

THE OLD CHAPEL (UNITARIAN) GREAT HUCKLOW

August 2010



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William Bagshawe, who was known as ‘Apostle of the Peak’, founded the congregation in 1696. His brother, John, was made High Sheriff for Derbyshire in the same year.

He lived at the Old Hall nearby and gave William shelter and the use of a barn for worship. The present Chapel was built in 1796 and the porch with its bellcote, together with a gallery in the main part was added in 1901, when the interior was refurbished.

Minister Awaiting appointment

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July Newsletter

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Passing Thoughts

I write this as the local schools have just broken up for the long summer break and the holiday season has begun in earnest. Like everything else, holidays have certainly undergone a great transformation in my lifetime.

In my youth we knew exactly when they would be taken – in our case the second and third weeks of August when the mills in Bradford would fall silent and a large proportion of the population would decamp to the coast – and invariably what the destination would be – again in our case the preferred destination was Scarborough or Morecambe – the latter since we had friends who unfortunately kept a boarding house there. The former had the wider range of activities. Time would be spent walking along the promenade, or Peasholme Park, we would generally take in a show at the Open Air Theatre or the Floral Hall and one day would probably be spent at North Marine road watching the County record another victory in pursuit of the County Cricket Championship which they invariably seemed to win in those days. Little time was spent on the beach or in the sea since there would usually be what was euphemistically called a bracing breeze off the North Sea and the water temperature would seem close to that of the ice bath today's athletes use for their warm down! It would not be unusual to run into neighbours or other acquaintances from one's home locality.

The purpose of holidays in those days seemed a little different. I am sure that they were of some benefit to physical health since the polluted smoky industrial environment was left behind to be replaced by the clean air of the coast and, as is often said, 'a change is as good as a rest', but I never heard anything about the stress of everyday life or the need for relief from the pressures of work.

Nowadays this is one of the main reasons advanced for the need of a holiday and to this end, people are partaking in a wider range of activities in an ever increasing number of destinations. Members at Old Chapel are clearly demonstrating this trend. Thus first off Roy and Margaret journeyed to Malta and spent time enjoying the historical heritage of the island. Wendy found respite in the gardens of Kent and Sussex and Jane spent time in London with her family and enjoying the City's cultural offerings. Against my better judgement I have been persuaded to take an activity holiday in the Alps where I will demonstrate the futility of trying to recapture my lost youth. Only Phyllis visited the 'seaside' but I'm sure she didn't pack a bucket and spade!

I do detect a common strain to all these holidays and one which is reflected in the choices of the wider population. There now seems a greater spiritual element and a seeking for spiritual renewal to our holidays. We spend more time trying to connect with nature be it in the mountains, in gardens or at the coast and we seek out our past heritage visiting museums, churches and cathedrals rather than indulging in the more obvious pleasures of the pier of the Golden Mile. Whether this is a new phenomena or a continuing need not now fulfilled by religious participation or attendance at a place or worship is not yet clear to me .

Nevertheless let us hope that we all get what we hope from our holidays be it lazy contemplation or rigorous intellectual stimulation and we come back in September reinvigorated and ready to combat what the winter may throw at us. Let us hope that it is not as testing as the last one.

Services for August

All services at 10.30am

1st August	Stephanie Cage
8th August	Rev Geoff Usher
15th August	Rev Ernest Baker This is the Wakes Week Service and we have visitors from the Unitarian Music Society
22nd August	Rev Lindy Latham Visitors to the Chapel are from the Summer School being held at the Nightingale Centre
29th August	Rev Geoff Usher This is the Summer Congregation Weekend

Welcome

We welcome 2 old friends to the pulpit this month. Ernest Baker and Geoff Usher need no introduction. Ernest is rarely seen in the pulpit these days

Flowers for August

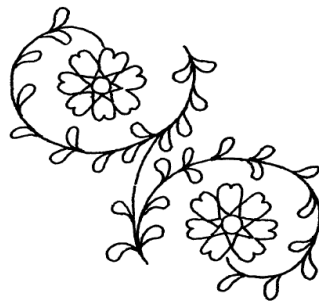
1st August J. Keilty

8th August

15th August Wakes week

22nd August

29th August M Taylor and Geoff will soon be leaving these shores so we must enjoy them while we can. Stephanie too is becoming a regular visitor and we welcome her once more.



Chapel Dates

Saturday 7th August	10.30-12.00 no coffee morning due to the wedding taking place The wedding is taking place of Jonathan Sampson Morton and Sarah Elisabeth Kirby this afternoon. Both are local to the Chapel, Jon is from Grindleford and Sarah is originally from Little Hucklow. The service will be taken by Rev David Shaw.
Sunday 8th August	Table top sale in the afternoon
Tuesday 9th August	Items to be delivered to the Chapel for the Gala week exhibition based on the Seasons
Thursday 12th August	Well Blessing 7.00pm to be conducted by Rev Geoff Usher

Saturday 14th August	Gala Day
Friday 20th August	The wedding is taking place of Ben Longden and Lucie Morris. The service will be taken by Rev Geoff Usher.
Saturday 21st August	10.30-12.00 Coffee morning Hosting to be confirmed
Saturday 28th August	10.30-12.00 Coffee morning hosted by Vic and Pam Mason

Advance notices

5th September	Aled Jones: This is a first visit from Aled who is a member at Dean Row. There are visitors from the Merseyside and the Psychical Society at the Nightingale Centre.
12th September	Judy Hague: This is a first visit for several years for Judy who is a member of Fulwood Chapel.
19th September	Roy Wain: Harvest Festival

The Chapel is registered for Heritage Day openings on Saturday 11th September (10-00 am until 4-00 pm), and Sunday 12th September (12 noon until 4-00 pm). Volunteers to steward the Chapel on those days would be very welcome.

Flowers in September

September 5th	Jack and Kath Binks
September 12th	M and F Hunt to celebrate their 59th Wedding Anniversary

The WI

Tuesday September 14th	Speaker: Mrs. Pat Hall "A Fun Evening with Poetry, Anecdotes & Observations." Competition: A Limerick (your own composition) Teas: P. Miles, J. Murphy, J. O'Connell
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