

BRADFORD UNITARIANS



OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2025

O sacred season of Autumn, be my teacher,
for I wish to learn the virtue of contentment.
As I gaze upon your full-coloured beauty,
I sense all about you
an at-homeness with your amber riches.
You are the season of retirement,
of full barns and harvested fields.
The cycle of growth has ceased,
and the busy work of giving life
is now completed.
I sense in you no regrets:
you've lived a full life.

from Edward Hays.

Bradford City of Culture

You are invited to **'IT'LL BE A GOOD AFTERNOON'**

Saturday October 25 2025 - Doors open 1pm. Starting 1.30pm till approx. 4.30pm

Free entry, there will be a donation plate for the Red Cross Disaster Appeal

An afternoon of entertaining ourselves with music – singing – poetry – stories – etc.

Please bring your own drinks, non-alcoholic and a few nibbles to share.

There will also be tea and coffee served at the interval.

Venue at Bradford Unitarian Church

7a, Russell Street, BD5 0JB

'It'll only be a good afternoon if 'YOU' come.'

Further details from Jimmy on 07873 306998



THORNTON SINGERS

This group of singers is a long-established Bradford choir which I joined, singing in the first altos when I retired from teaching music at Woodside. We have a selection of sopranos, tenors and basses. Because we were short of tenors two of the deeper-voiced altos sing with the tenors. We sing a variety of melodic 4-part arrangements including songs from musicals. This season we are singing from *Showboat*, *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera* and our closing selection is from *The Jersey Boys*.



Our rehearsals last for about two hours each week and I enjoy contributing suggestions to the music committee. Final programmes are chosen by David who also conducts Steeton Male Voice Choir. We are singing in a concert with them this season. Each year we have concerts in Spring/Summer, and at Christmas.

Joan Hill.

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IN RETROSPECT

The Heritage Open Days held at Bradford Unitarian church on September 13—14th and included in Bradford City of Culture 2025, were enjoyable and interest-filled events. Our thanks are due to Jimmy Timiney who collaborated with Ben Stables of Pepper Hill Unitarian Chapel to create an excellent display of pictures and documents showing the history of the Church. On Saturday 13th, guest speaker Simon Valentine Ross reviewed the history of the contribution of the non-conformist churches in Bradford to the growth of industry in the city. This prompted lively questions and discussion. The Sunday service on the Heritage theme was a return visit from Rev. Stephanie Bisby. Thanks go also to those who helped with the preparations and provided refreshments. Ben Stables also helped organise a similar event the following weekend at Pepper Hill Chapel, including a talk on the women associated with Northgate End Chapel. Ben himself presented a talk entitled *A Shelf Full of Photographs*. In Sunday morning's service, Rev. John Midgley explored the meaning and significance of the word 'Heritage'.

THANK YOU

Our thanks are due to our secretary Christine Dawson, who in recent months has spent many hours reviewing the Church constitution, in consultation with solicitors. Thanks also go to the church officers for initiatives towards the appointment of a minister, which were shared at a Congregational General meeting in September.

Thanks go to Joan Hill for playing for our services after her return to health and following a troubling motor accident.

GREAT HUCKLOW VISITS



Bradford Unitarian members attended summer events at the Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow. Our Chair, Isabel Arnold, (above, front, with flute) attended the Unitarian Music Society weekend in August. Celia Midgley, below (front, with panda) enjoyed the Unitarian Women's Group weekend in September.



		DIARY FOR OCTOBER and NOVEMBER 2025
Date	Time	Event
Sunday 5th October	10.45am	Serendipity Service led by Isabel Arnold
Sunday 12th October	10.45 am	Morning Worship — <i>To be announced</i>
Sunday 19th October	10.45am	No service (Third Sunday).
Tuesday 21st October	12noon for 12.30	<i>Food for Thought. Bring a reading, poem, prayer or piece of music, plus your lunch!</i>
Saturday 25th	1pm for 1.30pm	<i>It'll be a good afternoon.</i> Music, singing, poetry, stories (see page 2)
Sunday 26th October	10.45am	Morning Worship — <i>To be announced</i> <i>Followed by Management Committee Meeting</i>
Monday 27th October		Ministers' Conference commences at Nightingale Centre
Sunday 2nd November	10.45am	Serendipity Service Led by Christine Dawson
Sunday 9th November	10.45am	Morning Worship 10.45am. Remembrance Sunday - Conducted by Rev. Celia Midgley
Saturday 15th November		Yorkshire Unitarian Union AGM. 11am - 3pm Hosted by Scarborough Unitarians
Sunday 16th November		No service (Third Sunday).
Tuesday 18 November	12noon for 12.30	<i>Food for Thought. Bring a reading, poem, prayer or piece of music, plus your lunch!</i>
Sunday 23rd November	10.45am	Morning worship conducted by Elizabeth Faiers
Sunday 30th November	10.45am	(First Sunday in Advent.) No service - visit to Cartwright Hall to view their city of culture exhibition. 11am. <i>Meet there.</i>

