



# NORTHERN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity Number 226104



## 172nd Annual Meeting

to be held on

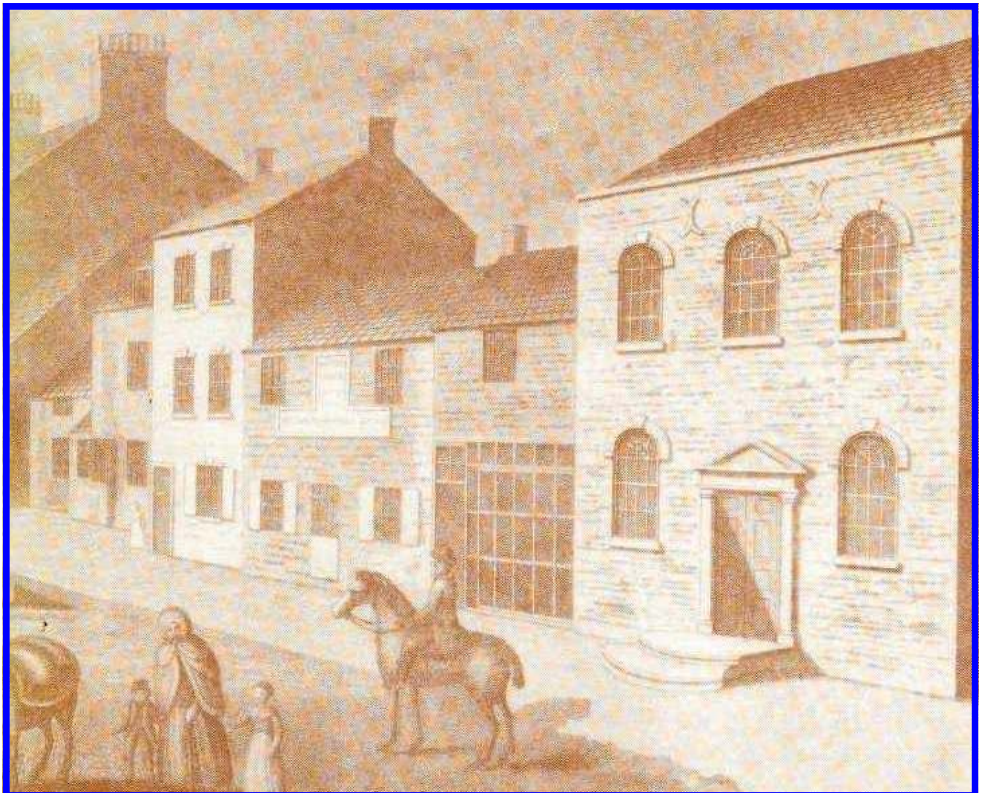
**Saturday October 7th 2017**

from

**10.30am to 4.30pm**

at

**Stockton Unitarian Church**



*An engraving showing the first Stockton Unitarian chapel (on the right)*

# **Northern Unitarian Association**

**Annual Meeting - Saturday October 7th 2017**

## **Programme for the Day**

### **Arrivals:**

- 10.30 Coffee and welcome  
11.00 Opening Worship – Margaret Robinson  
11.15 NUA Annual General Meeting

### **Agenda:**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
3. Presentation of Reports
4. Election of Officers
  - Chairperson
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Two Ordinary Members
5. Appointment of Accounts Examiner
6. Any Other Business
7. Votes of Thanks

12.15 Lunch

### **Afternoon:**

- 13.30 Session led by Rev Charles VanDenBroeder  
President of the Unitarian General Assembly  
15.00 Closing worship – Rev Charles VanDenBroeder  
15.15 Tea

### **Departures:**

From 16.00

# **Minutes of the Northern Unitarian Association 171st Annual General Meeting held on Saturday October 8th 2016 at Newcastle Unitarian Church**

Newcastle members welcomed everyone with coffee on what was thought would be the last ever Northern Unitarian Association AGM to be held in the Church of the Divine Unity. Following the refreshments Maurice Large gave a welcome to everyone and conducted an Opening Act of Worship using a prayer and meditation by Rev Cliff Reed. The Annual General Meeting began at 11.15am.

