



# Open Mind

The Bulletin of the Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel

March 2012

## FUSE – an explosion of Unitarianism and a weekend by the sea



*Patrick and Kate enjoy a slice of chocolate cake to celebrate Kate's birthday at FUSE.*

The first ever FUSE festival took place at the beginning of February when 120 Unitarians from the southeast and beyond took over the Chatsworth Hotel in Worthing. Many months in the making, FUSE offered thirty workshops and a chance for largescale group worship. For many smaller congregations, this was a rare opportunity to gather in a large group. We shared ideas and connected with the wider district community. Rev Patrick O'Neill delivered a moving sermon at the main worship service as well as leading an advanced preaching workshop which was much appreciated by the ministers who attended.

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## March Services

### Sunday 4 March (11.00am and 7.00pm)

Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill

“Where Do The Mermaids Stand?”

As regards our children, we Unitarians are not interested in indoctrination or adherence to fixed dogmatic teachings. Our primary goal and wish and dream for them is that they become good people, strong people, brave people willing to stand up for justice and dignity and honour. If they evidence that much in their lives and in their relationships, then we know we have succeeded. Come join us this Sunday for a consideration of what good religious education for children should be about.

### Sunday 11 March (11.00am and 7.00pm)

Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill

“Necessary Losses”

Judith Viorst writes, “... in the course of our life we leave and are left and let go of much that we love. Losing is the price we pay for living. It is also the source of much of our growth and gain. Making our way from birth to death, we also have to make our way through the pain of giving up some portion of what we cherish. We have to deal with our necessary losses. We should understand how these losses are linked to our gains.”

### Sunday 18 March (11.00am)

Guest Speaker: Jim Corrigan

“Learning From the Wisdom of the Body”

Psychologists estimate that more than half our knowledge comes from the body's ability to know, rather than from the mind alone. But they

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**The Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel**  
*The Unitarian Chapel in the heart of Hampstead*



Unitarianism is spirituality without dogma and welcomes people of all religious faiths as well as those who are humanistic. Unitarians cherish and live by the values of love, compassion, a free mind, service to others, human dignity, and other similar values. It encourages each person to deepen their relationship with God, yet allows each person to understand God in their own unique way.

**The Chapel holds two services on Sundays,  
at 11.00am and 7.00pm**

The morning service is more family-oriented, including activities for children led by professionally trained leaders, and a Children's Chapel is offered for children of all ages. The evening service is more intimate for those who prefer a more meditative tone.

Visitors and guests are always welcome!

The Chapel also offers a rich programme of social activities, covering a wide range of interests such as literature and poetry, Tai Chi, choir singing, monthly lectures, and a variety of monthly events for all age groups.

The Chapel is licensed for marriages and other ceremonies.

**For more information, visit our website at  
[www.rosslynhillchapel.com](http://www.rosslynhillchapel.com)**

## From the Editor

Spring it's a time of hope, with visible promise of new life all around us.

Let us work with the vernal forces, flow with the tide of renewed life, and do our utmost to meditate harmony and balance into our lives, our Chapel community and into the greater life of the human collective.

In March we celebrate the arrival of spring, the renewal and rebirth of nature.

We celebrate St Patrick's Day, Mothering Sunday and Spring Equinox, when light and darkness are in balance.

So, let us balance the rational aspect of reason and intellect with the poetry of story and the heartbeat of personal experience.

May these words be an inspiration to us all:

In this time of anticipated spring  
Let us allow ourselves to extend the anticipation --  
To value the time of budding before blooming,  
of seeding before sprouting.

This is a time of revelation:  
The revealing of that which is eternal, which we see every year,  
But still need to be reminded to see it in a new way.

There is also the revelation of that which is new.  
Every spring we encounter something never before seen.

It is that very newness which embodies hope  
And potential for the wholeness, which is yet to be.  
Let us allow spring to unfold slowly  
So that we may appreciate the true mystery of rebirth and renewal.

