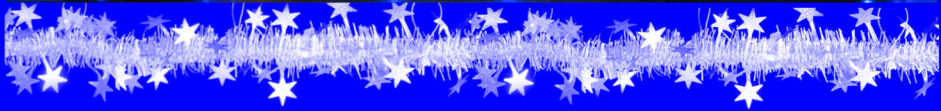
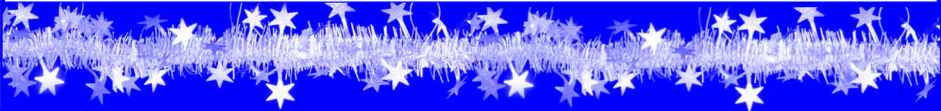




STOCKTON UNITARIANS



CALENDAR FOR
CHRISTMAS 2020
AND WINTER 2021

My 2020 by Grace McCarthy

The language of 2020 was kindness

It said "hello" in a wave from across the road

It said "I love you" in a bag of shopping left on a doorstep

It asked "how are you?" in a surprise call on someone's birthday

It said "I miss you" in a ball thrown over a fence

It said "see you soon" in a chalk note written on the pavement

The language of 2020 was love

It said "still here" in a box of flowers delivered from a friend

It said "stand together" in a crumpled BLM placard held by many hands

It said "we'll get through this" in a pair of smiling eyes above a mask

It said "don't worry" in a pair of footprints two metres apart

It said "be strong" in a messy rainbow stuck in a window

And when it felt like the language of 2020 was hopelessness and loneliness

The people took over

And roared their love and kindness

Into one continuous noise

The language of 2020 was many different things

But the people were united

And they were the language of my 2020

From the Editor's Desk . . .



In her poem **My 2020** on page 2 Grace McCarthy has captured, in beautiful words, the abiding essence that most of us will remember of this so, so difficult year. Grace wrote the poem for a competition - the BUPA Foundation's *Beyond Words* project for World Mental Health Day. It's no surprise to hear that she won the first prize for it - well done, Grace!

Grace's poem was sent to me by Joan Partington who, with husband Colin, has joined in several of our recent Zoom services. Grace is 12 years old and her very proud Granny, Ceri, is a close friend of Joan's. I am immensely grateful to Grace for her permission to print it in this edition of our Calendar.

This reminds me of a theme which has cropped up several times in our recent Zoom services - our heart-warming encounters with the young people around us. We have seen children interviewed on television speaking with such maturity about their experiences of lockdown and their fears and hopes for the future. Margaret Whitham alerted me to an example from her granddaughter Josie's school, High Tunstall College of Science in Hartlepool broadcast on BBC News, following a feature on BBC Radio 4 *You and Yours*. You can view this on the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-55163201>

Recently, it has been so nice to have Paul Walker's children, Freddie, Poppy and Ollie, making some lovely contributions to our Zoom services. I have mentioned the young people who form the **Tees Valley Youth Choir (TVYC)** on several occasions. I got to know them well driving their coach to the International Eistedfodd in Wales. As well as their lovely singing, what most impresses me about these 11 to 18 year olds is their maturity and the way they care for each other.

Before the recent lockdown, Hazel and I managed an outdoor meet up with our daughter Sarah and our grandsons, Marcus and Alexander at Thorpe Perrow Arboretum, resplendent with glorious autumn colours. I got into a deep discussion with the boys that ranged from Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, through the pre-war depression, to Covid, Trump, the US election and Boris Johnson! I was amazed at how much they both knew and their sound attitudes to it all. Clearly they are not at all taken in by the 'fake' news that we are bombarded with these days.

These are just a few of many examples that lead me to believe that we have an outstanding generation of young people coming forward. They will be well equipped to tackle the many problems that they will inherit from us 'Oldies' as they come into adulthood. That is our great hope for the future.

