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# Newsletter



## Welcome

March is another busy month for many faiths; from Holi celebrated by Hindus and Jains, (the colourful Spring festival often recognised by the throwing of powdered dyes), to the equally colourful and spirited Sikh festival of Hola Mohalla. Within Abrahamic religions, Christians observing lent are joined in their fasting by their Muslim friends, when Ramadan (commemorating the month the Qur'an was first revealed to the Prophet Muhammad) begins on the 11th. However, whilst Muslims will continue their fast into early April, Christians will end theirs three days before Easter Sunday, on Maundy Thursday, which commemorates the Last Supper before the crucifixion of Jesus.

The resurrection of Jesus mimics the cycle of the seasons; with the end of winter and the 'resurrection' of the sun (the light) as the days become longer. This is celebrated by Pagans with the festival of Ostara (which falls on the Spring Equinox), which this year is on the 20th. This is a time of awakening, of new life, and growth.

## CU News

### What a Wonder!

Our February hybrid service was led by Robin Attfield, with the topic of the service being 'Wonder'. Despite some technical difficulties Robin delivered a fantastic service, complete with poetry, an in-depth address and the surprise of a unique piece of music created by CU member Paul Roberts, specially for the service!

Robin combined theology with his knowledge and love of the natural world, reminding us of people such as scientist Rachel Carson, who herself found real wonder in nature, yet stopped to considered our impact upon it.

## Newsletter Highlights

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CU NEWS: 'WHAT A WONDER':  
FEBRUARY'S SERVICE

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COMMITTEE MEMBER  
ATTENDS U4CJ EVENT

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UPCOMING  
MEETINGS/SERVICES

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OTHER DATES FOR  
YOUR DIARY

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OTHER UNITARIAN  
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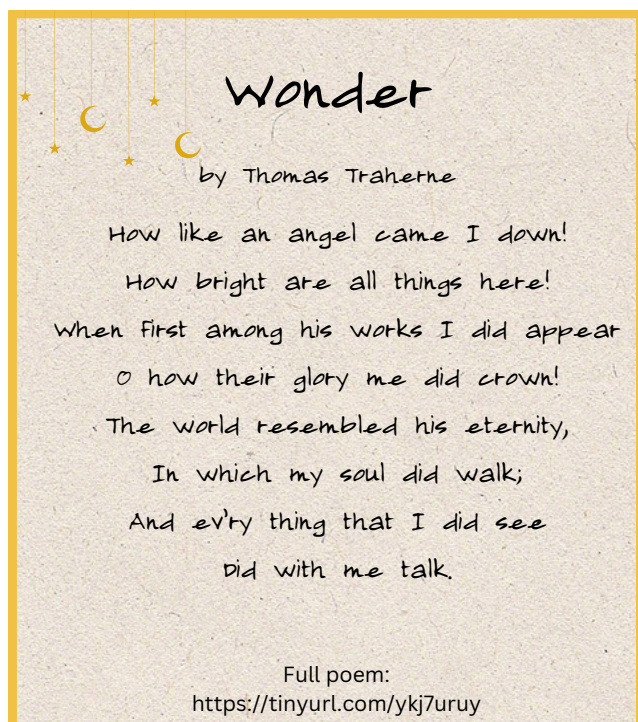
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This month's blog post is by Robin Attfield, sharing his thoughts on the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

Read it here:

<https://www.cardiffunitarians.co.uk/post/jesus-lazarus>



Quoting writer Kathleen Dean Moore (who Robin and his wife actually had the pleasure to meet!), wonder is 'the propensity to respond with delight, awe or yearning to what is beautiful and mysterious' (Moore, 2005). Whether we find that beauty and mystery in the natural world, within poetry, music, or art, our world is full of opportunities to experience wonder, and the more we seek it, the more we find it.

Thank you Robin for your deeply thought-out and enjoyable service.

Reference: Moore, K. (2005) The Truth of the Barnacles. *Environmental Ethics*. 27(3) pg. 265-277.  
<https://doi.org/10.5840/enviroethics200527316>



### Committee Member Attends U4CJ Event

On the 3rd February Unitarians 4 Climate Justice ran a day-long event on the theme of 'Faith in our Future'. The day consisted of workshops, a talk from Clare Farrell of Extinction Rebellion, a climate vigil, and of course the opportunity to speak to like-minded people.

The event was held at Essex Church (Kensington Unitarians) and online, and was attended virtually by one of our committee members.

If you're interested in attending future events or finding out more about U4CJ, search 'Unitarians for Climate Justice' on Facebook and join the group to be kept up to date.



Above: Circle of Ruin and Hope by Liz Tuckwell  
 Right: Fruit of the Tree by Lynne Markey





## Other Dates for Your Diary

**Friday 8th March**

**International Women's Day**

Various online/in person events. Visit:  
<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/EventSearch>

**Saturday 9th March, 11-12**

**Silent Vigil for Climate Justice.**

**Barclays Bank, Working Street,  
Central Cardiff**

**Saturday 23rd March, 11AM**

**Climate Cafe**

**Cwtch Space at Chapter Arts Centre**

A space to talk about your feelings  
surrounding the climate crisis

**Tuesday 26th March, 7PM**

**UNA Cardiff & District Talk: 'South  
Africa Since Independence'**

**Join via zoom:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84343443688?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84343443688?pwd=TEUxRU45OUUpuaWx6aTJDdTm2eE5wZz09)

[pwd=TEUxRU45OUUpuaWx6aTJDdTm2eE5wZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84343443688?pwd=TEUxRU45OUUpuaWx6aTJDdTm2eE5wZz09) Meeting ID: 843 4344 3688

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## Upcoming Meetings/ Services

**Tuesday 5th March, 7PM**

**Worship Group Meeting**

You will receive a reminder email with link closer to the date. If you're a member of CU and are interested in joining the Worship Group (or have any questions about joining) please contact a member.

**Wednesday 6th March, 5PM**

**Committee Meeting**

You will receive a reminder email with link closer to the date.

**Sunday 17th March, 3:30PM**

**CU Hybrid Service at the Friends Meeting House**

You're very welcome to join us either in person or online. Please join us using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/329899644> Meeting ID:  
329 899 644

This month's service will kindly be led by Natalie Davies.

## Further Afield: Other Unitarian News

### Challenge Yourself this Lent

It's not too late to join Unitarians across the UK in the 'Lent Photo Challenge'. Each week a new theme will be given and photo's surrounding this theme are shared. To stay up to date, see what other people have come up with, and share your own contributions, be sure to follow the official Unitarians Facebook page:

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

### Get Ready for Summer!

Did you know that you can now register your interest for this year's Hucklow Summer School? The theme this year is 'Sustainable Living: Changing Our Ways and Saving Our World?'. Register your interest here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y72b7c2s>



Beautiful Surroundings: Flowers at Last Year's Summer School. Thanks to Sarah Boyce for the photograph.