## **Present:**

Hazel Warhurst, David Warhurst, Margaret Robinson, Mike Tomlin, Peter Whitham, Louise Reeve, Maurice Large, Joan Large, Victor Ball, Brian Robson, John from Sunderland, Dorothy Hewerdine - President of the General Assembly - and her husband John Hewerdine.

## **Apologies for Absence:**

These were received from Margaret Whitham, Edna Anderson, Louise van der Hoeven and Jean Watson.

In the absence of an elected President Maurice Large chaired the meeting.

## **Minutes of 2015 AGM held at Stockton Unitarian Church:**

Louise Reeve proposed acceptance of the Minutes and Peter Whitham seconded the proposal. The Minutes were approved by the meeting and signed by Maurice Large, the acting Chairperson.

## **Minutes of the Special General Meeting held on 27th January 2016 at Stockton Unitarian Church:**

Mike Tomlin proposed acceptance of these Minutes and Louise Reeve seconded the proposal. The Minutes were accepted and signed by he Chair.

The Special General Meeting had proposed an amendment of Rule 5 by adding the wording: ***A maximum of two ordinary members appointed by the AGM or by co-option.***

Peter Whitham clarified the historical reasoning behind the amendment and David Warhurst elaborated further for the benefit of those who had not been present at the Special General Meeting. The change would allow members of either church congregation to find out more about the NUA and its working before volunteering to serve on that committee. The co-option of Ordinary Members would allow someone with a particular skill to be invited to join the committee at any stage in the

year.

The motion was carried unanimously, exceeding the minimum two thirds majority requirement under Rule 8a for Alterations to the Association's rules.

### **Presentation of Reports:**

Louise Reeve gave a verbal report of highlights from the **Newcastle Church** report.

Margaret Robinson presented the **Stockton Church** report. There were no questions following either report.

In presenting the **Committee** report Hazel Warhurst referred to the final paragraph which mentioned the small numbers at Stockton church but who were very active nationally. She wished Newcastle every success when they transfer to their new spiritual home somewhere else in Newcastle.

The **Finance** report was presented by Treasurer David Warhurst. The Association's finances were in good shape and, in the absence of any unforeseen expenditure. he expected this to continue to be the case. The Association has a budget for grants to members to encourage participation in appropriate conferences and training programmes and members are encouraged to take advantage of this facility. David thanked Jane Tomlin for examining the accounts and hoped that she would be willing to do the same next year.

Peter Whitham suggested we might consider paying more per person than a nominal £2 and asked for comments. It was thought that the subscription rate may have been at the same rate for a good number of years. Maurice Large, speaking from the Chair, asked if it was necessary to make a decision today. He was of the opinion that it could be raised as an Agenda item at the next committee meeting and perhaps ought to be under regular review. It was pointed out that £2 is the suggested *minimum* subscription rate. Members are welcome to contribute more if they wish, and several do so.

### **Election of Officers:**

**President:** Mike Tomlin: proposed by Margaret Robinson and seconded by Victor Ball

**Secretary:** Hazel Warhurst: proposed by Margaret Robinson and seconded by Victor Ball

**Treasurer:** David Warhurst: proposed by Margaret Robinson and seconded by Victor Ball

There were no further nominations and all were elected unanimously. Peter Whitham would continue to be an ordinary member at Stockton.

Two further ordinary members of the committee could be co-opted during the year.

**Accounts Examiner:** Jane Tomlin: proposed by Margaret Robinson and seconded by Maurice Large.

**Any Other Business:**

Louise Reeve hoped to see an increase in membership of the NUA by next year so that more people can be encouraged to get involved. Job descriptions could be adopted at the next committee meeting which might be helpful to inform and encourage people wondering about the roles and considering being on the committee. Voluntary organisations provide free training for committee roles which might be useful.

Newcastle church has taken part in joint events with the congregation of St Marks, Edinburgh. Hazel Warhurst suggested that collaborating with the St Saviourgate congregation, York, would be a possibility. The next joint event could be attending the Induction service for the Rev Nicky Jenkins. This was agreed.