David Warhurst

A Christmas Quiz - contributed by Margaret Whitham:

1. Which word associated with Christmas came from a Greek word meaning '***we can act anything***'?
2. In ***Jack and the Beanstalk*** Jack receives beans in exchange for what?
3. Which pantomime features **Maid Marian**?
4. In **Aladdin** what is the name of his brother?
5. In traditional pantomime, who is the '***sweetheart of harlequin***'?
6. In which Christmas panto does **Buttons** appear?
7. Who marries **Alice Fitzwarren**?
8. Which famous clown pioneered the use of **Pantomime Dames** during the 19th century?
9. "***Fe Fi Fo Fum I smell the blood of an Englishman***" is from which pantomime?
10. Who was the poor son of **Mustafa**, a poor Chinese tailor?
11. Who told **Dick Whittington** to turn again?
12. What is the occupation of the **Seven Dwarfs**?
13. What is the evil queen's name in ***Sleeping Beauty***?
14. Does the Fairy Godmother come on stage left or stage right?
15. How many of **Rudolph's companions** start with **D**? Name them.



16. Which **reindeer** shares its name with the mythical god of love?

17. In the ***Christmas Carol*** which town is known as **Royal David's City**?

18. Where traditionally does **the Queen** spend Christmas?

19. How many **Lords a Leaping**?

20. What was traditionally hidden in a **Christmas Pudding**?

Answers on page 11 - no peeping . . . ! (Ed).

News of Members and Friends

Obituaries

Marian Elizabeth Kelly (née Anderson):

We were so saddened to hear of Marian's death on September 25th, so soon after the death of her Mum, Edna, which we reported in the Autumn Calendar.

Marian grew up in the church community going to Sunday School and representing them as May Queen. She became a member of the church Youth Club and went youth hostelling with them. Throughout her life Marian was a member of the congregation and supported its work.



Marian seen here (centre) as a young girl with her family

Our thoughts and condolences go out to **Pamela** and the rest of the family at this sad time.

Peter Hill, member of Flowergate Unitarian Chapel, Whitby:

Members who have visited Whitby will remember **Pete**, husband of **Liz** who usually handed out the refreshments after the service. It is with great sadness that we announce his death after suffering a brain haemorrhage. Our thoughts are with **Liz** and her family, **Eileen**, (her sister) and **Arthur** at this difficult time for them. Rev Margaret Kirk officiated at the funeral.

Joys and Concerns

Our love and best wishes:

To **Josie Squires** who is awaiting appointments at the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle for further investigation of heart problems.

To **Colin Partington** who, with his wife **Joan**, has joined several of our Zoom services. Colin is undergoing a course of treatment for prostate cancer. One of Colin's many voluntary jobs is treasurer of our Unitarian Nightingale Centre at Great Hucklow.

To **Neill Warhurst** who has just completed a course of chemotherapy following an operation in October to remove a tumour from his bladder.

To **Mike and Jane Tomlin** following Mike's return home from hospital. It has been such a joy and delight for all of us to see Mike back to his old self again after recovering from the nasty injuries he sustained from his recent fall.

I'm sure everyone will join with me in expressing heartfelt appreciation to the hard pressed doctors and nurses in the NHS for their wonderful care and dedication to keeping us all in the best possible health.

Forthcoming Birthday Congratulations

To - **Susan Scrafton** on January 2nd, **Margaret Robinson** on January 6th, **Neill Warhurst** on January 15th, **Joan Unwin** on January 17th and **Margaret Whitham** on January 20th; and to **Aaron Robinson** who celebrates his 13th birthday on 21st January, **Arthur Whitham** who will be six years old on 23rd January and **William Dixon-Oliver** who will be seven years old on 1st February.

Pat Wilkinson on 7th February; **Margaret Kirk** on 8th March; **Elisha Hutton** 13 years old on 11th March; **Josie Jobson** also 13 years old on 3rd April; **Alan Wilkinson** on 9th April; and **Carys Thompson** 12 years old on 11th April.

Margaret Whitham writes:

I've received a letter from **Fred and Gaynor Jordan** who say:

"We can't believe it's that time of the year again, especially with everything that is going on. Even though we have had to cancel several holidays the year has flown. We must have the emptiest loft, most decorated house and the garden must be up for an award. We hope to be spending Christmas in Northern Ireland with Janine and grandson Lucas (fingers crossed).

We send our love and best wishes to everyone at Stockton Church.

Love

Fred and Gaynor".

I have also spoken to **Professor Paul Harvey** who, like Mike, is now 90 years old. He's keeping well but like everyone would like to see an end to Covid 19. He is hoping to spend Christmas in a hotel close to Bolton Abbey where he has gone for a number of years now, fingers crossed of course.

