

# Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel



## **Bulletin**

### **MARCH 2010**



**This is a Unitarian Chapel. Our religion is a spiritual journey and each one of us is an explorer. Reason is our map and conscience is our compass. Loving kindness is our way in the world.**

#### **Services:**

**Morning Service: Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**

**Evening Service: Sunday at 7:00 p.m.**

Children's Chapel: We begin together as one community. Following a special story for the children, they then leave for their own activities in the hall. (11.00 a.m. service only.)

**Deadline for submissions for April Bulletin is  
Monday 22 March 2010**

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# MARCH SERVICES

Every Sunday 11am and 7pm in the Chapel



## 7 March – “Turning Problems into Opportunities”

Life is a series of small or large problems. We can either moan about this or turn each problem into an opportunity. One example we will consider is the problem of changing ministers at Rosslyn Hill Chapel, and how we can turn this into an adventure and opportunity.



## 14 March – “When Opposites are Held in Balance”

Sad and happy, joy and suffering, success and failure, life and death: the opposites confront us from the moment we are born to the moment we die. How can we balance opposites in a manner which encourages social justice and inner peace at the same time?



## 21 March (11.00 am) – “Spring Equinox: Reverence for Life”

It has been a cold and long winter. This will make the celebration of spring even more magnificent! With daffodils, music, poetry, and the concept of “reverence for life” we will welcome the springtime.



## 21 March (7.00 pm) – “Ostara/Spring Equinox”

Ostara, also called Spring Equinox or Vernal Equinox, celebrates the arrival of spring. Ostara marks the day when night and day are equal and balanced, hence the term “equinox” which means “equal night”. Ostara is a Celtic festival of fire, light and fertility. The service will be participatory and led by our “Wheel of the Year” group.



## 28 March (11am service) – “Mozart’s Coronation Mass”

Our outstanding Rosslyn Hill Chapel Choir will perform Mozart’s famous Coronation Mass (composed in 1779). The music is celebratory in nature, and whether originally intended for the coronation of a King or the crowning of a figure of the Virgin Mary, it is a short mass with regal depth.



## 28 March (7pm service) – “Palm Sunday Reflections”

Exploration of the spiritual lessons within the Palm Sunday story of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.

## CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN FEBRURY

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** meets **every Sunday** at the **11am service**. New children are always welcome.

**CHAPEL YOUTH GROUP** will meet again on **Friday 12 March at 7.00pm** in the chapel, led by Jim Robinson.

**CHAPEL CHOIR** rehearses each **Wednesday at 7:30pm** in the chapel. New voices are always welcomed into the choir. No audition necessary.

**TAI CHI CLASS** is held each **Wednesday at 5:45pm** in the chapel.

**CHANTING AND MEDITATION** evening will be held **Tuesday 2 March at 7:30pm** in the chapel, led by Reverend Danielle Wilson.

**JESUS STUDY GROUP** will meet **Thursday 4 March at 7:30pm** in the chapel, led by Jim Robinson. This evening we will be studying the *'Book of Job'*.

**SPIRITUAL HEALING** will be offered on **Sunday 7 March 12:30 – 1:30**, in the chapel hall by our Chapel Healing Ministry team.

**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** meets on **Tuesday 9 March at 7.30pm**. For location contact Leighton Cole.

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** meets on **Thursday 11 March at 7.30pm** in the chapel. Members of the chapel are welcome to attend but as a courtesy contact the chair Paul ver Bruggen.

**STITCH AND STORY GROUP** meets on **Thursday 11 March 20.00 – 22.00** at Georgina's home (Tel: 8444 0655) and on **Wednesday 24 March 1.00-3.00 pm** at Ingrid's home (Tel: 8455 0162). This is a time to knit, crochet, or craft for charity and enjoy good conversation. Bring your own project or we will help you start one.

**LABYRINTH WALKING MEDITATION** will be offered on **Sunday 14 March 2.00pm to 4.00pm**, in the chapel. Facilitated by Rev. Danielle Wilson.

**CHAPEL BOOK GROUP** will meet on **Thursday 18 March at 7:30pm**, at the Magdala Pub, South End Green, Hampstead. We are reading H. Rider Haggard's novel *'She'*.