The meeting ended at 12 noon and was followed by lunch.

**Signed as a correct record:**

.....  
(Chair)

.....  
(Date)

**Committee Report**

In October 2016 the AGM was hosted by the Newcastle Church, everyone anticipating that it would be for the last time in that building. The General Assembly President, Dorothy Hewerdine and her husband John, were the invited guests. The AGM took place as usual before lunch and afterwards the visitors were looking forward to conducted a tour of the building. However, as this might have proved challenging to the less mobile amongst us it was decided that Maurice Large would give a virtual tour by presentation on screen instead. He also showed us some wonderful artefacts belonging to the church including beautiful silverware.



***Maurice in full flow!***

Louise Reeve gave us a preview of the Powerpoint presentation on Outreach which she had prepared for the UNICOMS weekend which was soon to take place at Great Hucklow. A crucial point was recognising what we can offer to people coming into our churches for

the first time which will encourage them to return. She concluded with a message of hope for the future.



**Dot Hewerdine**

The President's Slot came next and Dot Hewerdine talked about the *2020 Vision document* and *Next Steps* which called for professional leadership and new ways of carrying out ministry. *Ministry in the Making* would take a look at different styles of ministry. Sometimes the congregations' expectations differ from those of the Minister who then finds it difficult to deliver. Module work offered, in addition to basic training, could match people's individual skills and there need be no constraint to going on to completing full ministerial training. Some people are better suited to being a hospital chaplain, a campus minister or community minister. We need leaders who can encourage everyone to be more than they thought they could be. There is now a project manager, Rachel Skelton, working on the *TED project* looking at Training and Education Development encompassing "*Ministry in all its forms*".

The NUA Committee has met twice since the last AGM, in February and June 2017. The first meeting was held at Stockton and the June meeting took place at Newcastle.

Louise Van der Hoeven was invited to represent the District at the 2017 Annual Meetings in Birmingham. Unfortunately she was again unable to fulfil this role because of work commitments so Margaret Robinson was given the vote on behalf of the NUA. Six people from our District attended the meetings. Margaret has written a very comprehensive report of the whole event and this is printed on pages 10 to 13 in this booklet.

The annual Green Festival in Newcastle might have been an opportunity for the two churches to work together and gain some Publicity, but unfortunately it was once again cancelled for lack of funds. In June our annual trip to Whitby took place on a glorious summer day and the Chapel in Flowergate was almost full for the service where NUA visitors were joined by members of our Scarborough church and, of course, the Whitby congregation. This has now become a much enjoyed District event, thanks to lots of encouragement from Louise Reeve. Impressions of the day from Diana Bebb and Ben MacLeod can be found on page 14.

The District has continued to give grants to young Unitarians

attending Youth Programme events and has also supported Louise Reeve's participation in the Uni-Comms weekend. We are keen to encourage members of the District to experience other national Unitarian events such as the General Assembly meetings and Uni-Comms. To this end funds are available for grants towards the cost of attending.

The Committee continues to keep the Association's financial position under close review and considers it to be sound. Grants were again made to the GA, *The Inquirer*, Unitarian College Manchester and the Send a Child to Hucklow Fund.

The District has been following the latest developments at Newcastle and was sorry to hear about the recent setback in their plans to sell the building. We hope that this will soon be satisfactorily resolved.

We are a small district numerically and our primary focus continues to be supporting our two churches in any way that we can.

Hazel Warhurst

### **Church Report - Newcastle upon Tyne**

Newcastle Unitarians have continued to work towards selling our building, following the congregation's vote in September 2016 to approve the Management Committee's recommendation that the building be sold to Harrison Developments Ltd. Unfortunately there have been problems with their getting the funding for the sale, and we have instructed our estate agents to pursue other offers. We now have four potential offers for the building, and are awaiting final details for them before deciding how to proceed. We will keep the NUA informed of our decision.