He sends everyone his Best Wishes.

Margaret Whitham

Edna Anderson:

Following the Obituary for Edna in the Autumn Calendar, I received an interesting email from **Louise Reeve** of Newcastle Unitarians. Edna had written to **Diana Bebbly**, who edits the Newcastle Calendar, at the beginning of this year. Louise kindly sent a transcript of Edna's letter which provides an interesting insight into Edna's connections with

Newcastle, Stockton, the Women's League and the NUA. Here it is:

Letter dated 9 January 2020

Dear Diana

Enclosed please find a cheque, which is a donation towards the calendar fund, and to let you know how much I appreciate having it sent to me, I do enjoy receiving it. My association with the Newcastle Church goes back many years. My father was from Newcastle, and he met my mother when the Congregational Church cricket team played the Stockton Unitarian team, and as a result changed his religion to Unitarian (my mother was a third generation Unitarian), and they married in 1930. I was born in 1932, and for many years all our holidays were spent in Newcastle, staying with my father's sister and visiting his brothers.

On these visits, Sunday mornings were always spent at the Church of the Divine Unity (as it was then), attending the service, and the association continued for many years, as my father was a member of the NUA District Committee, as I was myself in later years.

He was also a lay preacher, and I followed in his footsteps, and if there is any record of Lay Preachers who have conducted services at Newcastle, the name 'Stanley Lees' should be amongst them, as should mine, although I have not conducted that many services.

I have a lot of happy memories of the joint meetings of the Women's League Annual get-together, when the National President of the Women's League would visit, and we would alternate between Stockton and Newcastle to host her visit, it was such a privilege to meet some of the Newcastle ladies and it was reading a few months ago, reading about Molly McIntyre, when I first sat down to write this letter, but unfortunately I was admitted to hospital on two separate occasions and the second time was discharged to a local rehabilitation centre, so I didn't get very far with my letter, and now I am trying to catch up with things now.

I have very fond memories of Molly. She was such a lovely lady. I also have very fond memories of Brenda and Roger Tarbuck, and I do enjoy reading Roger's letter in the calendar. Unfortunately, I have been housebound now for 18 months, except for my time in hospital, and have been unable to attend church, or we would possibly have met at some joint function. I don't think that there will be many current Newcastle members who remember me, but I would hope that if my health continues to improve, we may meet at some future session. Meanwhile, kind regards to yourself and everyone at Newcastle.

Best wishes to everyone for the coming season,

Edna Anderson.

Many thanks to Louise and Diana for giving us the text of this interesting letter and, in particular, to Louise for taking the trouble to transcribe it from Edna's rather shaky handwriting - (Ed).

A Success Story

I wonder how many of us have used this strangely restricted time to do some sorting out of our possessions - particularly our furniture or perhaps we are leaving that until our Spring Cleaning. In this throw away society it is uplifting to come across any areas where work is being done to re-use, repair or recycle the things which we are tempted to get rid of which so often end up in landfill. It doesn't have to be this way!

GRADE (Furniture Reclamation And Delivery Enterprise), a Charity formed more than 30 years ago, has saved tons of stuff from landfill, even 'white goods' which can be refurbished and made to look as good as new at a fraction of the cost. They will collect all furniture, crockery, curtains and clean and repair donations so that the items are worth selling. This is a real success story.



The recent CEO's have worked extremely hard to expand the business. There are now five shops (Darlington, behind Northgate URC, Northallerton, Guisborough (the latest one), Middlesbrough and Stockton (the first one). There are eleven employees now and the turnover is more than half a million and yet the Charity still provides goods at greatly discounted prices to those in real social need.

The Middlesbrough shop includes the **Men's Shed** where repairs are carried out and training is given in learning to use woodworking machinery, while helping to relieve loneliness in the retired or unemployed volunteers.

I hope you knew already that the Charity was founded by two church people, Julia Roberts from the Church of England, and the late Rev Gillian Bobbett from Stockton URC. Julia, who became a local councillor in Stockton, died very suddenly in September at 61. It was Gillian who invited Mike Tomlin to become a Trustee in 1990. Mike retired as Chair of the Trustees in October and was presented with a bird table, designed and made in the workshop from the left over wood from the renovations!