**CHAPEL POETRY GROUP** will meet in late March. If you would like to attend contact either of the co-chairs, Maja Langford (Tel: 7794 5124) or George Appleby.(Tel: 7424 9733)

**URBAN UNITARIANS** (formerly the 20 or 30 something group) continues to meet for various activities throughout London. If you would like to know about their programme of events contact Kate at [kateboo@gmail.com](mailto:kateboo@gmail.com)

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## SPECIAL UP COMING EVENTS

### CHAPEL LECTURE OF THE MONTH:

When: **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7:30pm** in the chapel

What: **Hampstead and Kilburn Question Time**: Panel debate with your local Parliamentary

Candidates: **Glenda Jackson MP Labour, Chris Philp Conservative, Ed Fordham Lib Dem, Beatrix Campbell Green, Magnus Nielson UKIP.** (See attached flyer)

Questions may be submitted through the Ham and High or at the door.



**CHAPEL LUNCH** will be held after the morning service on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of March** - starting at 12:30 in the chapel hall. This lunch will be sponsored by the Social Action Committee and help raise awareness and funds for an Ecuadorian exchange programme. It will feature a South American theme, with food provided by Ingrid Tavkar and Ellie Lewis. If you are willing and able to contribute a side dish or dessert for this luncheon contact Ingrid Tavkar 8455 0162 or [ingridtavkar@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ingridtavkar@tiscali.co.uk)



### SPECIAL EVENT AT THE CHAPEL

Dear Bulletin Subscriber,  
This email is to let you know about a very exciting performance which is taking place at the Chapel on **Friday, 5 March at 7:30pm**. **Quintessential Opera** will present their first outing: *Mozart's La Clemenza di Tito* in concert, sung in the original Italian by an excellent cast of young professional singers. Rosslyn Hill Chapel's Director of Music, Edmund Connolly will accompany the performance on the piano.

**Tickets are available on the door, priced £15 (£10 concessions).**

An e-flyer is attached. Please do spread the word! I hope to see many of you there,

Ed Connolly  
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### NATIONAL GALLERY EVENT

On **Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 11am** we will meet at the front porch of the National Gallery (over looking Trafalgar Square). Led by Jim Robinson, we will view some of the painting in which the apostle Mary Magdalene is featured. We will share our thoughts and feelings about each painting and what her character teaches us about spiritual faith and life.

## JIM'S FAREWELL DINNER

**Saturday 10th April 2010 at 6.30pm in the Chapel**

**Members, friends and children, please join the party!**

All chapel members and friends are welcome – this will be a dinner in the chapel, with music, flowers and candles. It will offer us an opportunity to express to Jim our appreciation of all he has meant to us.

Starting at 6.30, we hope the early hour will enable families to come and to bring the children. The cost is £3 per adult, children under 14 free.

### **A ROSSLYN HILL CHAPEL PHOTO ALBUM FOR JIM**

**PLEASE SEND IN PHOTOS FOR A PHOTO ALBUM – A GIFT FOR JIM**

This will be presented at the Farewell Dinner.

If you have photos of chapel events, the chapel itself (inside and out) activities where Jim and/or Appleseed are included and also of yourself or your family that you would like to see included, please send them to Ethaar El Emir at: [eelemir@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:eelemir@yahoo.co.uk) - AND PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL THEM CLEARLY!

The ideal resolution would be 300dpi. Ethaar will consult with professional photographer Julie Williams-Krishnan on how to put the album together.



### **A WORD FROM THE MINISTER**

My six years as your settled minister are coming to an end. My last Sunday will be the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. It has been a privilege to be your minister and I will shed my share of tears as I leave this wonderful chapel community. If you would like to meet with me on a one to one basis for a sense of closure simply contact me and we will find a time. With affection – **Jim Robinson**



### **CHAPEL COMMUNITY**

We are very sorry to announce the death of (Count) Alexander von Bereghshasy (1963-2010) who died early in February, and we offer our warm condolences to his mother Ilse. They both contributed to the life of the Chapel for many years. Alexander very generously donated a pair of sparkling crystal earrings, from the fabulous range of spectacular jewellery for which he was famous, as a raffle prize at one of our fairs. He was a very special and kind person and will be sadly missed.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION – CHAPEL SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



Leighton Cole (Chair of the Social Action Committee) is planning to visit our Partner Church in Masaka, Uganda, in the month of April. She will also visit the congregation's school and AIDS orphanage. A generous member of the chapel has given £500 as a gift for the school and orphanage.