We are also addressing the challenge of where we meet next, including whether to purchase another building, or to lease space elsewhere. The Management Committee drew up a list of potential new homes, and criteria for evaluating them, although finding suitable properties available to use on a Sunday morning has been a challenge. We believe we have identified a strong possibility – the Martin Luther Kirche just outside Newcastle city centre – but this is still to be confirmed due to the uncertainty over the sale.

Our membership continues to remain stable, although there is a feeling that if possible, we need to step up our efforts to attract new members. As part of this, we continue to make progress on our publicity strategy, including commissioning new posters for the church exterior and taking part in Tyne and Wear Heritage Open Days over 9-10 September 2017, when the church received 65

visitors.

We recently enjoyed the annual NUA trip to Whitby with Stockton-on-Tees Unitarians on 18 June 2017, with gorgeous weather and the chance to meet Unitarians from other congregations. A short video about our trip is being edited! Louise Reeve attended the national General Assembly on behalf of the church in April 2017. We hope to encourage more of our members to attend in future years, and also to consider joining the Northern Unitarian Association management committee.

We have continued to enjoy services with a varied set of worship leaders both from our own resources and also from outside. We are grateful to all those Ministers and Lay Leaders who take services for us, and we are especially appreciative of all the work done by Joan Large in organising the pulpit supplies, and both Joan Large and Sheila Fay for arranging flowers.

Our Reading Group has recently been revived by new member Diana Beby. Whilst still meeting monthly, we have changed from a 'book club' to a 'reading group'. Instead of reading a book between meetings of the group, we read a short text at the meeting, then discuss it. Two meetings have taken place, and attendance has been good!

We have continued our scheme to make a monthly donation of goods to the Joseph Cowen Centre for the Homeless, including coffee and tea, men's socks and underpants, toiletries, and instant soup and porridge. We have also donated pet goods to Bryson's Animal Shelter following our Animal Service in August, and items of food to the People's Kitchen for the homeless following our Harvest Service in September. Finally, the Badminton Club continues to thrive!

Louise Reeve

## **Church Report - Stockton Unitarian Church**

We have had many varied services during the year, which included our special services. Our Tree Dressing service had the theme 'Christmas' and it was lovely to see the children playing a greater part, each one taking a letter of the word Christmas and saying what it meant to them. The children also gathered in the shoeboxes for the South Cleveland Mission to Seafarers from the congregation at this service. Our Christmas 'Sing the Season' attracted some different people from the previous year and a good time was had by all. Edna Anderson conducted our Christmas Eve service again and



the year was rounded off with a New Years Eve service.

We thank all those who have conducted worship during the year, helping us to maintain our pattern of regular Sunday services. Special thanks go to Rev Margaret Kirk and Rev Victor Ball for leading us in worship most months. We also thank Rev Michael Unwin, Dr Barry Thomas, Andrew Parkinson and Professor Paul Harvey along with Revs Tony McNeile and Tom McCready who are always willing to take a service for us.

This year we welcomed the Rev Nicky Jenkins from our York Church and welcomed back Jim Timiney. Our thanks go to them both, for their stimulating services. Jean Watson led both our Membership and Charity Services. During our Membership Service we remembered the life of Harold Code who contributed so much to the work of our church.

During our Charity service we presented Dr Adrian Davies with a cheque for £600 for the South Cleveland Heart Fund. Dr Davies had just returned from holiday that day but gave us a very interesting and amusing talk about the work of the fund, which supports the Regional Cardiothoracic Unit at James Cook University Hospital. We had a sponsored walk on July 2nd 2016 in aid of this Fund with 8 adults and 5 children, along the Castle Eden Walkway. The weather stayed fine most of the time (heavy shower at the end) and the children enjoyed the playground after lunch.

Our Saturday coffee mornings continue each week, where we have started to get a few visitors lately. The Knit 'n' Natter group continues fortnightly on a Tuesday between 11.00am and 1.00pm and we have increased in numbers and usually have about 10 people each time.

We had some sessions of Themes of Philosophy led by Victor Ball before the service on Sundays in 2017 - in March 'Descartes & the Quest for Knowledge' and in June 'Descartes and the Existence of God'.

