

Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel



Bulletin **November 2009**



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 December Bulletin is
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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.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Every Sunday 11am and 7pm in the Chapel

1 November - "The Peace Process in Northern Ireland: What Have We Learned?"

After centuries of conflict, and in the midst of "The Troubles", peace seemed an impossible dream for Northern Ireland. Yet, although imperfect and struggling, it has come. Why? What can we learn from the peace process? Two members of our Chapel who are from Northern Ireland (Jane Williams and Hilary McCollum) will share their thoughts as well as thoughts by our minister.

The evening service will broaden the topic to be peace and conflict resolution in general.

8 November (11am Service) - "Rutter's Requiem"

On Remembrance Sunday, our Rosslyn Hill Chapel Choir will perform John Rutter's Requiem. This is a truly inspiring and beautiful piece of Sacred Music. The choir will be accompanied by a small orchestra of live musicians. We will also share the traditional words, quiet, and prayers of Remembrance Sunday.

8 November (7pm Service) - Unitarian President Preaching!

The President of the British General Assembly of Unitarians and Free Christians will be at Rosslyn Hill Chapel in the evening. Reverend Bob Wightman is from Dundee, and is both a Unitarian Minister and a radio personality in Scotland on religious affairs. He is an entertaining and inspiring speaker. We will have an evening service with the organ, singing, and Rev. Wightman preaching. There will be a time to meet him both before the service (from 6pm to 7pm) and after the service (from 8pm to 9pm) with refreshments served.

15 November – "Healing: What Makes it Happen?"

Jane Crispin (Medical Doctor), Debra Deaville (Psychotherapist), and James Robinson (Minister) will each speak from their own discipline about what promotes healing in human beings. Then we will consider how we might apply their ideas in our daily living.

22 November – "The Enduring Essence"

Rosslyn Hill Chapel was founded in 1692. Since then many generations have come and gone. What has connected all these generations together? What is the enduring essence of Rosslyn Hill Chapel? This Sunday we will welcome new members who have joined within the past six months. The Voxcetera Singers, a community choir of 12 voices, will provide special music.

29 November – "Faith, Hope, and Love"

On this, the first Sunday of advent, we will consider the spiritual trio of virtues named by the Apostle Paul in his famous letter to the Corinthians: "So there abideth faith, hope, and love." What are these three virtues made of and how do we practice them?

CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN NOVEMBER

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

CHAPEL YOUTH GROUP for young adults from ages 9 to 15 will meet on **Friday 13 November, 7:00 – 9pm**, in the chapel.

SPIRITUAL HEALING offered in the chapel hall by our healing ministry team on **Sunday 1 November, 12:30 – 1:30**.

CHANTING AND MEDITATION EVENING facilitated by Rev. Danielle Wilson will meet on **Tuesday 3 November at 7:30pm** in the chapel. We alternate spiritual chants with times of quiet meditation.

JESUS STUDY GROUP will meet on **Thursday 5 November 7:30pm** in the chapel. We will explore the letters of the Apostle Paul. All viewpoints welcomed!

DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE will be held in the chapel on **Saturday 7 November, 11am to 3pm** (stay for as long as you wish). These are easily learned dances, accompanied by music and singing, which evoke a sense of spiritual presence.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE meets on **Tuesday 10 November**. Contact Julie Krishnan Williams for meeting information.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE meets on **Thursday 12 November 7.30pm** in the chapel

CHAPEL LECTURE OF THE MONTH – Monday 16 November 7:30pm in the chapel

"The Geography of the Contemporary Novel"

Speaker: Alessandria Cavalli PhD, Jungian Analyst

Joint meeting with Chapel and Hampstead Authors Society

CHAPEL BOOK GROUP meets on **Thursday 19 November 7:30pm** at the Magdala Pub, South End Green, NW3. We will be discussing Ernest Hemingway's classic novel *"The Sun Also Rises"*.

QUESTION TIME AT ROSSLYN HILL CHAPEL - Thursday 19 November 7:30pm in the chapel *"Members of Parliament (or would be hopefuls) answer your questions!"* - with Paul ver Bruggen chairing, our local MP Glenda Jackson along with prospective candidates from others parties will answer your questions and discuss the great issues of our day

LABYRINTH WALKING MEDITATION is available for walking on **Sunday 22 November from 2pm to 4pm in the chapel**. A canvass labyrinth, patterned after the famous Chartres Cathedral labyrinth, covers our chapel floor space

CHAPEL POETRY GROUP will meet on **Tuesday 24 November 7:30pm** at the home of Rosalind Beeton, 871B Finchley Road Golders Green. Bring along several poems to share with the group. For directions call Jim Robinson at 7435 3506.