We will fund raise for the **Marie Curie Hospice** on **Sunday 21 March** by selling daffodils and taking a collection during Sunday morning.

Glen Kendall is visiting the Chennai, India, Unitarian Church which runs a school for "untouchables". The Social Action Committee will contribute £75 to the school and Glen will invite your contributions at the **March 7<sup>th</sup>** worship service.



The congregational lunch on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** will be sponsored by the Social Action Committee and help raise awareness and funds for an Ecuadorian exchange programme.



### From the Search Committee

The Search Committee continues to meet fortnightly. A second expression of interest from a British potential candidate is being followed up with an exploratory meeting next week. One interview has taken place recently. **Margaret Perry**



## NEWS FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Any member of the Chapel is welcome to attend the Management Committee (MC) meetings as an observer. The next meeting will be Thursday 11th March 2010, 7.30 pm.

Management Committee Meeting Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 Paul ver Bruggen Chair

**Willoughby Road site** The Property Sale Group reported that Camden Council has given planning permission for the proposed development of the site once certain formal requirements have been met. At this stage, an appeal could be made against Camden's decision.

**Minister Search Committee** The Chair (Danielle) reported on progress. See report from the committee below. If the search has to extend outside the UK, this will take longer and an interim minister will be appointed.

**Academy School Security** The School has been liaising with John Lawrence about security arrangements during the school day. The Head, Garth Evans, and Deputy Head, Andrew Sandars, appeared briefly at the meeting to reassure the MC that the additional measures would not hinder access. The locks on the back and front gates will be renewed and kept locked during the school day. Callers will buzz through to either the School or the Administrator's office. To prevent anyone climbing over the low wall beside the main notice board next to the main gates, a post will be put in place until some arrangement in keeping with the ironwork of the entrance is agreed.

**Transition Arrangements** Jim reported that the Interim Worship Committee was constituted and would be making arrangements for the Morning Services for the next few months. Jim has been in touch with various ministers who are prepared to take weddings and funerals in the interim period. Danielle Wilson has agreed to look after baby naming ceremonies. As regards the Evening Service, Jim considered that this should be led by one person during the immediate interim period and strongly recommended Kate Buchanan. The MC supported this proposal. (Sunday evening attendance has risen from an average of 8 to an average of 18.)

**Car Park:** Clamping Notice Kathee showed the MC a laminated plan of the parking spaces in the car park. It was agreed that this would be clear to people using the car park. It was agreed the notice should be A3 size. The situation regarding the current clamping firm and a possible alternative are being looked into.

**Minister's Report** Jim reported he was going to the States for final interviews and would return on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. His last Sunday as Minister would be 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**Administrator's Report** Sharron reported that enquiries were coming in for weddings, namings and concerts. She said that she would be pleased to liaise with the Academy School over the forthcoming security work. Papers for the AGM on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February were ready for distribution at the end of the week. Paul said that he would announce at the AGM that he is standing down as Chair of the MC. A new Chair would be elected at the first meeting of the newly appointed MC. **Treasurer's Report** Glen presented the Chapel's accounts for the last quarter. He has reviewed the budget, which had showed a deficit for coming year, so there is now a breakeven projection.

The MC agreed to grant funds to Kate Buchanan so she can attend a Unitarian Leadership Summer School at the Nightingale Centre in Great Hucklow.

**Membership Report** Jim reported there were no new members this month. Adult membership now stands at over 170. It has gone up from 90 to 170+ in six years. The MC warmly congratulated Jim on the increase in the number of members.

**Elders' Report** The Elders' proposal for a Nominating Committee for membership of the MC will be discussed at the March meeting.

**Chair's Report** Paul explained that he would continue to be a member of the MC. He thanked the members of the Committee and said it had been good to work with them. The MC unanimously expressed their appreciation of Paul's hard work and his leadership.

The Committee endorsed Paul's thanks to Will Hopper, who is standing down from the Elders, for his contribution.

**AOB** James Chiriyankandath offered to liaise with the interfaith Koranic Studies group which meets monthly in the Chapel as the leader would like a link with the Chapel.

James expressed his admiration of Jim's stories for the children and wondered if some of them could be recorded. Jim said he would look into this



*Our Larger Unitarian Movement*

**LONDON DISTRICT UNITARIANS Annual Service and AGM will be held on**

**Saturday 20 March 1:30pm at**

**Essex Hall (Unitarian denominational headquarters)  
1-6 Essex Street in London.**

Rev Jim Robinson will lead the worship.

