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Web-site: www.bayshillunitarian.org.uk

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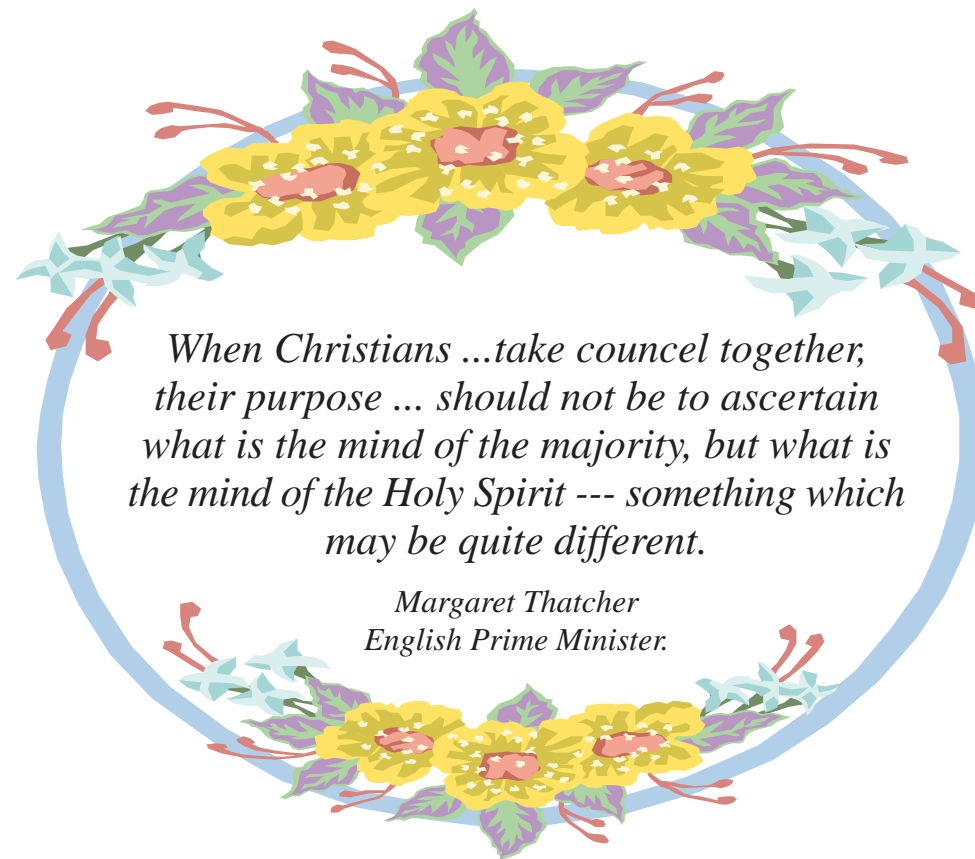
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The Minister's Piece

Part-time ministry means that it's not always easy to keep in touch with congregation members and others - especially when your home base is so far away. I've been very keenly aware of this during my first couple of months as your minister and I'm trying to develop routines that will give us all the best available opportunities to keep in touch - and for me to get to know of you better and more quickly.

My home phone number is 01962 868336 and you're welcome to call me should the need arise. For the e-mail users among you my address is:
Don.Phillips@btinternet.com

I'm planning to be in the Oat Street Chapel vestry on Friday afternoons, prior to the Evesham Friday Lights that I attend, so please just drop in. This won't be every Friday - more like every second Friday - but I'll plan ahead and list the dates in the Newsletter each month. I expect there'll be other times too and I'll arrange for these to be announced at Sunday services.

We've reinstated the Bayshill office phone line 01242 255820 - primarily as a contact number for the outside world - and this number will be put on our notice boards at Oat Street Chapel and Bayshill. An answering machine is installed from which I can retrieve messages remotely. It's worth trying this number if you're looking for me and you know I'm likely to be at Bayshill.

When you know I'm away from home, and in the Cotswold Group area, please try my mobile 07787 127874 but do remember that it can be quite expensive to call mobiles. If you call me this way, and you'd prefer me to call you straight back, I'll do so if I can.

I'll keep you all informed of my movements and how best make and maintain contact with me, through the Newsletter where possible, as some form of regular pattern develops.

Don

From Peter Cartwright

“I composed this piece some years ago, used it in a Service and it may have been used in a previous newsletter. It was on the table with the Chalice and the Visitors Book for years.