Jane Tomlin



The South Tees Mission to Seafarers

We have previously collected shoe boxes for the Mission during the annual *Tree Dressing Service* but because of the present circumstances this isn't going to happen this year. I contacted Rev Peter Barrigan and this year the Mission is asking for loose items from the list to be donated (i.e. **not in a shoe box**). The Mission will make up Christmas bags to be handed out at the Port until the end of January.

If you are able to donate some gifts we will arrange a date when the gifts can be collected or dropped off at the church from where Peter will collect them. Here is the list of items needed, if you feel able to donate:

Woolly hats, warm gloves, socks, scarves, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shaving foam, disposable razors, shampoo, soap, pens, sweets and chocolate. Please also include a Christmas card sending greetings to a lonely seafarer far away from home.

If you have any *Readers Digest* magazines or something similar these are much appreciated to help the crews to practise their English reading. Please select gifts that are suitable for men as there are no female seafarers coming into the Port at present.



I will be in touch again in December.

Best wishes, *Margaret Whitham*



SUNDAY MARCH 21st 2021:-

Material for the Spring 2021 Calendar to be in the hands of the Editor, David Warhurst, please. My email address is:

hazndaz@warhurstfamily.co.uk

Charities Update

Bloodrun Bikes E.V.S.

This is our Charity Appeal for 2019/2020 but, unfortunately, Covid 19 prevented us from organising our usual sponsored walk. We had already raised some money which we have made up to £300. Mike has received the following letter from them:



Mary Thompson Fund

At our Harvest Festival we would have normally collected goods for the Mary Thompson Fund in support of refugees and asylum seekers in the Tees Valley but, again, Covid 19 meant that that could not happen. Instead we decided to send a donation of £100 so they could purchase goods and below is the thank you letter Mike received from the Fund:



Dear Mike
Thank you so much for your
very kind donation from the Church
It was a shame that you were
not able to hold your Harvest
Festival this year and we are very
grateful that you still managed
to donate
Best wishes, Liz Hood, Assistant
Secretary

Answers to the Quiz

1. Pantomime
2. A cow
3. Babes in the Wood
4. Wishee Washee
5. Columbine
6. Cinderella
7. Dick Whittington
8. Grimaldi
9. Jack and the Beanstalk
10. Aladdin
11. Bow Bells
12. Diamond miners
13. Maleficent
14. Right
15. Donna Dancer Dasher
16. Cupid
17. Bethlehem
18. Sandringham
19. Ten
20. A small silver coin

The Importance of Friends

In this Covid-19 time of lockdowns and isolating, friends are more important than ever. I'm fortunate in having my family in town but without my friends life would be very lonely indeed. There are former colleagues whom I would normally see once a month to go walking and talking with but we now meet once a week via Zoom. Friends from my choir usually text or phone each other and meet up for "Choir Zoom" on a Thursday evening.

I have neighbours who look out for each other and then there are my park friends whose names, apart from one or two, I don't know. They are dog walkers, child minders, park workers - especially the young lad who blows the leaves off the paths and has the widest grin you ever did see. Everyone has a "good morning" or a comment on the weather, so I class myself as being very lucky. Of course I mustn't forget my lifelong friends who I suppose are the gold.

So can we think especially at Christmas about those who don't have family or friends to look out for them? Can we give people a smile, which I'm sure will brighten their day?

So life is not dull - more frustrating. Time doesn't drag and I don't always get the jobs done that I've planned but there is always another day, and they'll still be there. Far better talking to Josie on Facetime or talking to her on her mobile because she's rung me on her way home from school, as she's dropped her friend off and she's now on her own, and "time goes more quickly Granny when you have someone to talk to"! Park Road is a long straight road but, my goodness, she walks at a rare old rate!



Margaret in one of her familiar roles - at the organ

So take good care of yourselves, stay safe and enjoy each other.