London District events are a good opportunity to meet fellow Unitarians, enjoy worship and fellowship, and begin to get a wider view of our Unitarian community.

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The 2010 **Annual General Meetings** of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches will be held in Nottingham, **from Thursday 8 April to Sunday 11 April 2010.**

The Annual Meetings are your opportunity to: Meet Unitarians from all over the UK; participate in decision-making; learn more about our community; join in worship and celebrations; share good times together

For additional information and booking forms contact: Andrew Mason (020) 7240 2384

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**Southern Unitarian Weekend Retreat: Discover Yourself**

**17 – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2010 in Warminster**

Kathy Beckett is organising a retreat for congregations in the South of England, the first of its kind. Come and join us for a Unitarian weekend of self discovery focusing on an Enneagram\*. There will be a full supporting programme- walking, discussion, morning meditations and epilogues. Closing the weekend with Dances of Universal Peace. We will also create and contribute to a DIY Unitarian Service, through music, poetry, art and prayer led by Rev Akasha Lonsdale

**\*Enneagram:** Josephine Seccombe, an experienced facilitator, will introduce us to the Enneagram, helping us to know and understand ourselves better and how we can relate more easily with family, friends, colleagues and committees

Two nights' accommodation, all meals and programme total £115

Enquiries and booking form contact: Kathy Beckett  
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## Events in Rosslyn Hill Chapel in March

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm** - Concert – St Johns Passion

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm** – Concert – A Romantic Programme, Beethoven Chamber Orchestra

**20<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm** – Chopin Bicentenary Concert (tickets £12 each available from chapel office)

**26<sup>th</sup> March 7:30 Concert** – Alexander Skeaping

**27<sup>th</sup> March 7:30pm** – Hampstead Chamber Choir

**31<sup>st</sup> March 7:30pm** – Concert – The Depth of Classicism



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Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel is in London's Hampstead village on Rosslyn Hill between Willoughby Road and Pilgrim's Lane. It is 440 yards down Hampstead High Street on the same side of the street as Hampstead Tube Station. The 46 and 268 buses stop nearby.

## MARCH DIARY

(\* = Further details elsewhere in Bulletin)

### Monday 1 March

19.30 - Lecture of the month\*

### Tuesday 2 March

19.30 - Chanting in the chapel\*

### Wednesday 3 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Thursday 4 March

19.30 - Jesus Study Group\*

### Friday 5 March

19.00 - Chapel Youth Group meet in the chapel\*

### Sunday 7 March

11:00 - Morning service - "*Turning problems into Opportunities*"\* - Rev Jim Robinson

12.30 - 1.30pm Spiritual Healing in the hall\*

19:00 - Evening service - Rev Jim Robinson

### Tuesday 9 March

19:30 - Social Action Committee meets\*

### Wednesday 10 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Thursday 11 March

19.30 - Management Committee meets\*

20.00 - Stitch & Stories Group meet \*

(For details contact Georgina 020 844 0655)

### Friday 12 March

19.00 - Chapel Youth Group meets in the chapel\*

### Sunday 14 March

11:00 - Morning service - "*When Opposites are Held in Balance*"\* - Rev Jim Robinson

14.00 - 16.00 Labyrinth Walking Meditation\*

19:00 - Evening service - Rev Jim Robinson

### Wednesday 17 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Thursday 18 March

19.30 - Book club meets at the Magdala Pub\*

### Sunday 21 March

11:00 - Morning service - "*Spring Equinox: reverence for Life*"\* - Rev Jim Robinson

19.00 - Evening service - "*Celebration of Ostara*"\* - Wheel of the Year group

### Thursday 25 March

19.30 - Lecture of the month\*

### Wednesday 24 March

13.00-15.00 - Stitch & Stories Group meet  
(For details contact Ingrid 020 8455 0162) \*

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Sunday 28 March

11:00 - Morning service - "*Mozart's Coronation Mass*"\* - Chapel Choir

12.30 - Lunch in the hall\*

19.00 - Evening service - "*Palm Sunday Reflections*"\* - Rev Jim Robinson

### Monday 1 April

11.00 - National Gallery Event\*

