

# Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel



## MARCH 2011 Bulletin



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 21 March 2011**

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## MARCH SERVICES

Every Sunday 11am and 7pm in the Chapel

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> (11.00am & 7.00pm) - “Being There – Living With Alzheimer’s”**

Alzheimer’s disease, for all its pain, gives us a unique mirror into our basic humanity. A sermon about what remains even when so much has been lost. – **Rev Rob Gregson**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (11am) - “Music in the life of the Church”** The talk is a reflection of where music fits into our life – to enable our spiritual engagement with God and how it has developed over the ages. **Rev Bruce Rickards**, an Anglican Priest in Wimbledon Village in South West London, will lead the service. His is a church of 'many different denominations, backgrounds and nationalities where every one is welcome, without exception. He combines his life with working for an Insurance Company and being a husband and a father to two children.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> (7.00pm) – “A Time for Reflection”** - 'Lent has been traditionally been a time of sacrifice, reflection and taking stock. During the service we will examine what Lent means to you and how you can best use this period to make positive changes in your life - **Maja Langford**. Maja is a Chapel member, a teacher, an art historian and a musician.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (11am) - “The Measure of Our Success”** In this "Big Society" era, we are being asked to redefine what we can expect from government and, ultimately, from each other. What might it mean to be successful in this "new era": as a nation, as a community, as ourselves? – **Rev Rob Gregson**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> (7.00) – “Ostara/Spring Equinox”** Ostara, also called Spring Equinox or Vernal Equinox, celebrates the arrival of spring and marks the time 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.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> (11.00am & 7.00pm) – “Coping”**: Life is full of difficulties as well as joy. How do we get through the bad times? Members of the Social Action Committee will lead the service.

## CHAPEL ACTIVITIES IN MARCH



**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL** meets **every Sunday** at the **11am service**. New children of all ages are always welcome. Infants are welcome in the crèche.

**CHAPEL YOUTH GROUP** will be continuing with Lizzy Lawrence as the adult advisor...Contact Lizzy (Tel:7328 2241) for details.



**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 1st March at 7.30pm** in the chapel, led by Reverend Danielle Wilson. We alternate traditional religious chants with times of quiet meditation.

**LABYRINTH WALKING MEDITATION** will be take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – 2.00 to 4.00pm, in the chapel. Facilitated by Reverend Danielle Wilson.



**SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE** meets on **Tuesday 8 March at 7.30pm** at the home of Mercedes Freedman (Tel 7431 8006)

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** meets on **Thursday 10 March at 7.00pm** in the Committee Room in the chapel. Members of the chapel are welcome to attend but contact the chair, John Lawrence, ahead of time as a courtesy.



**CHAPEL POETRY GROUP.** If you like to read and/or write poetry, the group meets this month at Maja's on **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm**. For more information contact George Appleby (Tel: 7424 9733, email: [gappleby@talktalk.net](mailto:gappleby@talktalk.net))

**CHAPEL BOOK GROUP** The Book Group will meet again on **Thursday 24 March at 7.30**, when we will discuss *The Human Factor* by Graham Greene. We will meet, as usual, at the Magdala Pub at 2a South Hill Park.  
Contact: Bill Ellington (Tel: 7354 0397; email: [Ellingtonbill@aol.com](mailto:Ellingtonbill@aol.com))





## OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY



### CHAPEL LECTURE OF THE MONTH

When: **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March** (7.00pm for 7.30pm)

Where: Rossllyn Hill Chapel

What: ***“A Talk about Friendship”***

Speaker: **Elizabeth Hartley-Brewer**  
(author, journalist, and former social policy advisor to the Prime Minister).

This event is co-sponsored by the Hampstead Authors Society.  
Please contact James Chiriyankandath (Tel: 8348 3193; email: [james\\_chiriyankandath@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:james_chiriyankandath@hotmail.co.uk)) for more information.



### National Gallery Visit on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>

Continuing the tradition set by the Rev Jim Robinson we will be returning for a visit to the National Gallery.

This year the theme will be **Lent** and the paintings chosen will reflect this. Jim Corrigan will be looking at the spiritual aspect of the paintings and I will be placing the paintings in their art historical context. We do hope you will be able to join us at 11.00 in the main entrance hall of the gallery. **Maja Langford**



## NEWS FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Any member of the Chapel is welcome to attend the Management Committee meetings as an observer. If you would like to attend, as a courtesy please contact the Chair, John Lawrence, in advance. The next meeting will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7 pm in the Chapel (in the Committee Room).

### **Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Chair: John Lawrence**

**Rev Rob Gregson** who is assisting the Chapel on a part time basis during this interim period, attended the meeting.

#### **Minister Search**

The process continues. Pre-candidates selected from the short list will come to the UK for interviews with the Search Committee in February/March. The Search Committee will offer the post to one of the pre-candidates on 15<sup>th</sup> March. If the offer is accepted, the candidate will be presented to members, and opportunities will be arranged for meetings, formal and informal, with members over the period of a week.