Margaret Whitham

Quotation:

***Make new friends but keep the old
Those are silver these are gold.
(Submitted by Jean Watson)***

Autumn Activities

Here are some of the highlights from ***Autumn under Lockdown!***

We began the Autumn season full of optimism, having re-opened our Meeting House for the first time since March for our first 'socially distanced service on September 6th, all masked up, as reported in the Autumn Calendar. No sooner had we done this than the next lockdown was announced, putting an immediate stop to our plans for regular services in the building. We reverted to "services by Zoom", together with visits to Zoom services offered by other congregations, notably by our good friends in Newcastle upon Tyne (sometimes jointly with them).

We followed a steep learning curve as we grappled with the nuances of managing services by Zoom. Special thanks are due to **Margaret Robinson** who took on the role of 'Zoom Master', setting up and controlling our Zoom meetings, and getting very good at it too.

Celebrating Grandparents:

The planned Zoom service on September 13th, held jointly with Newcastle, was led by Margaret Robinson on the theme of *Celebrating Grandparents* - the important role that they carry out (especially in a pandemic), and the rich rewards which accrue to grandparents from the very special relationships that form between them and their grandchildren. This is something that many of us have been blessed to experience.

Hazel and I missed this service as, ironically, we were in Somerset visiting our grand daughter, Betty, on her birthday. Happily, Margaret kindly provided the text of her service for us and I can see that she chose a very appropriate selection of readings, prayers and hymns to mark Grandparents Day on 7th September.

Harvest and the NUA Weekend:

We had planned that this would have been held in the church on September 20th, conducted by Rev Paul Walker. The new lockdown ruled this out so the next event was the Northern Unitarian Association AGM weekend on 10th and 11th October, all conducted over Zoom.

The AGM event on Saturday 10th consisted of a short and uneventful AGM. We were pleased to be joined by the General Assembly Vice-President, Anne Mills, and the Director of the new Unitarian College, Helen Mason. The most important item of business was to carry a motion of appreciation to Mike Tomlin to mark his resignation as President of the District and his long service to the NUA; and to wish



Mike, pictured at the GA Meetings in 2017

him a speedy recovery from his fall injuries. We were delighted that Ben MacLeod accepted our invitation to take over as president of the District.

Formalities over, we were given an inspiring insight into the progress being made by the staff and students of the new Unitarian College, in a talk by the Director, Helen Mason. A notable development was the imminent graduation of the first student to qualify through the new College - Stephanie Bisby. We were all invited to join her Valedictory Service (by Zoom, of course) on 24th October. Stephanie has since been appointed part time to our neighbouring congregation in York.

The event was concluded by Anne Mills who would have been installed as President in the previous April if the GA Meetings had been allowed to proceed. Covid-19 has forced the President (Celia Cartright), President-Elect (Anne) and Past-President (Joan Cook) to be, technically speaking, stuck in their roles for the time being. They have, therefore, decided to operate as a Presidential Team, and Anne gave us fascinating insights to how this has operated, particularly under the restrictions caused by the pandemic. Anne brought the formal greetings of the General Assembly and led our closing worship.

Courage in Adversity:

This was Anne's theme for the annual NUA Weekend service on 11th October. Usually the visiting President or Vice-president conducts the Newcastle service in the morning and the Stockton service in the evening. This time, as we were all 'Zooming', we joined together for Anne's service.

Anne took her inspiration from the BBC Security Correspondent, Frank Gardner, who was shot by al-Queda in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 16 years ago while reporting for the BBC. His cameraman, Simon Cumbers was shot dead and Frank was paralysed from the knees down but was back at work within 10 months, thanks to the wonderful health care he received in the NHS, and his own determination.

Frank Gardner's story was one of the courage of ordinary people in adversity, striving to make a difference in the world, and working for better things. This was a very inspiring service - thank you, Anne.

Pandemic and Compassion:

On October 25th we 'zoomed' with Newcastle again when the service was taken by Tom and Brigitte McCready from Doncaster Unitarians - a service of reflections on the pandemic and compassion, with readings from Jewish scripture.

Remembrance:

8th November was Remembrance Sunday and our service on that day was led by Hazel and David Warhurst. They spoke about their moving visit to Ypres in Belgium with a group from Ingleby Arncliffe, just a few days before the first lockdown. This brought home to them the desperate conditions endured by the soldiers, the number of young men no more than 15 years old who lost their lives, and the stark futility of it all. The visit was especially poignant for Hazel as her father was injured twice at Ypres, losing his leg the second time.

