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Newsletter



Welcome

Whilst the leaves begin to turn to warmer shades, the weather begins to cool...autumn is well and truly under way! When thinking of October most of us will think 'Halloween', but there's more to this misunderstood time than we may realise!

Whilst there are differing customs across the world, closer to home, in the Celtic Pagan calendar, our ancestors would have celebrated 'Samhain' (a Gaelic word meaning 'summers end'). From Samhain arose the Welsh festival of 'Noson Galen Gaeaf', which observed the end of the harvest season, and marked the midpoint between the autumn equinox and the winter solstice. Today, the festival is all but forgotten in modern Wales, but the mythology behind it stating that the veil between this life, and the afterlife, is at its thinnest, is a sentiment not lost to the annals of time.

This is a time to fondly remember those who have passed before us; to celebrate the lives of those no longer in our realm. This is also the case in Christianity, with 'All Hallows Day' (a time for prayer and preparation) being followed by 'All Saints Day' – a time to commemorate all the saints in heaven, often with a feast.

May your October be filled with fond memories and appreciation of those gone before, highlighting the gift of the time we have with the living.

CU News

A Sad Goodbye

It is with regret that we received the news of the death of Ingrid, wife of Robert Davies, formerly of Cardiff. Before moving to Sweden, Robert was a very active member of Cardiff Unitarians and a keen volunteer. It was whilst Robert and Ingrid were still students that they met, sparking years of friendship and eventually marriage. Cardiff Unitarians send their deepest sympathies to Robert.

Newsletter Highlights

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Did you know?

October 15th-October
22nd is 'Week of Prayer
for World Peace'?
Find out more in the
'Dates for Your Diary'
section!



CU Committee Members Attend Lecture at St Fagans

On the 17th September CU committee members attended Penrhiw Chapel, St Fagans, to hear the lecture on Dr. Richard Price of Tynton.

The lecture was arranged by South East Wales Unitarian Society and was enjoyed by those who attended.

Photo: Amgueddfa Cymru – Museum Wales



We're Live!

The Cardiff Unitarians website has officially launched! You can visit our website at:

www.cardiffunitarians.co.uk

Keep your eyes peeled for videos, pictures, Q&A's and more on our social media accounts! Search @Cardiffunitarians on Instagram and TikTok

Upcoming Services/Meetings

Please note that Heart & Soul with Bristol Unitarians and Shana Parvin Begum has now ended. A big 'thank you' to Shana for organising and running the group.

1st October, 3:30 PM: Hybrid Service led by Sarah Boyce (followed by congregational meeting). Join us in person at the Friends Meeting House, or via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/329899644>
Meeting ID: 329 899 644

15th October, 3:30 PM: Online Service led by Natalie Davies (link as above)

If you're attending in person please arrive ten minutes early to get settled in. You're also welcome to stay for fellowship after the service.



Dates for Your Diary

Every Sunday, 6PM: UCA (Unitarian Christian Association) Services

Join using the following link:

<https://www.unitarianchristian.org.uk/liveworship>

Alternatively, join on Zoom using Meeting ID: 853 0987 4584 and Passcode: 204828

These services are sometimes led by former minister of Cardiff Unitarians, Stephen Lingwood. If you would like to find out more about upcoming services, please visit the UCA Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/UnitarianChristianAssociation>

Wednesday 11th October, 7PM: UNA (United Nations Association) "Why Isn't Ecocide Illegal?"

Join on Zoom using Meeting ID: 881 6998 7156 and Password: 044941

Sunday 15th October, 3PM: Interfaith Week of Prayer for World Peace Annual Gathering.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82952967543?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82952967543?pwd=bmJWSzA3U1d3ZzVocDlzbkQ5K3dTZz09)

[pwd=bmJWSzA3U1d3ZzVocDlzbkQ5K3dTZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82952967543?pwd=bmJWSzA3U1d3ZzVocDlzbkQ5K3dTZz09)

Meeting ID: 829 5296 7543

Passcode: 549956

To find out more about Week of Prayer for World Peace,

please visit:

<https://weekofprayerforworldpeace.co.uk/#:~:text=The%20week%20of%20Prayer%20for,page%20if%20you're%20interested.>

Further Afield: Other Unitarian News

Unitarians Join the Fight for Climate Justice!

Across the UK Unitarians have been demonstrating against the fossil fuel industry, including former CU minister, Stephen Lingwood. Throughout September Stephen organised vigils every Saturday outside of Barclays Bank; one of Europe's leading fossil fuel investors.

Unitarians far and wide are connecting via the new Facebook group 'U4CJ', Unitarians for Climate Justice. To request to join the group, visit the Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/450198055846723>



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