(source: 1997 UUMA Worship Materials Collection)

Ingrid Tavkar (Editor)

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## PO'Nderings

From our Minister  
Rev Patrick T. O'Neill

A poem for all of you who sometimes know this  
experience...po'n

No End In Sight  
By Margaret Tsuda

Why is it,  
(I sometimes wonder)  
that completion is so elusive?

"I'm finished!" we cry  
when the last of the dishes  
is in the cupboard;  
when the last line  
of the poem is typed;  
when the workdesk is cleared  
on a Friday night.

Then we find  
A forgotten spoon on the dining table;  
That the poem didn't say  
All we intended;  
On Monday  
That Friday's work was done  
On Penelope's loom.

Is there no surcease  
From the unfinished/incomplete  
From fragments and frustration?

But wait!  
Is merely being finished  
Really a purpose?

Or does the answer lie  
In knowing there must be  
A secret wholeness  
Which only reveals  
Its infinite facets  
One by one?

### Submitting copy:

Unsolicited copy is welcomed and should be emailed to:  
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discretion of the Communications Team, who also  
reserves the right to reject unsuitable material. **Deadline**  
for submitting items for the April issue of 'Open Mind'  
is **Monday 19 March 2012.**

## Chapel Activities



### Weekly Activities

**Children's Chapel** meets every Sunday at the  
11.00am service. New children of all ages are  
always welcome. Infants are welcome in the creche.

**Chapel Choir** rehearses each Wednesday at  
7.30pm in the Chapel. New voices are always  
welcomed into the choir. No audition necessary.

A **Tai Chi class** is held each Wednesday at  
5.45pm in the Chapel.

### March Activities and Meetings

8 March - **Management Committee** meets at  
7.00pm in the Committee Room in the Chapel.  
Members of the Chapel are welcome to attend  
but contact the Chair ahead of time as a courtesy.

13 March - **Social Action Committee** will meet  
at 7.30pm.

19 March - If you like to read and /or write  
poetry, the **Chapel Poetry Group** will meet at  
7.30pm at the home of John Hands. For more  
information contact George Appleby (Tel: 020  
7424 9733, email:  
gappleby@talktalk.net)

22 March - **The Book Group** will meet at  
7.30pm at the Magdala at 2a South Hill Park in  
Hampstead, to discuss "Herzog" by Saul Bellow.  
Contact: Bill Ellington (Tel: 020 7354 0397,  
email: Ellingtonbill@aol.com)

## OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY



*Rev Andrew Pakula, Rev Dr Patrick O'Neill*

On Saturday 7 January 2012 we had a moving and memorable celebration service of induction for Rev Dr Patrick O'Neill as settled Minister of Rosslyn Hill Chapel. Here is an extract from the Order of Service.

### **Act of Induction:**

**John Lawrence and Tanya Morrison,  
Co-Chairs of the Chapel Board  
Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill**

Mr. Lawrence: The coming together of congregation and minister assumes special significance when there is involved, as here, a great tradition of liberal religious leadership. It is with profound feeling, therefore, that we formally recognize the relationship now existing between the people of Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel and the Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill, whom we have freely chosen to become the Thirty-Seventh Minister in our 310th year as a gathered congregation, and

who has freely chosen us.

Ms. Morrison: Our choice is based not only on our heritage, but also upon the hopes and aspirations we hold for the future. We affirm by this act the vision of beloved community toward which we strive and the ideals by which we are sustained and strengthened. I now ask the members of Rosslyn Hill Chapel to please rise, in body or in spirit, and join me in the following words:

Members: We cherish our congregation for its rich history as a beacon of liberal religion in Hampstead and beyond. We celebrate our congregation's devotion to religious freedom, justice, and our common belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all people. We cherish the memory of those who founded, nurtured, preserved, and progressively transformed this congregation.

We cherish the hands and hearts of all ages whose many gifts knit us together as a community of faith that provides space for building friendships, for spiritual questing, for comfort in times of sorrow, and for celebration in times of joy. We cherish our congregation for what we may yet become through our united efforts.