During the visit Hazel and David witnessed the intensely moving **Last Post Ceremony** which has been carried out every day since 1927 except for a short period during the occupation of the Second World War. They played their video clip of the ceremony over the Zoom.

To conclude the service Hazel and David turned to the more recent experience of the Coronavirus Pandemic and remembrance of all who have suffered and those who have died from this unseen, inhuman enemy. One thing is certain - the future rests with the young. The service ended with a clip of the talented young people of the Tees Valley Youth Choir performing their version of Sting's song **Fields of Gold** - a beautiful Lockdown tribute to family and friends affected by Covid-19 and to the staff and hospitals in the Tees Valley who cared for them:

*They'll walk beside us through the years
and guide us day to day
silent, unseen, their memory
shall never pass away.*

You can view **TVYC Fields of Gold, a Lockdown Tribute** on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uKxJGAAEgdc>

Advent:

On 29th November Rev Paul Walker took the service on the theme of *Advent*. Paul said that our planet is a lonely speck in the universe - illustrated by a clip showing the earth disappearing into the background of interstellar space, becoming tinier and tinier. This is

the only world known to humankind so far which has life. Are we alone? We do not know.

Paul showed us an early picture of the world as the ancients knew it - flat and with the sea all around and above and with God above ready to come to the rescue. In our current crisis, however, no serious news item has suggested that we could solve Covid-19 by prayer alone. If there is any salvation we have to provide it ourselves.

Paul said that, in many senses, Jesus was a 'nobody'. That he was a carpenter meant that he had no land so had to have a trade. It was all the more remarkable then that people followed him. Paul thinks of him as just a poor preacher. Historically other preachers emerge whenever human beings need a rescuer - such as Thomas Pain, fighter against slavery.

Disturbing things happen if autocrats run the world. Paul named a few contemporary names (select your own choices from the current crop of leaders!). We could be depressed at what is happening to the world - Covid, wars and climate change for example. But there is always hope. The name of God is ***I am***. Where is God to be found? - in me!

Thank you, Paul for another thought provoking service.

Human Rights:

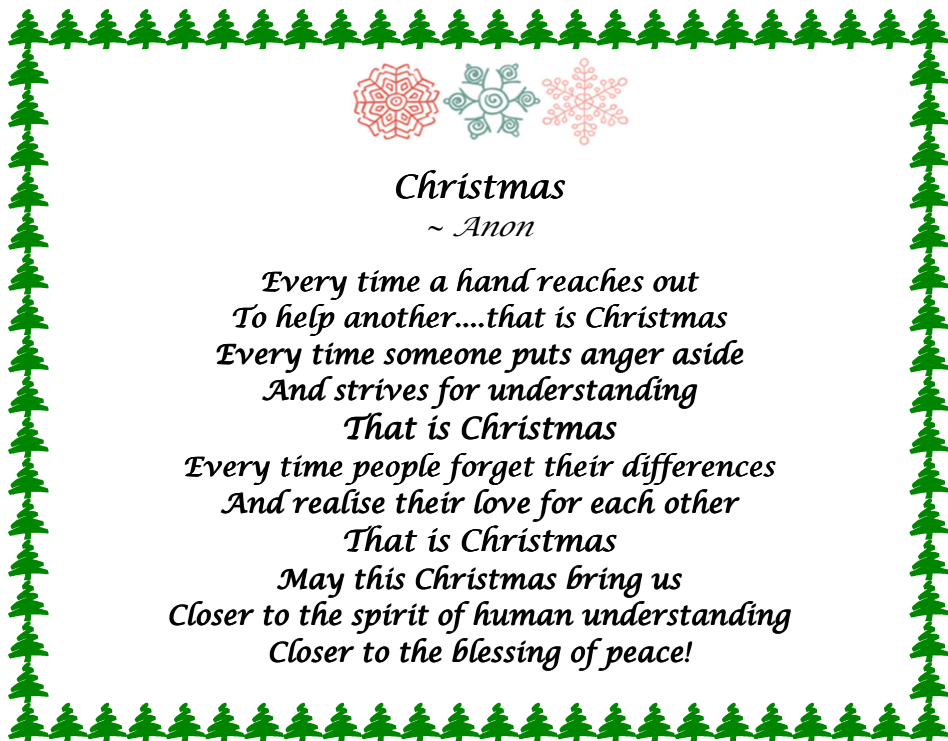
The final service in this period was the annual **Human Rights** service, conducted by Margaret Robinson and members of Amnesty Teesside Local Group, which meets (in normal times) in our church. Her service included Opening Words by Evelyn Ryder, Anniversary Words by Joy Croft, the poem ***Caged Bird*** by Maya Angelou and a reading of six of the 32 articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