'MEET THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE' - Sunday 22 November 12.30pm
Topic: **Code of Conduct** - a consultation with the congregation.

Mark your 2010 diaries!!
Rosslyn Hill Chapel's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Sunday 28 February 2010**.

Our Chapel Community



Ministerial Search Committee.

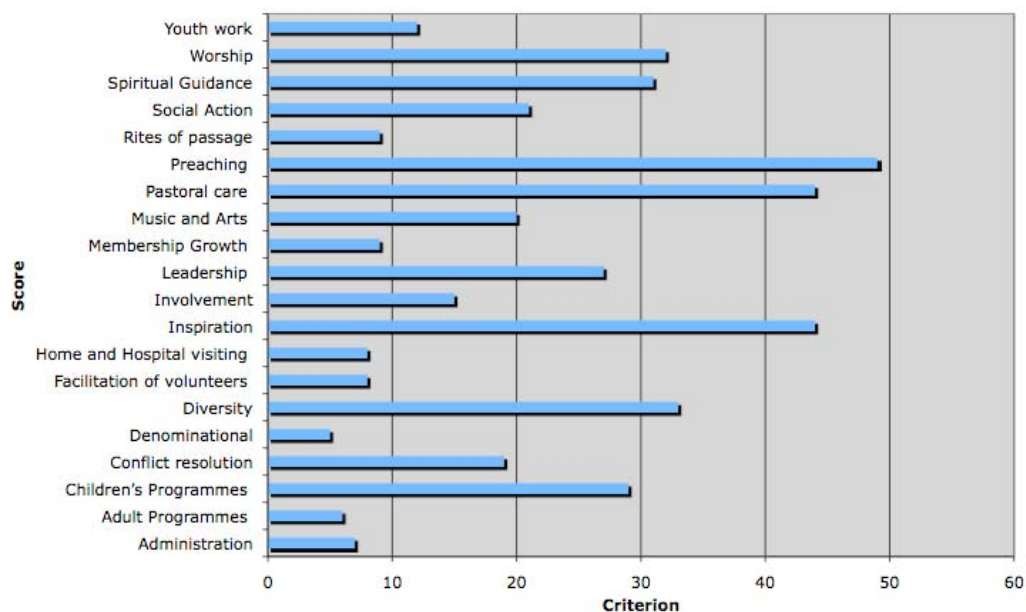
The committee continues to meet fortnightly. The application for inclusion on the British Vacant Pulpit list was made during the week beginning 19.10.9. An advert for the vacancy will appear in *'The Inquirer'* and on the GA website almost immediately. A Ministerial information Pack is now in place for potential candidates, likewise an up-dated Application Form. The closing date for applications from British candidates has been fixed for the early part of December.

We continue to welcome input from members of the congregation.

The results of the Congregational Survey, (summarized below) will help the Search Com. in their choice, for which many thanks.

As established at an earlier SGM, the Search Com. is required to present **one** candidate - **the best one** - for congregational consideration and approval or not. This vacancy will be advertised internationally by December, should a British candidate not be appointed to the post. (**submitted by Margaret Perry**)

Congregational survey



Cold Weather Shelter: We are again hosting the cold weather shelter for homeless people on 5, 12, 19 December. We will offer evening meal, a bed and breakfast to between 9-12 homeless men and women in our hall over 3 Saturday nights. We had an excellent response from the congregation last year with people volunteering for the 3 nights, cooking meals and making donations of money for food or extra treats for our guests. We hope people will sign up to help again this year. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Chapel Office admin@rosslynhillchapel.com, Tel 7433 3267.

It's cold out there...!

The Soup Kitchen in Tottenham Court Road (run by volunteers co-ordinated by the American Church in London) has recently appealed for donations of winter clothes for their guests. They need used **jackets for men, trainers and jeans (waist 32 or 34)**. Also if you don't have used clothes, they always welcome (**new**) **socks and boxer shorts**.

If you can spare any of the above, please bring them to the chapel, and arrangements will be made to take them to the Soup Kitchen.