Mr. Lawrence: Having thus expressed our love and hope for our congregation, we now entrust its ministry to you, Rev Dr Patrick T. O'Neill, confident that you share our feelings in full measure, and that you will do all in your power to advance our mission. Do you accept the invitation of this congregation to its ministry?

Rev. O'Neill: I do accept.

Ms. Morrison: We offer you a free pulpit, the cooperation of our hearts and hands, and our resolute good will as you take up your work among us. We would have you preach the truth to us in freedom and love, and without fear or favour of persons or position; to minister to us alike in our joys and in our sorrows; and to set forth, by your example no less than by your precept, the religious way of life.

Rev. O'Neill: It is with joy and a deep sense of responsibility that I take up the ministry to which you have called me. To the best of my ability and with your support, I will seek always to live the truth of love, and fulfill the office of Minister according to the customs of our Unitarian tradition. I will strive – together with you – to achieve this congregation's vision. Above all, I will cherish and cultivate the ways of Love, Freedom, Reason, and Tolerance among you and with all people of good will.

Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Morrison: Then it is with great hope and pride that, by the power entrusted to us as representatives of this congregation, we now recognize you as the Minister of Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel.

If you would like a copy of the beautiful Order of Service and the Charge to the Congregation made by Rev David Usher, and the Charge to the Minister from Rev Rob Gregson at this solemn ceremony, please contact the Administrator, Sharron Conduit: [admin@rosslynhillchapel.com](mailto:admin@rosslynhillchapel.com) Phone: 020 7433 3267

## OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY



*John Lawrence, Tanya Morrison,  
Rev Dr Patrick O'Neill*



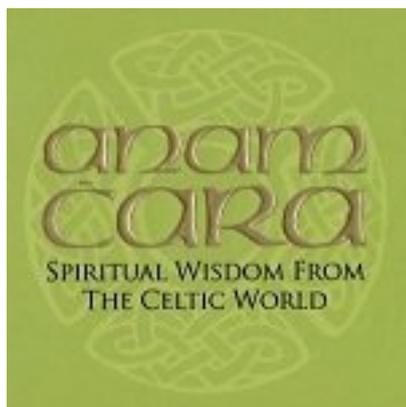
*Rev Rob Gregson, Rev Dr Patrick O'Neill*



*Rev Dr David Usher, Rev Dr Patrick O'Neill,  
Rev Dr Ann Peart*

## OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY

### Compassionate Reading Group



A group of us enjoyed reading and discussing 'Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life' so much that we have decided to carry on meeting and this time read 'Anam Cara' by John O'Donohue. We will be meeting in the office in the cottages on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. We will start on 6 March, then meet on 20 March and after that 3 April.

It would be great if you could join us - we are a relaxed group and the discussions are very interesting. Contact Leighton Cole for further information: Tel. 020 8444 9728, email: leightoncole90@hotmail.com

#### ROSSLYN HILL CHAPEL CHOIR FUNDRAISING EVENT\*

An Evening of Gilbert & Sullivan

Friday 9th March 7.30 – 10.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

Members of the Choir will entertain you with well-known Gilbert & Sullivan songs including audience participation. If you wish, why not come dressed in G&S costume?

Entry by pre-paid ticket only.

Tickets: £10 (children under 12: £5) on sale at the Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel on Sunday mornings or through Chris Mason: 07721 592869. Tickets include a hot gourmet buffet dinner. Wine and soft drinks available  
Raffle

\*In aid of Choir funds

### St. Patrick's Day Party



Rosslyn Hill and Golders Green Unitarians  
Hosted by  
Patrick O'Neill and Patricia Williams  
Feargus O'Connor and Michael Allured

Saturday 17 March 2012  
7.00pm to 10.00pm

at  
Rosslyn Hill Unitarian Chapel

WEARIN' OF THE GREEN

7.00pm - Live Harp music by Marilene Berryman  
Songs by Eileen Watson

Readings by Feargus and Patrick

7.45pm - Potluck social with Irish music and maybe some dancing. Potatoes provided.