I have rephrased parts of it to be more in line with my present days spiritual outlook as a spiritual humanist.”

*God provided the canvas, paints, accessories, and light.
Humanities purpose, is to be collectively responsible
for blending the colours, and providing the brushstrokes
under the tutelage of God.
Thereby playing its part in the Divine creation of the
Universe.*

Newsletter Submissions

Please let Doreen Wright have any items for inclusion, poems, prayers, amusing anecdotes etc. by the **third** weekend of each month.

This is your newsletter, and we would like everyone to have a voice. We welcome contributions which invite discussion without causing offence. The Group Committee will act as arbiter should uncertainty arise. Please type in plain fonts or clearly write your submissions, or send by e-mail to: ***peter@blackberry.me.uk***

Christmas Concert

Musyck Anon will be giving their now famous Christmas Concert in the Chapel on December 17th at 7.30pm commencing at 7.30pm

(Please be seated by 7.20pm.)

Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

Heritage Open Days 2004

Saturday 11th September from 10.00am to 4.30pm and
Sunday 12th September from
12.00 noon to 4.00pm.

Oat Street Chapel will again open it's Gates and doors to the public to come in and see our delightful 18th century Chapel, school rooms, Victorian scullery and gardens.

Harvest Supper

Monday 20th September
7 for 7.30pm in the Gatehouse Room,
Oat Street Chapel, Evesham

Tickets £5.00 (available shortly from Sally, Chris or Peter)

Minister's Surgery

I'll be in Oat Street Chapel on:

Friday 3 September - 3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

So please just drop in.

Unfortunately this will be the only time in September when this arrangement is possible. I'll be away at the Ministers Conference in Great Hucklow from September 6th to 9th and then on holiday from September 10th to 25th inclusive. I'll prepare the schedule for October before I go away so that it's available in good time for the October Newsletter!

Don

Services for September

Friday 3rd	6.45pm	Evesham Friday Light	Don Phillips Buddhist Theme
Sunday 6th	11am 3pm	Evesham Cheltenham	Don Phillips Don Phillips
Friday 10th	6.45pm	Evesham Friday Light	Anne Wheeler Does the group think that?
Sunday 12th	11am 3pm	Evesham Gloucester	Peter Wright Malcolm Sadler - Group Harvest
Friday 17th	6.45pm	Evesham Friday Light	Alison Thursfield Pastoral Influences in the 23rd Psalm
Sunday 19th	11am 3pm	Evesham Cheltenham	Tom Marriott Kay Millard
Friday 24th	6.45pm	Evesham Friday Light	Sharing Evening Which book has inspired you greatly?
Sunday 26th	11am 3pm	Evesham Gloucester	TBC Alison Thursfield

Bayshill News and Events

Sunday Services 3.00pm

September 5th Rev Don Phillips.

We are expecting nearly 30 members from Great Meeting, Hinckley, Leicestershire to join us for our service, followed by refreshments. It will be exhilarating to see all our chairs occupied, and all the "picnic tables" and new chairs pressed into use. our "Church" will perhaps come as a surprise to the Hinckley congregation, after their building with the very high pulpit, like a giant egg-cup, and the conventional pews. Come and join us, and help to make our visitors welcome to Gloucestershire.

September 19th Kay Millard

Kay is a member of the Bath Fellowship, part of the Western Union.

October 3rd Peter and Karen Hanley.

October 17th Rev. Don Phillips

Don will lead a service for ONE WORLD WEEK

Gloucester Unitarians

September 12th Malcolm Sadler
Malcolm will lead the Cotswold Group Harvest Service

September 26th Alison Thursfield.

October 10th Rev. Don Phillips.

October 24th Linda Phillips

Gloucestershire Inter Faith Action

Open meeting

Tuesday 21st September 2004.
7.30pm at
Nature in Art, Walworth Hall
Twigworth, Gloucester.

- Creation -
Faith & ecology

Rev. Kingsley-Jones will speak on
Christianity and Ecology
and
Charlie Blacklock on Buddhism and
ecology

for more information ring Jerry Barr 01242 244785

Advance Notices

Group Harvest Service

September 12th at 3.00pm

Gloucester Unitarians look forward to welcoming members from Cheltenham and Evesham, There will be light refreshments following the service, provided by Gloucester members
Dry goods collection for a local charity.

Induction Service

of The Rev. Donald Phillips to The Cotswold Group of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches to take place at Oat Street Chapel Evesham on October 30th 2004 at 2.30pm.