The Childrens' Group meet occasionally, making things, playing games in the park and In March they visited the theatre to see 'Gangster Granny'.

Five people attended the GA Annual Meetings 2017 at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Birmingham. Hazel Warhurst was our congregation delegate, carrying Stockton's votes and Mike Tomlin carried the banner. David and Hazel Warhurst proposed the emergency motion about Irene Clennell which was carried unanimously. Subsequently many more Unitarians added their support and we are pleased to

report that, after a long campaign, Irene was allowed to return to her husband and family in County Durham at the end of August.

Two members went to the FOY Conference at Hucklow 'Inequality in Society Today' and two participated in the Unitarian Women's Conference 'Finding Beauty'.

We now have three lettings which meet regularly in the church - the Retired Employees Association of British Gas meet six times a year; Stockton Bipolar Support Group meet on the first Wednesday of the month; and a Yoga group meets twice weekly on Monday and Tuesday evenings. The Huntington Disease Group meet twice a year. We were also used as a Polling Station for both the Tees Valley Combined Mayoral Election in May and the 2017 General Election in June. Amnesty Teesside meet in the church on the second Wednesday in the month

We had a stall in the marquee at the Stockton Volunteers Celebration market on Friday 9th June 2017 where we raised £108.50 for the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institute) - the church's charity for 2017. The items and books we had left at the end of the day were taken to the nearby Red Cross charity shop.

Margaret Robinson

## **NUA Delegate Report – GA Annual Meetings 2017**

Firstly, thank you to the NUA for sending me as your delegate to the GA Annual Meetings, held in Birmingham 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The highlights of the four days were the Opening Celebrations and the Anniversary Service. The banner parade was colourful and can be seen on video.



**Mike Tomlin with the Stockton Banner**

**The Opening Celebrations** - "*Walking On*" by Welsh Unitarians - led us through time where we learned of their rich tradition of resistance, standing for equality and fighting for justice. As we learned about our Welsh dissenters, we were brought into the songs their faith inspired. The challenge for today's Unitarians is to maintain that tradition in a new way; to show the same courage in tackling today's issues as our ancestors did and to find the link as they did between reason, freedom of thought and a sense of spirituality. It is a long journey that still continues, but a worthwhile journey.

**The Anniversary Service** - "*In Our Hands*" - was led by Rev Daniel

Costley, with a dramatised story by the children, and the sermon delivered by Rev Sarah Tinker. I sang with the choir the Introit and Anthem during the Anniversary service, after three short rehearsals. We gave thanks for Ministers who had recently died; recognised the work and witness of Ministers who have retired and welcomed Ministers admitted to the General Assembly Roll. We sang some rousing hymns.

I attended all the Plenary and Business meetings and voted on your behalf for the Motions (including the two emergency motions):

**Motion 1** – Named Rev Cliff Reed as an Honorary Member (passed unanimously).

**Motion 2** – Gave the Executive Committee and Annual Meetings Panel permission to bring proposals to the next Annual Meetings (2018), including any amendments to the Constitution and By-laws, to enable changes in the length of the Annual Meetings, to take place in the future (passed with a clear majority). The proposal is to shorten the Annual Meetings by one day – bringing down costs and giving opportunities for more people to attend. However, some things will be lost such as, maybe, **GA Zette**, and time to socialise with other delegates. Suggestions being considered are: to combine the Opening Celebrations with the Social Event; to shorten the Anniversary Service; to combine or alternate the Keynote speaker and the John Rely Beard Lecture; to have one hour slots for workshops instead of 40 or 90 minutes; to limit motions to four, with contingency for one Emergency motion.

**Further Motions 1-10:** are just formalities, such as thanking the Anniversary service leader and preacher; appointing the new President for 2017-18, Rev Charles VanDenBroeder and thanking the President 2016-17, Dorothy Hewerdine.

