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Flowers

* * * * *
 * Sunday 6th *
 * Debbie Thompson *
 * In Memory of her mother, *
 * Ann Shepherd's, Birthday *
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 * Sunday 13th *
 * Di and George Scaife *
 * In Celebration of their Wedding Anniversary *
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 * Sunday 20th *
 * Margaret Salt *
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 * Sunday 27th *
 * Vacant *
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 * Belatedly for Sunday 8th September *
 * Lynn and Phil Holland in celebration *
 * of their 35th (Coral) Wedding Anniversary *
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 * Flowers lovingly arranged by *
 * Dorothy Jones 6th, Margaret Salt 13th, *
 * Margaret Shore 20th, Joyce Ashworth 27th *
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LETTERS & EMAILS

We would like to thank you all for the many messages of condolence and support we have received following John's death.

We have been overwhelmed by the love and kindness shown by everyone.

With love from

Edna Wood, Carolyn, Sue, Andrew and families.

100 CLUB WINNERS

SEPTEMBER 2024 (drawn by Ian Dawson)

1st	18	Lynn Holland
2nd	76	Kate Salt
3rd	42	Rev Abi

Prizes- 1st £30 - 2nd £15 - 3rd £5

OCTOBER NEWS AND EVENTS



Dorothy Jones, Margaret Salt,
Margaret Shore, Joyce Ashworth



Thur	03	17.00	M onthly Tea: Hostess Yvonne Warburton
		18.30	WL Main Meeting (see below)
Sun	06	10.30	H arvest Festival, Lunch & Exhibition
Fri	11	19.30	Music Night featuring Simeon Wood
Sun	13	10.30	S unday Service led by Graeme Pilbrough
Mon	14	19.30	Book Circle at 5 Bagnall Close
Sun	20	10.30	S unday Service led by Vince McCully
Sun	27	10.30	S unday Service led by Rev Abi Elliott-McGuffie Note: clocks go back one hour!

"ABOUT PEOPLE"

Sending our love to Beryl Allerton who celebrates a 'significant' birthday on the 10th. With best wishes on this special occasion.

FRIDAY MUSIC NIGHT 11TH OCTOBER

Please come and support our final Music Night this year when we will be entertained by Simeon Wood. The ticket price remains at £10 including home made cake, tea and coffee. Bring your own bottles and we will provide the glasses. Invite your family and friends to what I am sure will be a great night out.

Clover Street UNITARIANS

Friday Music Night 11 Oct 2024

Welcomes - Simeon Wood

Musician, Performer and Composer



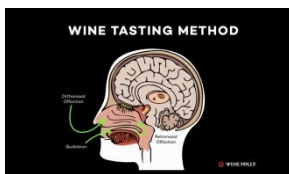
Simeon's performance is an uplifting and entertaining show filled with inspiration and great music. A real mixture of styles to suit all tastes. Anecdotes and yarns weave their way through this relaxed and informal evening packed with imaginative and beautiful arrangements, stunning musicianship and the odd surprise.

TEA 3RD OCTOBER AT 5PM

WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING 6.30 PM

WINE TASTING, SPEAKER: BERYL ALLERTON

Which is your favourite method?



Wine Tasting

WARDEN/COFFEE ROTA FOR 2024

Margaret Salt & Joyce Ashworth	07 Jan	11 Feb	17 Mar	21 Apr	26 May	30 Jun	4 Aug	8 Sep	13 Oct	17 Nov	22 Dec
John & Helen Illingworth	14 Jan	18 Feb	24 Mar	28 Apr	2 Jun	7 Jul	11 Aug	15 Sep	20 Oct	24 Nov	25 Dec
Margaret Shore & Dorothy Jones	21 Jan	25 Feb	31 Mar	5 May	9 Jun	14 Jul	18 Aug	22 Sep	27 Oct	1 Dec	29 Dec
Helen Illingworth & Margaret Salt	28 Jan	3 Mar	7 Apr	12 May	16 Jun	21 Jul	25 Aug	29 Sep	3 Nov	8 Dec	
Dorothy Jones & Margaret Shore	4 Feb	10 Mar	14 Apr	19 May	23 Jun	28 Jul	1 Sep	6 Oct	10 Nov	15 Dec	

Important - should you be unable to attend please arrange for a stand-in, it is difficult for one person to cover both functions.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

We are hoping this will be a memorable occasion with a traditional Harvest Service followed by a soup and apple pie lunch.

