.

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

## **ROUND-UP**

In early December we were honoured to receive Celia Cartwright, the President of The General Assembly of Unitarian Churches to lead our worship. Celia was particularly pleased to be with us as she used to attend Warwick with her father when he took services here during her childhood and she was delighted to see the way the Chapel has been cared for and adapted to make it suitable for many different activities.

On December 20<sup>th</sup>, in preparation for Christmas, we held a very successful and well attended Celebration with Carols and Readings led by our friend Gavin Lloyd from Oxford. This was followed a tea with cakes and mincepies.

We then closed the Chapel until Twelfth Night when Diane started the New Year with a cafe style service.

We were very saddened to be told that the Women's Institute who have been the longest-standing hirers of the Chapel for their meetings have found it necessary to close down their activities as regulations from Headquarters have become difficult to adhere to. We were therefore both surprised and delighted that, in addition to other gifts we have received from them over the years, they wished to give us a generous donation which we have already put to good use in the shape of a solid set of steps to allow easier access to the upper cupboards in the kitchen. We do hope that members will remember the Chapel with affection and might even be able to hold reunions here in the future.

We also heard in December that the Rev Sue Woolley who is a regular visitor and supporter in her role as District Minister is to be appointed Vice President of the General Assembly in April and will become President in 2021. That is both a great honour for Sue and just reward for her dedication to all the Unitarian Chapels in the Midlands, and we send her our hearty congratulations.

### **THE CHAPEL TEAM**

**Chair:** Malcolm Burns 01926 831559 **Secretary:** Elaine Nomura 01926 611964 **Treasurer:** Cherry Dodd 01926 491311  
**Committee members:** Adam Makinson and Christine Thompson  
**Music:** Peter Flower 07508 042 694 **Lettings Secretary:**  
Angela Jefferies, 07976 555 979 .

