



Cardiff  
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Caerdydd

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# Newsletter



## Welcome

A very warm welcome to the Cardiff Unitarians/Undodiaid Caerdydd August newsletter. This month we welcome in the Harvest, both in Pagan and Christian tradition. Originally known as 'Lammas' or 'Lughnasad' (after the Celtic God Lugh), later to be known by early Christians as 'Loaf Mass', where bread baked from the first grain harvest would be blessed. Harvest Festival is still widely celebrated in schools throughout the UK, with tradition mixing with charity, where 'offerings' (in the form of tins of food) are brought to be donated to food banks. This is the season to recognise the abundance the Earth provides (it's time for blackberry and crab apple picking!) as well as reaping the benefits of the hard work put in to projects earlier in the year.

This month we also recognise the 50th anniversary of the passing of Reverend Margaret Barr, whose Unitarian faith and deep compassion for others saw her undertake significant philanthropic work in India. This included running an orphanage and school, and dedicating her life to the Khasi people. We remember Margaret as a shining example of the depths of human compassion, and the outcomes this can have when acted upon.

## CU News

### Honouring the Diversity of Life

Coinciding with Disability Pride Month (and in the recent shadow of LGBTQ+ Pride Month) Caroline Boyce led an interactive service on 'Honouring the Diversity of Life'. Amongst contributions from members on the topic (including readings, the showing of artwork, and even musical contribution from talented member Paul Roberts) we considered several questions posed to us by Caroline, including:

## Newsletter Highlights

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UPCOMING SERVICES

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Interested in digging deeper into last month's 'Creation' service? Read service leader Robin Attfield's comments here:

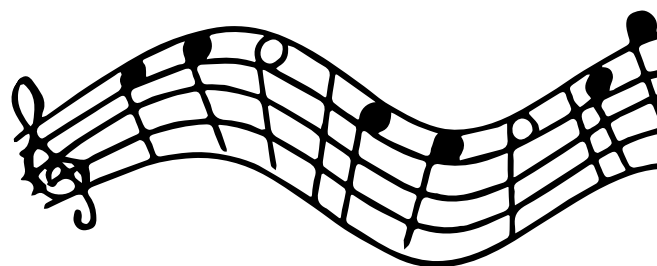
<https://tinyurl.com/35rh5jdn>



Together we sang 'We Are A Gentle Angry People', also known as 'Singing for Our Lives'. The song has a significance not only for its words relating to diversity but also its origins.

The original song was written by Holly Near after hearing of the tragic murder of gay rights advocate, Harvey Milk.

The service was followed by our AGM. A big thank you to all who attended and participated.



### Sing Your Heart Out!

CU member Natalie Davies will be facilitating Cardiff Interfaith Choir rehearsals, starting on the 3rd September between 6 and 8pm. Rehearsals will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Rhiwbina. This is in preparation for a performance on the 16th November, marking the 20 year anniversary of the formation of The Interfaith Council for Wales. Anyone and everyone is very welcome to attend rehearsals.

### Calling All Writers!

Our very own Cardiff Unitarians blog will be launching in Autumn and we need bloggers! If you have a relevant topic you're passionate about, whether spiritual/religious in nature, relating to charity work you're involved with, or if you'd be willing to share your experiences of your Unitarian journey, please get in touch with Robin Rees with your ideas and contributions.

### The Votes Are In!

Thank you to everyone who cast their vote surrounding design choices for the new CU website and logo. Everyone's opinions have been taken into consideration in creating a presence that is modern, and inline with GA preferences, yet unique and honouring our past. A virtual 'tour' of the website will be available in Autumn.



## Upcoming Services



There will be no hybrid service or Heart & Soul this month due to several members attending Hucklow Summer School.

**Please note that the scheduled hybrid service and congregational meeting due to be held on the 17th September has been moved to the 1st October.** You will receive a reminder email closer to the time. The service will be held by Natalie Davies surrounding the theme of 'Change'.

### Visiting Service: 6th August

This month we will be 'visiting' Kensington Unitarians. The theme of the service is 'Say yes to the mess'. Please arrive at 10:20 for a 10:30 start.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83122004279?pwd=TEImZTZISEo0SXl4NEpjUnhrNVkzZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 2200 4279

Passcode: 774743

**Please note that the visiting service in September has been moved to the 1st October. Again, you will receive a reminder email closer to the time.**

## Events

### Wednesday 16th August: 2pm

#### Quaker Earth Vigil

Meeting at the Senedd. Please bring a chair/cushion.

### 14th September: 7pm

#### UNA Cardiff & District Talk (online)

Professor Mererid Hopwood will be speaking on the topic of "How the Women of Wales Petitioned for Peace 100 Years Ago".

Zoom details: Meeting ID: 842 9148 0974 Pass: 323584

### 17th September: 3pm

#### Lecture on Dr. Richard Price of Tynton

You're invited to attend a lecture on Dr Richard Price, a celebrated supporter of liberty and free thought throughout the 19th century. Born near Bridgend, Price was known locally and further afield for his work, and was minister for a time at Newington Green Unitarian Church in London. The lecture will be held at Capel Penrhiw, St Fagans.

