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Newsletter



Welcome

Welcome to the September issue of the Cardiff Unitarians/Undodiaid Caerdydd newsletter. September is a month packed to the brim with various religious observances; from the birthdays of Krishna and Ganesh in Hinduism, the birthday of the prophet Muhammad in Islam, and what's considered to be the holiest day in the Jewish calendar: Rosh Hashannah. In addition to this, nearing the end of the month, both Pagan, and some following Abrahamic religions, will be celebrating Mabon and Michaelmas, respectively.

As Pagans acknowledge the lengthening of the dark hours after the equinox, those of the Abrahamic religions will be celebrating the Archangel, St Michael, who fought against the 'ultimate darkness'.

As the days grow steadily shorter, welcome in the light by noticing the little sparks of hope and goodness around you; enjoy the warmth and brightness of community, and ask yourself: How can I be a small flame in someone's darkness?

CU News

CU Members Attend Hucklow Summer School

Debuting in 1995 as the 'Religious Education Summer School', Hucklow Summer School once again comes to an end for the year. With a different theme each year, the theme for 2023 was: "Real Life: Telling the Truth of Our Lived Experience".

Several members of Cardiff Unitarians attended this year, reporting an inspiring and full-on experience, with beautiful surroundings.

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Did you know?

The term 'Mabon' (used by modern Pagans for the autumn/vernal equinox) was adopted in the 1970's and is Welsh in origin. In the Mabinogion, 'Mabon ap Modron' is the divine son of the "Great Mother".



If you weren't able to attend, you can still view recordings of talks and worship here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzzM-hqHQH4xjxD2oZzWt1Q>

Thank you to CU treasurer, Sarah Boyce, for providing photo's.



CU Website and Social Media Launch

Over the past several months the new Cardiff Unitarians website has been under construction, and is now officially due to become 'live' this autumn! Members will have recently received an 'information pack' containing a sneak-peek into the new website and social media potential. Please take a look at the pack, and submit your feedback by the 30th September, to allow for any final alterations to be made before launch.

You're warmly invited to be a part of the ongoing online presence of CU; whether you'd like to write a blog post on something you're passionate about, have an event you'd like to be put on social media to reach more people, or would like to see a poem, piece of artwork, or short piece of writing shared to our wider community, please get in touch with robin.rees89@yahoo.com.

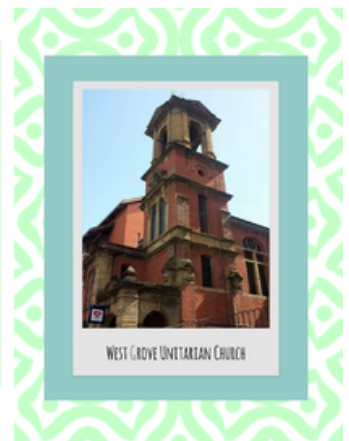
Below: Snippets from the website.



ABOUT UNITARIANS

Originating in Transylvania in the 16th century, Unitarians were the free-thinkers who believed in their right to interpret the bible for themselves. Today, we're a community of inquisitive people, embracing our diverse beliefs and freedom to explore with our own conscience.

[Read More](#)



Upcoming Services/Meetings



Visiting Service: 3rd September, 11AM.

This month we will be 'visiting' Plymouth Unitarians online. You can sign up for weekly links to their services here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZUocOCurT8uHNWapbUQVxjFTLu29x-p9bpQ#/registration>

Worship Group Meeting: Tuesday 5th September: 7PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86925620766?pwd=eIE2WnpXQitlZmtpelAzdnNUeE5mUT09>

Please note there is no CU hybrid service this month. Our next service will be on the **1st October** at the usual time of 3:30, followed by a congregational meeting. You're welcome to join us in-person at the Quaker Meeting House, or online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/329899644>

Heart & Soul with Shana has now resumed.
Join us on Wednesdays at 7pm:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85489517050?pwd=VDBHVEI1ZktZc0FTdlBqZDFwRjdLZz09>

Events/Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 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

Sunday 17th September: 3PM

Lecture on Dr. Richard Price of Tynton

Capel Penrhiw, St Fagans

Thursday 26th September: 6:30PM

Pathways to a Just Peace in Palestine

Temple of Peace, Cardiff

Please get your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/pathways-to-a-just-peace-in-palestine-tickets-670734102757?aff=oddtcreator>

REMINDER

The first interfaith choir rehearsal will be on the 3rd September at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Rhiwbina, at 6PM. Please speak to Natalie Davies if you have any queries.



Every Saturday in September: 11-12

Silent Vigil for Climate Justice

Throughout the month vigils will be held outside of Barclays Bank, Working Street (central Cardiff). Barclays are Europe's leading fossil fuel investor. Since 2016 they have invested an estimated £150 billion in fossil fuel companies.

For more information about the vigils, which are being organised by Christian Climate Action Cymru, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/207218212281058/207218775614335/>

Wednesday 20th September: 2pm

Earth Vigil

Meet outside the Senedd at Cardiff Bay

Further Afield: Other Unitarian News

People So Bold

From the 1st of September you can listen to the brand new podcast "People So Bold", launched by The Unitarians. The 'bite-sized' episodes promise to be inspiring and motivating. You can listen for free on Spotify. Listen online: <https://open.spotify.com/> or in the app.

Proud Unitarians

Coinciding with the popular Brighton Pride weekend last month, the LGBTQ+ Unitarian Voices exhibition was open to the public at Brighton Unitarian Church. This month, it makes its way to Golders Green Unitarians in North London, to be opened by well-known human rights campaigner Peter Tatchell. During the opening, Golders Green Unitarians will be remembering former member Dudley Cave, who was co-founder of Gay Switchboard (an information and advice service).



Ending Thought

"None of us is required to belong to a faith group. No one is policing our religious thoughts. Yet we Unitarians choose to be in community, to look at the mysteries of life, to support one another, and to pray. And we do it without the certainty offered by dogma, created inside high walls".

Colleen Burns, Editor of The Enquirer