**Emergency Motion 1**, proposed by Stockton Unitarians was passed unanimously: This General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches deplores the harsh and degrading treatment of County Durham resident Irene Clennell on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 when she was taken away from her husband and family by the UK Border Agency, held in Dungavel immigration removal centre and then deported to Singapore in the most humiliating manner.

This General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches calls upon the Government of the UK to:

- Immediately reinstate Irene Clennell's indefinite leave to remain in the UK, to permit her to return to her husband and family in

County Durham.

- Cease the practice of using obscure technical issues to deport people who have long been fully integrated into British families, thereby subjecting them and their family members to extreme anguish and distress.
- Instruct the UK Border Agency to treat persons subjected to deportation with the utmost care, dignity and respect.

Happily this has now had a successful outcome, as noted on page 10.

**Emergency Motion 2** – from 12 Full Members: In view of the tragic news of the bombing of two Coptic Churches on Palm Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2017, this General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, meeting now in Birmingham, extends its deepest sympathy to the families and friends of over 41 Coptic Christians who died, and to the Coptic Pope and churches in Egypt, the United Kingdom and around the world. This was passed and Derek McAuley is to write to the Coptic Pope and Interfaith group. 10% of Egypt is Coptic.

Apart from the Business meetings there was so many workshops to choose from that I was unable to attend all that I wanted to as many were on at the same time. I went to the following workshops (some more interesting than others).

**The Peace Fellowship** - *"People Power, Collective Goodness and My Journey of Faith"* - where the speaker Patricia Earle (Midlands President of the Women's Federation for Peace) gave an illustrated talk on what the WFP had done to promote peace in the Midlands with many faiths.

**Earth Spirit Network** - *"Morris Dancing for the fun of it"* we were invited to come and have a go, and I did, a very enjoyable hour and a half dancing a number of different dances with clear instructions from James Barry. He also gave us some history and information about Morris Dancing from various parts of the country.

**Executive Committee (EC) Training & Education Development (TED) Project** - *"Lifelong Learning and Development for All' – a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Unitarian approach"*. This was a disappointing workshop as many of us (including me) came away not any clearer as to what was going to happen. The speaker told us how far she had got with her research as to what is currently available, but did not make clear what the next step was. We were given a very nice booklet and broke into groups to discuss, but we weren't sure what was expected of us.

**Worship Studies Course (WSC)** - *"From Pew to Pulpit"*. Two

ministers, Rev Celia Cartwright and Rev Sue Woolley, shared their unanticipated journeys into ministry via the Worship Studies Course. A very interesting perspective of how starting out to find out how to conduct a service led them to train for the Ministry.

**Unitarian Women's Group (UWG)** - "*Women's Environmental Network: 28 years of Ecofeminism in Action*". The speaker, Kate Metcalf from WEN, gave us a very interesting talk on what they have done to empower women to make changes in their families, networks and society and to help them to participate in an environmentally sustainable future. They have set up gardens and seed banks which allow people from many countries to grow their own food in small plots near to their homes (many of these women and some men have not been out of their high rise flats for years). This is a wonderful project mainly in Tower Hamlets in London, but spreading to other areas and towns (but I still don't understand what a feminist is!).

**LEAP Project** - *Leading, Enabling, Affirming People*. John Harley and I led this workshop as a taster session for the LEAP Course which is to take place over two residential weekends at Great Hucklow - 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2017 and 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018, with assignments in-between. LEAP will develop and deepen your leadership skills in facilitating groups and creating worship for all ages in the Unitarian community and gives us lifelong transferrable skills. There were three activities during this workshop on communicating, listening and body language. For more information email [unitarianllsg@gmail.com](mailto:unitarianllsg@gmail.com).

**Help Is at Hand** - a GA guide on how to run local congregations, fellowships and societies. This is being revised and made more accessible by Louise Rogers, with help from others. It will be made easier to update when such things as future legislation is changed.

For more information read reports in **GA Zette**, **The Inquirer** and **The Unitarian**.



**GA Zette**

I was also kept busy on the LLSG (Local Leadership Strategy Group) stall and catching up during breaks and meals with fellow Unitarians. I was unable to attend many of the other workshops, but have read about them in **GA Zette** (copies are still available from David Warhurst).