Already 8 large bags of men's clothes have been brought to the chapel, and will be delivered to the Soup Kitchen as soon as possible. Thank you very much, and please keep them coming!

Claire Julian

For further information contact Claire Julian on 020 7435 8254 or claire.marley@mac.com



Coffee and Tea Money for Charities: we have been sending the money collected at coffee time to various charities, chosen by members of the congregation. If you would like to nominate a charity to receive a month of coffee time donations, please contact the chair of the Social Action Committee, Julie Williams Krishnan on 7485 5961 or on her email queenjool@googlemail.com



News from "Stitch and Stories" group



STITCH AND STORY GROUP meets on **Thursday 12 November** 8.00-10.00pm at the home of Georgina Drewe (Tel:020 8444 0655) and on **Wednesday 25 November 1.00-3.00 pm** at Ingrid's home (Tel: 020 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

On the **Sunday 6th December** we will have a blessing of dolls and blankets to be sent to charities in KwaZulu Natal (South Africa) and orphanages in Bulgaria. Knitters are invited to bring any finished items along to the blessing.



The Urban Unitarians (formerly the 20s and 30s something group) has been meeting regularly, making new friends and exploring their spiritual paths. Urban U events have covered a variety of topics including a trip to the V&A's talk Fashion and Faith, drinks at Charlotte Street Blues bar and a DVD night (watching a suitably inspiring film!).

Recently, a small group met at a bar in Waterstones' bookshop to discuss Rev. Jim's sermon entitled 'Practical Mysticism'. The discussion was led by Kate Buchanan and covered the conclusions of the Mystic of the Month group on what the great mystics have in common. Joe, a new face at RHUC, came along to the discussion. *'I wasn't sure what to expect really,' says Joe. 'I was surprised at the openness and honesty of the people there, how willing they were to share their experiences and listen to mine.'*

The group's December social event will be in conjunction with the lectures committee on 7 December. All members are welcome to attend the talk 'Can Buddhism meet the spiritual needs of post-Christian Britain?' by Munisha (Catherine Hopper), member of the Western Buddhist Order. Kate will be taking the chair *'We know that there are many members on our Meetup.com website who are interested in extending their spiritual journey so I hope this event will help them to do just that,'* she says.

The Urban Unitarians will also be organising the Cold Weather Shelter on 12 December and are hoping to recruit a few more volunteers to help out ☺

If you'd like to join us at future Urban Unitarian events, look out for Kate, Scott or Josephine at Sunday morning services, email urbanunitarian@gmail.com or sign up to events on www.meetup.com/Urban-Unitarians

Raise Funds for the Chapel Online



Here are two easy ways you can help make money for the Chapel:

1. Instead of using Google for web searches use this: rosslynhillchapel.easysearch.org.uk to save the bother of typing it in each time you can make it your default search in Internet Explorer through the Tools, Internet Options settings. Companies pay to sponsor links (just as they do with Google) but easysearch passes some of that money back to the Chapel.

2. Do your online shopping (e.g. Amazon, Argos, John Lewis etc) via [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk), you need to go to easyfundraising.org.uk and setup Rosslyn Hill Chapel as your nominated charity. Then each time you want to buy online first log onto [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) then click through to Amazon or whoever and shop in the usual way. The retailer makes a small donation (typically 2-3%) which [easyfundraising](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) collects and passes on to the Chapel. Please see the attached flyers.

This idea was approved for use by the chair of the Management committee and by the chapel treasurer after it was suggested by member Erich Wagner.

Recent Sunday Service attendance

➤ 20 Sept	64 adults	11 children	17 evening
➤ 27 Sept	86 adults	17 children	15 evening
➤ 4 Oct	67 adults	12 children	18 evening
➤ 11 Oct	66 adults	13 children	21 evening
➤ 18 Oct	71 adults	19 children	17 evening
➤ 25 Oct	68 adults	15 children	8 evening

Events at Rosslyn Hill Chapel in November

Sunday 1 November afternoon at 15.30 -Allerseelen: an All Saint's Day Recital. Violin, piano and voice. Tickets £10 from Nico de Villiers 07974792629

Monday 9 November at 19.30 - "An Evening of Chamber Music" with works by Schubert, Brahms and Ravel. Ticket information from Jakob Fichert 07947 762 306

Saturday 14 November at 19.30 - An Evening of Madrigals with The Sage Green Singers: Soprano, Counter-Tenor, Tenor, Bass. Tickets at the door. Information from daphnejharvey@hotmail.com

Friday 20 November at 20.00 - Soprano Esther Levin and pianist William Hancox present a programme of French songs and piano works, with music by Fauré, Debussy, Duparc, Messiaen and Ravel. You are very welcome to join the musicians for a glass of wine after the concert. Tickets at the door. Contact Esther Levin 07939 046357 for further information.