BRING

Your own Irish beverage

Your favorite potato topping or party food to share

Irish CDs or Instruments for a pick-up band

Donation to the Pot O' Gold (For the British Red Cross Society in honour of Universalist Clara Barton's centenary)

RSVP By 10 March

We need to know how many tables, chairs and potatoes and who can help with set-up or cleanup. So please reserve with: Feargus (ggunirev@aol.com) 020 7837 4472 or Patrick (revponeill@aol.com) 020 7435 3506

### Help Needed for Sunday Flowers

Volunteers needed to help with Sunday Flowers in the Chapel. If you would like to make a floral arrangement, assistance given if needed, or are able to put flowers in a vase and join our happy band of Flower Group people we would be very pleased to welcome you. No experience is needed as help will be at hand or if you would like to come and watch when an arrangement is being made please get in touch with Helene (07778 176425 Helenehow@aol.com).

## Children's Programme Workshop for Rosslyn Hill Chapel



On Sunday 4 March, after the Worship service, all parents, older children, and others interested in strengthening our children's chapel program are invited to join us for soup and bread and a special Workshop facilitated by Rev. Emily Manvel Leite. A light lunch will be provided directly after the service, with the workshop following, from 12:45-2:15PM. Childcare for younger kids will be provided.

Emily, as you may already know, is an ordained Minister of Religious Education who works for a large Unitarian congregation in the U.S. We are fortunate to have Emily and her family with us for the year. We have asked her to consult with us on how we might best approach our children's program.

So if you are a parent, a grandparent, a helper, storyteller, singer, teacher, or someone who would just like to know more about what is happening for our children at the Chapel – come join us! This workshop is free and open to all. Bring your energy and your creativity, and help us build an exciting new chapter in our children's program! If you know you would like to attend, please RSVP to Charlotte Illingworth: [cillingworthuk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cillingworthuk@yahoo.co.uk), so we will have some sense of the numbers and will have enough soup.



If you are on Facebook, please 'like' our page and stay up to date with Chapel events, post comments or let others know of any activities you are involved with by adding them to the page, [www.facebook.com/rosslynhillunitarianchapel](http://www.facebook.com/rosslynhillunitarianchapel). Thanks!

## Charity Book Sale



Do you have good quality second-hand books to donate for the RHUC Book Sales?

Please bring them to the Chapel as soon as you can!

The sale is on SATURDAY 17 March 2012

All proceeds will be donated to charity projects. We hope to see many of you at this fundraising event.



## Events in the Chapel

### Saturday 31 March (7.45pm) - Concert by DaCapo

The DaCapo Music Foundation will be celebrating 21 years of music making. They plan a day of workshops for children of all ages and a special celebratory concert with alumni and friends in the evening. This will premier a new piece called Planets Moons and Stars by their composer in residence John Ashton Thomas. For more information see [www.dacapo.co.uk](http://www.dacapo.co.uk) or call 020 8447 0056.

## Helping Hands at Services

### Stewards

4 March	Sally Somerville & Susan Lawrence
13 March	Julia & Kerry Reid
18 March	Lucinda Hallam & Janna Williams
25 March	TBA

### Worship Group Reps

4 March	James Chiriyankandath
11 March	Leighton Cole
18 March	Kate Buchanan
25 March	Julia Reed

### Flower Rota

4 March	Camino Eguren
13 March	Patricia Williams
18 March	Patricia Williams
25 March	Christina Ayckbourn
1 April	Camino Eguren

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## 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 either John Lawrence or Tanya Morrison (co-Chairs) in advance. The next meeting will be on Thursday 8 March 2012 at 7.00pm in the Chapel (in the Committee Room).

Thursday 9 February, John Lawrence in the chair

**Minister's Report:** Rev O'Neill reported that he had taken morning and evening services throughout January and had led a service at the Festival of Unitarians in the South East (FUSE). In a busy programme of meetings he had met with the Elders, talked to John Lawrence (ManCom), discussed the Children's RE programme with Charlotte Illingworth and Rev Emily Leite (a meeting about this will follow the service on Sunday 4 March), and attended a planning meeting for the FUSE. Twenty-three members and friends of the Chapel and five children had attended this 'splendid weekend', at which he had led a service and conducted a preaching workshop for ministers and lay leaders. He had had a number of pastoral counselling meetings with individual Chapel members.

