



# Newsletter



## Member Announcements

### A Belated Birthday Wish

We would like to wish a belated 'happy birthday' to CU member and student minister Shana Begum, whose birthday was on 24th April.

### CU Members at 'Out & Wild' Festival

Caroline Boyce and Shana Begum will be attending the 'Out & Wild' festival, a wellness and experience festival for LGBTQ+ women and non-binary people. Caroline will be running a Biodanza session (a movement-based system of self-development from Chile) whilst Shana will be offering pastoral care as part of her minister training. The festival will be from the 9th-12th June in Lawrenny. You can find out more here: <https://outandwild.co.uk/>

### Autism Support

Robin Rees will be running an online short course for late-diagnosed autistic adults starting on the 1st June. The course will focus on positive autistic identity. You can find out more here: <https://coachrobin.thinkific.com/courses/Autismcourse>

## New Service Timetable

This month the new service timetable will come into effect. Please take note of the following important dates:

**Wednesday 3rd May 7:00PM-8:30PM:** Heart & Soul with Bristol Unitarians, hosted by Shana.  
Please use the following Zoom link:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85489517050?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85489517050?pwd=VDBHVEI1ZktZc0FTdIBqZDFwRjdLZz09)  
pwd=VDBHVEI1ZktZc0FTdIBqZDFwRjdLZz09  
Meeting ID: 854 8951 7050  
Passcode: 753907

## Newsletter Highlights

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RECOMMENDED READ



**REMINDER:**

**Sunday 7th May, 3:30PM:**  
 'Tech test'. Help us test  
 our tech ready for our  
 hybrid services! Meeting at  
 the Quaker Meeting House  
 and online:  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/329899644> Meeting  
 ID: 329 899 644

**Sunday 7th May, time TBC.** Visiting service (visiting another Unitarian congregation service online) Zoom link TBC (this will be emailed to you beforehand).

**Sunday 21st May, 4PM:** Hybrid congregational service led by Robin Rees, on the theme of 'New Beginnings'. Attend in-person at the Quaker meeting house, or online. Please use this Zoom link if attending online: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/329899644> Meeting ID: 329 899 644

## Other Congregational & Local Announcements

### Lis Dyson-Jones

On Monday the 17th April Lis Dyson-Jones, the valued Chair and committee member of Cardiff Unitarians, resigned from her position. Long-term friend and fellow committee member, Sarah Boyce, expressed: "huge thanks to Lis who has played a very active role in supporting me as a friend and fellow committee member of CU through many transitions over the last 23 years" and notes that "Lis has been very generous and hard working in the time and effort that she has given to the Committee and Congregation in her efficient and intelligent way". Minister at the time, Stephen Lingwood, wished to thank Lis for her service, and express his personal appreciation for the "support and love and care and generosity as we have all worked out this time of transition". From all of us Lis, we are grateful for your commitment, dedication, and hard work. It has not gone unnoticed.

### Stephen Lingwood

On Sunday 30th April, Stephen Lingwood delivered his final online service as minister of Cardiff Unitarians. On the 16th April a farewell tea party was held at the meeting house, to acknowledge and celebrate all that Stephen has done for Cardiff Unitarians, and wish him well in continuing his valuable work around Cardiff. After a moving final speech, former Chair Lis concluded with: "I could go on thanking you; as our minister and as a friend but I'm so grateful that your life has touched us all".

### Gwynn Pritchard

Some may remember Gwynn as "being a quiet and very intelligent presence who as Chair and Committee member had a wise contribution to make to discussions" (Sarah Boyce, 2023). It's with sadness that we share that on the 19th March Gwynn passed away. Gwynn's funeral service at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry, was led by the Rev. Eric Jones on Wednesday 12th April to celebrate his life. The chapel was packed full of family, friends, University colleagues, Unitarians and ex work colleagues amongst others.

## Further Afield: Other Unitarian News



### Unitarians attend 'The Big One'

From the 21st-24th April Unitarians from all over the UK attended The Big One, organised by Extinction Rebellion. This four-day action was aimed at climate change protest and getting the message out there for the changes needed throughout all institutions to communicate the dangers that we are in as a society and world. Other aims are to reduce carbon emissions and to end the fossil fuel era as well as for change to enable a fairer and greener society.

### Commemoration Ceremony

On the 23rd April a commemoration ceremony was held in the Garden of Peace, Civic Centre, to remember those killed in the Armenian Genocide, around the time of the First World War under the Ottoman Empire. This was attended by two CU members in their role as UNA Cardiff & District Executive Members.



### Other Important Dates/Notices:

**Wednesday 17th May, 2-3PM:** Quaker Silent Earth Vigil outside the Senedd

**Thursday 18th May, time/venue TBC:** UNA Cardiff & District talk

**The deadline for registering your interest in Hucklow Summer School is approaching fast! Register your interest ASAP here:**

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/gaunitarians/880476>

Rev. Eric and Mrs Anne Jones are moving! Please contact a committee member for contact details if needed.

## Recommended Read

**Cherishing the Earth - Nourishing the Spirit**  
Edited by Maria Curtis

This new book presents a range of Unitarian responses to the global environmental crisis, including a contribution from former CU minister Stephen Lingwood. With contributions from lay people, ministers, and even children, this book presents an array of viewpoints.

A copy is available to borrow for CU members.