Saturday 21 November at 19.30 - Songs and Opera arias with 3 singer's, guitar and piano. Information from Eriko 07956 375 947

Friday 27 November at 19.30 - Concert with pieces by Handel, Mozart and Schubert for piano and voice. Contact: Nico de Villiers 07974792629 info@nicodevilliers.com

Saturday 28 November at 19.30 - Hampstead Chamber Choir -Crowning Glories, tickets £10, £8 concs. Information from Tim Shelton 020 8348 4899.

Friday 4 December at 7.30pm the Emmy Destinn Foundation present:
An Evening of Opera with Janacek, Dvorak, Puccini, Mozart
Further information: edf@destinn.com. Tickets at the door: £15, conc.£10
Price includes a glass of wine

Saturday 5 December at 7.30pm BACH AND BEYOND: A CHAMBER MUSIC SOIREE Musicians from Morley College play music for winds, strings, voice and piano. Tickets £5 at the door

Dances of Universal Peace



Led by Ralph Nimmann and Vitalija Zelenevska-Nimmann

On Saturday, 7th Nov. 09, from 11am to 3pm, in the Chapel

The Dances are inspired by a variety of spiritual traditions,
a practice through song, dance and silence,
accompanied by guitar and drum,
and they can also be a lot of fun.
No experience necessary. You are invited to bring an open heart.

Please bring some nibbles for the tea break.

Cost: Suggested donation £10, concessions available.

More at www.rainbow-cambridge.org.uk/dances/



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 on Thursday 12th November 2009 at 7.30 pm.

Management Committee Meeting on Thursday 10th October, Paul ver Bruggen in the Chair.

Welcome to Reverend Mark Kiyamba Rev Kiyambe, a Unitarian minister from Uganda spoke about his work. He is in charge of two congregations, 100 miles apart, in Kampala and Masaka. In Masaka he has built an orphanage which cares for 420 children. Some children are housed and it is hoped to extend this provision. He thanked the Chapel for a gift of money last year. With this help, the children at the orphanage were given a Christmas party. Rev. Kiyamba, in a country with many tribes and a large Muslim minority believes firmly in the importance of acceptance rather than judgement. He looks for what is central, not small differences. His is the only church in Uganda, a country where homosexuality is illegal, which welcomes gays. Jim thanked Rev Kiyamba for meeting the MC. He gave him £250 from the Chapel for the work of the Orphanage and said the Chapel would like to continue supporting Rev Kiyamba's ministry by donating £50 a month for a year. Rev Kiyambe thanked the Chapel.

The Sale Project Group Kathee Myers passed on a report from the architects who are about to submit a new application for planning permission for the Willoughby Road site. The architects say there are indications this application may be successful.

Minister Search Committee Danielle Wilson reported on the work of the Search Committee. On 20th September, members had been asked to give their views, in a questionnaire, as to what qualities they looked for in a minister. Members of the MC expressed appreciation of the service, conducted by Danielle.

Administrator Search Hilary Ratna reported that applications were coming in from the advertisements in 'The Guardian'.

The Way Forward Sub Committee Kate Buchanan, the Chair of the meeting on 24th September, reported that this committee has now drawn up a draft Code of Conduct for Chapel members and revised the Conflict Resolution Document drawn up by Paul and Jim. These had been circulated to MC members. Kate explained that the Sub Committee felt it had achieved its objectives and did not plan to meet again. The MC discussed the proposals for the Code of Conduct and commended the positive tone. Discussion began as to whether members might be asked to sign up to the Code of Conduct. Kate was thanked for drawing up a chart to clarify the procedures for conflict resolution. Further ways to check conflict escalation at the earliest stages were discussed. John Stewart was asked to present a revised draft of the proposed Conflict Resolution table to the next MC meeting, and all members of the MC were asked to make further comments on the Code of Conduct document at the meeting in November. Next, Chapel members will have an opportunity to discuss the proposals at a Meet the Management Committee session. These will then presented for ratification at the AGM. The MC thanked Kate for her presentation and asked her to pass on to the Way Forward Sub Committee its appreciation of the committee's work.