Kate Buchanan, retiring leader of the Worship Group, reported that Gordon Jackson was now the acting leader of the Group. He had asked about the payment of visiting ministers and lay leaders who took services: these are paid at the GA rate. Chapel members who lead services are not paid.

**Administrator's Report:** Sharron Conduit had circulated her report. She drew the Committee's attention to the figures she had obtained from Camden BC giving the capacity numbers for fire purposes of the Chapel (150) and the Hall (110). She always gives the figures to those renting the buildings. Overcrowding had to be guarded against at unticketed events. The Worship Group and the Stewards would be informed of the capacity numbers.

Sharron is looking into setting up a regular programme of maintenance for the gutters and roofs. The big wall heaters had been overhauled, two mended but the third

is being replaced.

Smoke detectors have now been fixed in the Chapel.

**Property Sale Group:** Paul ver Bruggen reported that some progress had been made but contracts had not been exchanged.

**Treasurer's Report:** The accounts were tabled. The Chair noted that although the overall situation was satisfactory, funds would be low in March. It was hoped two parking spaces in the car park could be let. At the AGM Members would, it was agreed, be asked to consider ways of supporting the Chapel's finances and suggestions invited.

Membership fees and a clarification of the membership system, based on the recommendations put forward by Deborah Frankel, the Membership leader, would be discussed at the SGM (following the AGM).

**Chair's Report:** AGM/SGM Sunday 26 February at 12.30pm.

**Refreshments:** Ingrid Tavkar had offered to provide soup, bread and cheese after the service. The MC expressed their appreciation and accepted her offer with enthusiasm. It is hoped that there will be arrangements for childcare.

**Reports:** Given that as the AGM was an opportunity for members to get to know each other and put names to faces, the Chairs of the committees that report to the AGM would be called on by the Chair and offer to answer questions on his/her report. Rev O'Neill supported the proposal and said that in the States the Minister is questioned at the AGM.

One urgent matter he would raise at the AGM was the need for a long-term solution to finance problems. A way forward would be to set up a group to investigate options and make recommendations regarding the financing of the Chapel.

**Clarification of Standing Orders:** The MC agreed that to clarify the circumstances in which MC members had to stand down by rotation at an AGM a sentence should be added to the Standing Orders.

**150th Anniversary:** The Chair will advise members of the anniversary and start a debate as to how the anniversary can be marked.



## OUR CHAPEL COMMUNITY

### Flowers for Easter Class with Helene in the Chapel Side Aisle

Sunday 1 April 2012. 2.00pm – 4.00pm



Learn how to make an Easter Floral Arrangement using seasonal flowers and foliage.

This is a beginners class so no experience is necessary as it will be a hands on, easy to follow, step by step workshop.

We shall be incorporating Spring flowers such as Pussy Willow, Iris and Narcissus. The container, flowers, foliage and oasis will be supplied. Please bring secateurs, scissors and a knife.

The cost will be £20.00, as tuition is free to Chapel Members and Brides. The cost to Non Chapel Members will be £40.00. There will also be a mystery sundry to be placed in the arrangement and a prize for the best design. Tea/Coffee biscuits provided.

Helene Howard Tel: 07778 176425, email:  
Helenehow@aol.com

### FUSE – an explosion of Unitarianism and a weekend by the sea, continued from page 1

The festival workshops covered a wide range of subjects under the broad headings of Worship, Congregational Health and Spirituality. The most popular workshops were led by ministers well-known to our chapel: Jim Corrigan (Ignation Spirituality), Rev David Usher (12 Steps to Spiritual Health) and Rev Linda Hart (Writing as a Spiritual Practice). In fact, Rosslyn Hill Chapel was very well represented at the event with over twenty members taking part, possibly the biggest delegation of all the congregations there.