I have been to GA Annual Meetings for many years and found this one both enjoyable and inspiring. I hope that more people who haven't been will be able to attend next year or in the future, I urge you to encourage them.

Margaret Robinson

## The Whitby Trip, 18th June 2017

On Sunday 18 June, the Northern Unitarian Association had our annual Whitby Trip. We spent a pleasant afternoon having lunch at a local café, taking part in a service at Whitby Flowergate Unitarian Chapel, and walking on the beach.

**Diana Bebb** comments: "It was a really excellent trip, it was wonderful having flowers provided by the Whitby congregation that not only made for a different and very uplifting service, but that we were also allowed to take home, made it very memorable. The congregation were so very welcoming, as always, and we were blessed with marvellous weather for ice cream on the beach as well, an added bonus!"

**Ben MacLeod** said: "The Whitby Trip was the best I could imagine. We struck gold with the weather, apparently the warmest, driest, sunniest day Whitby had had all year.

A light lunch at the Cranberry Swamp, purveyors of vegetarian, vegan and gluten-free foods before the cool atmosphere in the Unitarian Chapel offered us sanctuary from the crowds and the heat.

I found the service good, Margaret Kirk's services always are and the congregation were very welcoming, with plenty of tea and coffee, homemade cakes served on old china, brought round on a wooden tray. Whitby chapel is the perfect size and still beautiful, holding up well against the ravages of time and rain.

After the service we flocked to the beach, licked ice cream on the golden shore, stood in the shadow of the harbour lighthouse, banked at the promenade's furthest reach. The sea was just incredible and the sand seemed to stretch to the ends of the earth. Even though it was months ago now, it clearly was a day to remember."



*Ice creams  
By the  
harbour  
after the  
service!*



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## TREASURER'S REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2017

The attached accounts show that the Association recorded a surplus of £901-28 on the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, compared with a surplus of £853-43 in the previous year. This is another good result. We are continuing to benefit from moving most of our funds into Charifund Units. The income was £138 lower than the budget forecast due to the income from the B & FUA coming in slightly below expectation. However this was more than compensated by expenditure coming in some £585 below budget, mainly due to under spending of the budget for conferences and courses..

Income from the B & FUA investments rose by 5.3% and the dividend income from the Charifund investment rose by 2.9%. In addition the market value of the Charifund units rose by 10.2% in a buoyant stock market giving an (unrealised) gain of £1,705-80 over the year. This accounts for the overall surplus for the year of **£2,607-08** on the year's operations compared with the net deficit of £313-93 last year. There is no current intention to realise the gain, however.

The NUA has continued to offer grants of £50 per event to young Unitarians in the District attending GA Youth Programme events such as Junior Weekends and also supported Louise Reeve's attendance at the UNICOMMS Conference at the Nightingale Centre.

The budget for 2017-2018, shown below, indicates that, in the absence of any unexpected eventualities, there should be a modest surplus of around £280 in the next financial year.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees at their meeting in June, and examined in August. Our sincere thanks are again due to Jane Tomlin, who continues to examine the accounts for us without charge. We are most grateful to her for this.

## BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018:

### **INCOME:**

B & F U A	1,370	
Interest and Dividends	900	
Membership Subscriptions	70	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,340</b>

### **EXPENDITURE:**

Grants to churches	Nil	
Donations and subscriptions	700	
Travelling expenses and meetings	750	
Conferences and courses	600	
Expenses	10	
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,060</b>

**PROJECTED SURPLUS (excluding investment revaluations) 280**

**David Warhurst, Hon Treasurer**



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## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

### **Members:**

The members of the committee who have served during the year are:

Hazel Warhurst (Secretary)  
David Warhurst (Treasurer)  
Margaret Robinson  
Peter Whitham  
Michael Tomlin  
Louise van der Hoeven  
Louise Reeve

### **Status:**

The Association is a Registered Charity

### **Public Benefit:**

The Trustees have considered Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 with regard to public benefit. The Charity encourages Unitarian churches, fellowships and members to serve their own and the wider community. This is done by making grants and loans according to the need.