#### **Property Sale Group**

The Group have sought further legal clarification regarding the Right to Light issue. Potential purchasers continue to show interest in the Willoughby Road site, The Group are optimistic.

#### **Ministry Report**

Rev Rob Gregson, our part time interim minister, reported that as well as taking six services, (three morning and three evening) he has been working with various Chapel leaders and undertaken some pastoral care.

#### **Worship Group Report**

Worship leaders are now in place until the end of June. Rev Gregson provides valuable continuity by taking services, on average, twice a month. Having a member of the MC or the Elders looking after the Notices helps make these members more widely known.

**Stewarding** The continuing difficulty of getting more people to sign up to be stewards was discussed. Stewarding is a valuable contribution to the worship services of the Chapel and ways of encouraging more participation will be discussed at the SGM.

#### **Administrator's Report**

The MC expressed its sympathy for the Chapel caretaker, Michael, who had been injured when he fell from a ladder as he changed a light bulb. It is not known how long he will be off work.

Arrangements to cover caretaking responsibilities are in place.

**The Manse** is being offered for rent on a six month lease (i.e. until a new minister is in post).

**Membership** When the membership list is confirmed, a new contact list will be drawn up and circulated to members. Membership fees will be discussed and clarified at the SGM.

#### **Chair's Report**

**Fundraising appeal for the refurbishment of the Hall.** The urgency of the need to maintain the fabric of the Chapel's property had to be emphasised in the appeal, and the benefit of refurbishing the Hall made clear to all those who use it.

**AGM and SGM Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February** To allow time for these two meetings the AGM will start at 12.15. Members will be asked to bring a packed lunch and informed that child care arrangements are available.

**Elections to the MC** There will be vacancies for six members on the MC. Three existing members must stand down (Kate Buchanan Harold Frankel and Janna Williams). They are eligible to stand for re-election. There are also vacancies for three new members as John Stewart, Deputy Chair has stood down and will not be standing for re-election, Glen Kendall, the Treasurer has resigned, and there is one vacancy. John Lawrence announced he would stand down as Chair but would remain on the MC. The MC thanked him for his leadership.



## *Our Larger Unitarian Movement*

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

**Saturday 19 March 1:30pm at**

**Essex Church  
112 Palace Gardens Terrace  
London W84RT**

Service led by several ministers active in the District.

The programme will feature a screening of the video made of the 'Light the Fire' weekend held in January

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.

The **2011 Annual General Meetings** of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches will be held in Swansea, **from Friday 15 April to Monday 18 April 2011.**

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 contact: Andrew Mason (020) 7240 2384

**Hucklow Summer School 2011 – 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August**

***For Personal and Leadership Development***

**“Walking the Talk – Living a Life of Greater Integrity”**

The Nightingale Centre, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire  
Contact: Mel Prideaux 01924 781 020; [www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk](http://www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk)



## Events in the Chapel

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March (7:30pm) – Concert**

Featuring arias, duets and ensembles in the original languages from Mozart and Verdi's best known operas. Performed by Emma Peurt (soprano), Maria Gayle-Rogers (soprano), Nicole Oppler (mezzo-soprano), Mattias Lower (tenor) and Rogelio Aguilar (bass).

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March (7pm) - Students Piano Concert**

### **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March (7:30pm) - Concert** (no further details)

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March (7pm) - Concert by the Rotary Club** (no further details)



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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)

### Tuesday 1 March

19.30 - Chanting in the chapel\*

### Wednesday 2 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Sunday 6 March

11.00 - Morning service- *"Being There - Living with Alzheimer's"*\* - Rev. Rob Gregson

19.00 - Evening service -Rev. Rob Gregson

### Tuesday 8 March

19:30 - Social Action Committee meets\*

### Wednesday 9 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Thursday 10 March

19.30 - Management Committee meets\*

### Sunday 13 March

11:00 - Morning service - *"Music in the Live of the Church"*\* - Rev Bruce Rickards

19:00 - Evening service - *"A Time for Reflection"*\* - Maja Langford

### Wednesday 16 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel

### Thursday 17 March

19.30 - Chapel Book Club\*

### Sunday 20 March

11:00 - Morning service - *"The Measure of Our Success"*\* - Rev Rob Gregson

14.00 - Labyrinth Walking Meditation\*

19.00 - Evening service - *"Ostara/Spring Equinox"*\* - Wheel of the Year Group

### Wednesday 23 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*

### Sunday 27 March

11:00 - Morning service - *"Coping"*\* - Members of the Social Action Committee

19.00 - Evening service - *"Coping"*\* - Members of Social Action Committee.

### Wednesday 30 March

17.45 - Tai Chi class in the chapel\*

19:30 - Choir rehearsal in the chapel\*



*"I wandered lonely as a cloud  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When all at once I saw a crowd,  
A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze."*

- William Wordsworth, [Daffodils](#)