The festival was organised by a group of dedicated volunteers from the district including chapel members Kate Buchanan and Leighton Cole. We have Leighton to thank for the warm and welcoming venue, but the fun doesn't stop there; planning is already under-way for a bigger and better FUSE in 2013 as we search for an equally welcoming venue which can fit 200 people. If you have any suggestions or would like to help with the planning, please contact Leighton (leightoncolre90@hotmail.com) or Kate (kaeboo@gmail.com)! You can find out more at [www.fusefest.org.uk](http://www.fusefest.org.uk).



"The Wagner family will be travelling to Romania in April to visit our Unitarian brethren in Transylvania. They will be spending a few days in the city of Brasov and hope to meet some our fellow Unitarians and tell them about Rosslyn Hill Chapel."

### Sad News

George Hepburn, a longstanding member of the Chapel, passed away peacefully on Monday 20 February at the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead.

Let us keep in our thoughts Luise, and all her family, as they mourn the loss of George.

# Our Larger Unitarian Movement

## Springtime for Unitarian Social Action



Resurrection of the highest order happens each time this year as life springs into action, once again sending new roots down and out into fresh soil.

The same is true for Unitarians, social action and the Greater London and South East area as well. A promising new initiative is even now taking shape in East London at our mission church, Mansford St. Chapel, located in the heart of Bethnal Green. A Working Group and Steering Committee have launched a new ministry—called variously the Mansford St. Meals Project and the London Centre for Urban Justice—in order to support Unitarians already working in the area and to help revitalize our 150 year old Unitarian commitment to the economically struggling and richly diverse community in Bethnal Green and beyond.

This fledgling group, working closely with the trustees of the Chalice Foundation and the London District and South Eastern Provincial Assembly (LDPA), has a vision. It is a BIG vision: to create and maintain a centre for social action and social justice, based in an actual office and staffed with real, live people (paid and volunteer) to support Unitarians and our allies in that critical place where our principles meet our works.

What will this look like in actual fact? A food bank/distribution centre is near the top of the wish list. So is a low cost community lunch project, perhaps run in conjunction with Quaker Social action, another local faith-based group. We might run small groups for local artists to bring together the arts and the free spiritual search. Create a training and support centre for small congregations in or relatively near London so we could pool our resources to create more social justice bang for our bucks (or pounds as it were.)

So much can happen here! Springtime. New roots into old soil, with the potential to bring new life to our neighbours in urban London and new life to ourselves and our spiritual journeys as well. Interested? Intrigued? Want to get on the email list to remain “in the loop” as this project grows and matures? Please contact Rob Gregson at [mattorobg@gmail.com](mailto:mattorobg@gmail.com) or call: 07411280667.

Unitarian Ministerial Fellowship presents  
**Rev. Peter Owen-Jones**  
(of BBC's *Around the World in Eighty Faiths*)  
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**John Relly Beard Lecture**  
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**2012 Unitarian Meetings**

**3rd-6th April**  
**Keele University,**  
**Staffordshire**

*Peter talking at Croydon in 2010*

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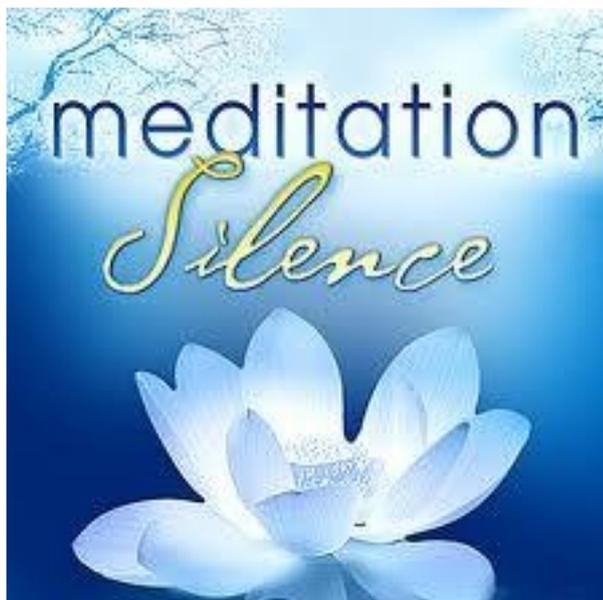
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## Our Larger Unitarian Movement



### **MEDITATION WORKSHOP**

Learn Meditation

Golders Green Unitarians host the Meditation Fellowship

Saturday 24 March 2012 (1.00pm-4.00pm)

Arrive 12.00-12.30pm

Bring your own lunch – Hot drinks provided.