This forms the 'gold' standard for Human Rights around the world and is the basis of the European Convention on Human Rights adopted by the Council of Europe in October 1952, and of the UK Human Rights Act 1998. The Universal Declaration was drafted by a team of nine persons selected to be broadly representative of the peoples of the world. Only one was a woman - Eleanor Roosevelt. However, she was instrumental, and pivotal in the drafting of it and in winning worldwide approval for it. It is a precious set of fundamental rights which must be protected and defended against all efforts to destroy it. Thank you Margaret and Amnesty Teesside for focusing our attention on it at this crucial time.

Also during this period:

- ◆ Margaret Whitham circulated two more informative newsletters - numbers six and seven - to keep in touch with members and friends.
- ◆ Diana Bebbly restarted her Daily Uplifts when the new lockdown started covering a wide range of amusing, informative and quirky subjects. Thank you, Diana, you have really helped to keep our spirits up through the lockdowns!
- ◆ About our front page picture: Everyone in Ingleby Arncliffe has made a big effort with more festive lights than ever this year - something that Hazel has embraced enthusiastically! Residents were invited to decorate a window for Advent, or to share photographs of their Christmas trees and lights to brighten up our evenings. Our front page picture is Hazel's Advent window for December 8th.

David Warhurst



Christmas

~ Anon

*Every time a hand reaches out
To help another....that is Christmas
Every time someone puts anger aside
And strives for understanding
That is Christmas*

*Every time people forget their differences
And realise their love for each other
That is Christmas
May this Christmas bring us
Closer to the spirit of human understanding
Closer to the blessing of peace!*

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Forthcoming Services and Events

Following the announcement of the second Covid-19 lockdown in September we were forced to close our building again. Since then, all church services, meetings and other events have taken place electronically, normally by Zoom. This will continue to be the case until further notice.

The following schedule of services by Zoom is proposed to take us into the New Year.

Please note that this is subject to change at short notice if it becomes possible to resume services in the church building.

Changes will be notified by email and/or telephone.

- December 20th:** **By Zoom at 3.00 pm:**
Christmas Carol Service jointly with the congregation of Flowergate Unitarian Chapel, Whitby; led by Rev Margaret Kirk
- December 24th:** **By Zoom at 6.30pm:**
Christmas Eve Miscellany
- January 3rd 2021:** **By Zoom at 6.00 pm:**
'Bring and Share' Service
Looking to the New Year
- January 10th 2021:** **By Zoom at 6.00 pm:**
Led by Rev Paul Walker
- January 17th 2021:** **By Zoom at 6.00 pm:**
Led by Rev Victor Ball.
- January 24th 2021:** **By Zoom at 6.00 pm:**
Led by Rev Margaret Kirk
- February 14th 2021:** **By Zoom at 6.00 pm:**
Valentine's Day Service
Led by Rev John Midgley

On Sundays where no Stockton service is scheduled, members and friends are invited to join another congregation's service. These are listed on the General Assembly website on the following link:

<https://www.unitarian.org.uk/online-services>

Other Events (all by Zoom):

- January 13th 2021 at 10.30am:** Worship Group Meeting
- January 20th 2021 at 10.30am:** Church Council Meeting
- February 3rd 2021 at 7.30pm:** Northern Unitarian Association Committee Meeting

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*All good wishes for the
Festive Season
and for
Peace and Happiness
in 2021*

Unitarians believe that religion is a deeply personal matter. Our core belief is that every person must be free to form his or her own religious ideas. We have no set creeds. Instead we offer encouragement and help in the individual search for the true meaning and purpose of life.

We are always pleased to assist with the celebration of special occasions such as naming ceremonies, weddings, funerals and dedications. You do not need to be a member.

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