Meet the Management Committee – the Budget! After the service on Sunday 13th September around 25 members had come along to talk with Glen about the Chapel's finances. It is expected that the next Meet the Management Committee session (date to be decided at the November MC meeting) will have as its topic the proposals for the Code of Conduct.

Minister's Report Jim said membership is now 170, of whom 20 are Internet members.

Administrator's Report (Tabled) A date for the AGM was agreed, 28th February. Alexander Skeaping who looks after the piano is kindly arranging four concerts, with the soloists donating their services, to raise money for the Piano and Organ Fund. The MC will write to thank him. Members should be informed they can apply to represent the Chapel at the General Assembly AGM (April 2010). Leighton urged that when it comes to voting for a new minister, papers should be sent out by post. It was agreed post and email should be used.

Treasurer's Report Glen Kendal reported the Accounts for September had been circulated., Chapel roof estimate £200,000. Hall roof (the more urgent) estimated cost £100,000. Quotes are being obtained regarding the hole in the roof.

Membership Report Jim reported that there had been applications for membership from Catherine O'Connell, Susanna Geiger and Brian Wadman.

Chair's Report Paul has met with the Academy School and a further meeting is planned.

Any Other Business The MC expressed its thanks to Ann Finer and her team for decorating the Chapel beautifully for the Harvest Festival. Will Hopper tabled the programme for the forthcoming Chapel lectures.



Our Larger Unitarian Movement

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A DELEGATE?

Once a year Unitarians (approximately 400 of them) gather from all over Britain for a “**General Assembly**”. At the General Assembly there are workshops, talks on spiritual themes, as well as daily sessions to conduct the business of the Unitarian denomination in Britain.

This year it will be held from the **8th to the 11th of April (Thursday to Sunday)** in Nottingham. Rosslyn Hill Chapel sends two delegates and pays most of their expenses. If you would like to be one of our two delegates please contact Jim Robinson(Tel: (020) 7435 3506 Email address: maryjimrobinson@btconnect.com)



"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."

- *Clyde Watson*

NOVEMBER DIARY

(* = further details elsewhere in Bulletin)

Sunday 1 November

11:00 - Morning service - *"The peace process in Northern Ireland"* - Rev Jim Robinson, Jane Williams, Hilary McCollum
12.30 - 1.30pm - Spiritual Healing in the chapel
19:00 - Evening service - Rev Jim Robinson

Tuesday 3 November

19.30 - Chanting in the chapel*

Wednesday 4 November

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel*
19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel*

Thursday 5 November

19.30 - Jesus Study Group

Saturday 7 November

11.00 - 15.00 - Dances of Universal Peace*

Sunday 8 November

11:00 - Morning service - *"Rutter's Requiem"**
- Chapel Choir
19:00 - Evening service - Rev Bob Wightman (Unitarian President) *

Tuesday 10 November

19:30 - Social Action Committee meets*

Wednesday 11 November

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel*
19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel*

Thursday 12 November

19.30 - Management Committee meets
20.00 - 22.00 - 'Stitch & Stories' group meet (for details contact Georgina 020 8444 0655)*

Friday 13 November

19.00 - Chapel Youth Group meet in the chapel*

Sunday 15 November

11:00 - Morning service - *"Healing: What Makes it Happen?"** - Rev Jim Robinson, Jane Crispin, Debra Deaville
19:00 - Evening service - Rev Jim Robinson

Monday 16 November

19.30 - Lecture of the month*

Wednesday 18 November

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel*
19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel*

Thursday 19 November

19.30 - Book club meets at the Magdala Pub*
19.00 - Question time at Rosslyn Hill Chapel*

Sunday 22 November

11:00 - Morning service: - *"The Enduring Essence"** - Rev Jim Robinson
14.00 - 16.00 Labyrinth Walking Meditation*
19.00 - Evening service - Rev Jim Robinson

Tuesday 24 November

19.30 - Poetry group meet at the home of Rosalind Beeton*

Wednesday 25 November

13.00-15.00 - Stitch and 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 29 November

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