Suggested donation - £10 to cover cost.

For more information please contact Richard Bober  
[richiebober@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:richiebober@yahoo.co.uk)

### **London and the South East District (LDPA)** Annual Meeting and Spring Quarterly Meeting

When: Saturday 24 March (1.30-4.00pm)

Where: Unity Church, 277 Upper Street, Islington  
N1 2TZ

What: Worship led by Rev Feargus O'Connor  
Council will present its work over the past year.  
New Council elected for 2012-13

For more information please contact Rev David  
Usher [davidusher@ldpw.org.uk](mailto:davidusher@ldpw.org.uk)



# March Diary

## Sunday 4 March

11.00am – Morning service – “Where Do The Mermaids Stand?”\*

Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O’Neill

12.30 – Welcoming Children Workshop\*

7.30pm – Evening service – “Where Do The Mermaids Stand?”\*

Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O’Neill

## Monday 5 March

5.30pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

## Wednesday 7 March

5.45pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

7.00pm – Choir rehearsal in the Chapel\*

## Thursday 8 March

7.30pm – Management Committee meets\*

## Friday 9 March

7.30pm – An Evening with ‘Gilbert & Sullivan’\*

## Sunday 11 March

11.00am – Morning service – “Necessary Losses”\*

Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O’Neill

7.00pm – Evening service – “Necessary Losses”\*

Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O’Neill

## Monday 12 March

5.30pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

## Tuesday 13 March

7.30pm – Social Action Committee meet\*

## Wednesday 14 March

5.45pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

7.00pm – Choir rehearsal in the Chapel\*

## Saturday 17 March

11.00am – 4.00pm – Second hand book sale in the Chapel\*

19.00pm – 10.00pm – St Patrick’s Day Celebration in the Chapel\*

## Sunday 18 March

11.00am – Morning service – “Learning From the Wisdom of the Body”\*

Guest Speaker: Jim Corrigan

7.00pm – Evening service – “Ostara/Spring Equinox”\*

Led by our “Wheel of the Year” group

## Monday 19 March

5.30pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

7.00pm – Poetry group meets in the home of John Hands\*

## Wednesday 21 March

5.45pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

7.00pm – Choir rehearsal in the Chapel\*

## Thursday 22 March

7.30pm – Chapel Book Club\*

## Sunday 25 March

11.00am – Morning service – “Six Mistakes (at least...)”

Led by Rev Dr Patrick T. O’Neill

7.00pm – Evening service – “Six Mistakes (at least...)”

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## Monday 26 March

5.30pm Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

## Wednesday 28 March

5.45pm – Tai Chi class in the Chapel\*

7.00pm – Choir rehearsal in the Chapel\*

(\* = further details elsewhere in Bulletin)



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also say we are increasingly losing touch with this unique body sense. I'll be exploring this, and how we might reconnect with body knowledge.

### Sunday 18 March (7.00pm)

“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.

### Sunday 25 March (11.00am & 7.00pm)

Rev Dr Patrick T. O’Neill  
“Six Mistakes (at least...)”

Today’s sermon is a reflection on a piece from Cicero’s Essays on Old Age that he compiled in the first century B.C - “Six Mistakes of Human Nature.” Lest you are tempted to think human nature has changed all that much in two thousand years, come muse with us this Sunday.

*“Worship is the mystery within us, reaching out to the mystery beyond.*

*It is an inarticulate silence yearning to speak. It is the window of the moment open to the sky of the eternal.”*  
(- Jacob Trapp)