The 50th Anniversary display will be on view, together with the scrap books and Dramatic Society photograph albums kindly donated by Kathryn Harforth.

Please add your name to the list on the notice board if you would like to stay for lunch.



CHURCH CHARITY 2023-25 SPRINGHILL HOSPICE

We are approximately three quarters of the way through our two year support of our Church Charity - Springhill Hospice. We have to date raised the magnificent sum of £1,551.

Film night's are run entirely for the Hospice, whereas raffles are the source of funds from Music Nights and Saturday Lunches.

The list below summarises the contributions which have built up the overall sum:-

Film Nights - £400

Music Nights - £408

Lunches - £418

Special Services - £212 (retiring collections)

2023 Christmas Card Scheme - £75

Personal Donations - £38

John Illingworth

Book Circle — 14th October

For our October meeting we will be discussing *Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan. Shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 2022, the book is set in 1985 in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces his busiest season. As he goes round the houses making deliveries, he feels the past rising up to meet him and encounters the complicit silences of a small community controlled by the Church.



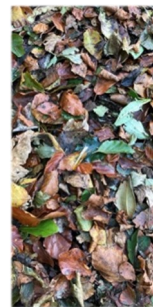
We meet at 7.30 pm on Monday, 14th October at 5 Bagnall Close.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Dear friends,

For reasons that are completely understandable (our Editor needs time for a holiday!) I'm writing this piece nearly a fortnight before I normally would, and somehow it just doesn't feel right. Trying to think about next month when this month has barely begun, is something I find quite challenging. Yet sometimes we're presented with circumstances that we aren't ready for and changes that bring uncertainty with them, and all of us deal with them differently. There's no right or wrong way to approach them, neither is there an expectation for how long it may take to assimilate them. All we can really be certain of is the continuing experience of transition, as life moves through us and we move through life.



Only this week, autumn began to make its presence more keenly felt. Today the wind was accompanied by much colder temperatures, and I found myself looking for a winter jacket before taking the dogs out for their walk. We're not there yet though, even with more wind to come and the likelihood that rain will not be far away, welcome rays of sunshine are still to be found.

There's always the extra brightness of this month's supermoon to look out for too which, cloud cover permitting, we should be able to see on the 17th October. It will appear to last for several nights and look bigger because of its closeness to the horizon, so hopefully we'll have an opportunity to see it in all its glory. We may know this moon as the Hunter Moon, in other parts of the world it's called the Falling Leaves Moon or Migrating Moon. How very descriptive of the changes we might observe at this time of year and the transitory nature of life.

So as we come together for this month's Harvest Service may we celebrate all that sustains us.

Something I particularly appreciate at this time of year, is the dappled sunlight glimpsed between autumnal leaves.

The Japanese would know this as Komorebi, literally translated as 'sunlight leaking through trees' ... how wonderfully magical that sounds. With my love, Abi xx



EVENT DATES 2024

Date	EVENT
16-Mar	Spring Lunch
23-Mar	Unitarian District Service
26-Apr	Music Night — Stacksteads Brass Band
25-May	Film Night
8-June	Summer Lunch
6 & 7 July	Clover Street 50th Anniversary
28-Sept	Women's League Project Lunch
11 Oct	Music Night — Simeon Wood
16 Nov	Film Night
7 Dec	Christmas Lunch

Clover Street Unitarian Fellowship Safeguarding

Safeguarding Team

1. Mrs. Helen Illingworth (co-ordinator)
2. Rev. Abi Elliott-McGuffie



Clover Street Unitarian Fellowship (also known as Rochdale Unitarian Church)

recognises its responsibility to help prevent the physical, sexual, psychological, online, financial and discriminatory abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults and children. Our church believes in the upholding and support of the rights and personal dignity of every adult and child, and will work to ensure that our policies and procedures reflect this, including in any such appointment and selection of persons who work on the Church's behalf. Clover Street Unitarian Fellowship is committed to ensure that every adult and child feels valued, safe and happy and will work to make sure that all feel empowered to tell us if they are suffering harm. We will report any abuse we discover or suspect.

Interested in learning more?



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