

# LEWES UNITARIANS

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas too. You will be pleased to know that at our Christmas Service we raised £82 for Lewes Open Door, who support homeless people in the Lewes area, and of course currently operate out of Westgate Chapel. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. Please note the date and time for our AGM, it would be great to see, and hear, from as many people as possible as we plan for the future. Attendance doesn't mean you have to join the committee!

😊 We would like to start organising some more activities that are aligned with our Unitarian values, and we would love to hear your ideas.

## Sunday Service dates

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm  
January 27<sup>th</sup>, 11 am

February 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm  
February 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 am

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 11 am

## Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will take place at **4 pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January**, immediately after the Service. Please make every effort to attend and show your support for our Unitarian community here in Lewes.

Thank you

Theme Speaker: Jennifer Kavanagh  
"Sustaining the beloved community"

Interesting and engaging workshops based around these themes:

- SPIRITUALITY
- OUR COMMUNITY
- SOCIAL ACTION
- CREATIVITY & MUSIC

Jennifer Kavanagh  
Photo by Heather Marsh

Photo of a group of people sitting around a table.

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FUSE has something for everyone including its location on Worthing sea front

Why not get a group of friends together from your congregation?

**JOIN US!**

**COSTS** (per person) Some bursaries are available on application

Single occupancy full board	£275
Double occupancy full board (double or twin)	£229
Child under 12 yrs old in shared room per child	£64
Day delegate rate (includes lunch, drinks and Conf. fee)	£70
Friday Seminar with Jennifer Kavanagh	£20

For registration and more info  
[www.fusefest.org.uk](http://www.fusefest.org.uk)

Deadline for registrations Thursday 31st January

From the **15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February** why not visit the Festival of Unitarians in the Southeast (FUSE), at the Chatsworth Hotel in Worthing. You can stay over or attend for the day. There will be a wide range of interesting talks and activities to enrich your spiritual life. You don't have to call yourself a Unitarian to attend. There is a children's programme too. Visit [fusefest.org.uk](http://fusefest.org.uk) for more info.

## Ministry

The photograph opposite shows me with Rev. Martin Whitell, our District Minister and Rev. Maria Curtis minister at Horsham. It shows us in our finery after my induction service at Ditchling in November. It was wonderful to see a Unitarian Meeting House packed with around 70 people and I was glad that members of our Lewes congregation were able to attend as well. For me it was an induction for both ministries and I am grateful to everyone who was able to attend and to those who helped and contributed in some way.

My first few months in the role of minister have been about getting to know people and finding out what is going on and how things work, in so far as I can. I was honoured to be invited to become a Trustee at Westgate Chapel and I look forward to working with the committee. The Unitarian congregation have many areas of common interest with the Westgate Chapel Trust and I hope that our working relationship will grow closer, to benefit the local community in Lewes.

I was also glad to meet some of the volunteers who help at Lewes Open Door, operating out of Westgate and providing a lunchtime service to homeless people in the area. It is remarkable, and heartening, that people are prepared to give up their spare time to help out. Unitarians have always been about doing practical and helpful things in the community and I hope we can continue to support this wonderful and important project.

As I only work part-time, I don't get into Lewes as often as I would like, but I am keen to get to know the community and understand its needs better. Ray has kindly offered to introduce me to the local Quakers, and I will be keen to hear of other opportunities to meet local groups. We have made a good start resuming Sunday services regularly once again and I would like to thank Lauren and Shirley for their help and support. 2019 will undoubtedly have challenges, but it will also have opportunities. Working together I am sure we can achieve good things.

With blessings

Duncan



## Community

### FUSE

15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Chatsworth Hotel, Worthing.

[fusefest.org.uk](http://fusefest.org.uk)

Register before 31<sup>st</sup> January

### General Assembly Annual General Meeting

16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the Birmingham Hilton Metropole Hotel.

90% discount available for those aged 19-35.

Speak to Duncan for more details

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