### **Aims and Activities:**

The Association exists to join together Unitarian churches and fellowships and individual Unitarians in the north of England; to encourage the spreading of Unitarian beliefs; and to grant aid to churches in need of assistance. The Association collects income from investments, Trust funds, individual subscribers and donations and distributes it to churches and fellowships within the region and to other Unitarian causes.

### **Finances:**

The bank account was held with Lloyds Bank plc, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The investments are held by the British & Foreign Unitarian Association, Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, London, WC2R 3HY, with M & G Charifund and with The Affirmative Deposit Fund.

### **Independent Examiner:**

Jane Tomlin, 1 The Oval, Brookfield, Middlesbrough, TS5 8ET





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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

2016		Note	2017
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
1,207	British and Foreign Unitarian Association	1	1,271-58
831	Interest and Dividends	2	853-50
10	Membership Subscriptions:		
43	Churches: 5.00		
	Individuals: 68.00		73-00
<b>2,091</b>			<b>2,198-08</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>			
450	Donations and Subscriptions Paid	3	575-00
583	Travelling Expenses and Meetings	4	575-90
205	Conferences and Courses		145-90
<b>1,238</b>			<b>1,296-80</b>
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<b>853</b>	<b>Current Surplus/(deficit)</b>		<b>901-28</b>
<b>(1,167)</b>	<b>Unrealised gain/(loss) from Revaluation of Investment</b>		<b>1,705-80</b>
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<b>(314)</b>	<b>Surplus/(deficit) from accumulated funds</b>		<b>2,607-08</b>
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<b><u>BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2017</u></b>			
16,757	1,184.167 Units of M & G Charifund at valuation	5	18,463-18
3,943	Cash	6	4,838-82
Nil	Debtors accrued		5-00
<b>20,700</b>			<b>23,307-00</b>
Nil	Less creditors accrued		Nil
<b>20,700</b>	<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>23,307-00</b>
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<b><u>Represented by Accumulated Funds as follows:</u></b>			
21,014	Balance at 31 March 2016		20,699-92
(314)	Current surplus/(loss)		2,607-08
<b>20,700</b>	<b>Balance carried forward 31 March 2017</b>		<b>23,307-00</b>
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### **Accounts prepared by:**

D E Warhurst  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Hon Treasurer

## **ASSEMBLY NOTES**

**2016**

**2017**

### **(1) British and Foreign Unitarian Association**

The income is derived from two designated funds held by the B & FUA. The capital values of these funds are given below at the most recent date for which figures are available.

Income	Capital (£) on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Income
718	Carlisle	755-94
489	Sunderland	515-64
	Total:	<u>40,774</u>
<b>1,207</b>		<b>1,271-58</b>
<b>(2) Interest and Dividends</b>		
820	Charifund dividends	843-72
11	Affirmative Deposit Fund interest	9-78
<b>831</b>		<b>853-50</b>
<b>(3) Donations and Subscriptions Paid</b>		
100	Send a Child to Hucklow Fund	125-00
100	Unitarian College, Manchester	125-00
100	Unitarian General Assembly Annual Subscription	125-00
50	GA Ministerial Students Fund	75-00
100	The Inquirer Publishing Company (2004)	125-00
<b>450</b>		<b>575-00</b>
<b>(4) Travelling Expenses and Meetings</b>		
193	NUA AGM and Committee	185-90
390	GA Annual Meetings	390-00
<b>583</b>		<b>575-90</b>
<b>(5) M &amp; G Charifund Units Valuations</b>		
	1,184.167 units @ £14.1512 per unit 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2016: 16,757-38	
	1,184.167 units @ £15.5917 per unit 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017: 18,463-18	
<b>(1,167)</b>	<b>Unrealised Gain (Loss):</b>	<b>1,705-80</b>
<b>(6) Cash</b>		
1,874	At Lloyds TSB plc current account	2,760-90
2,068	In The Affirmative Deposit Fund account	2,077-92
<b>3,942</b>		<b>4,838-82</b>

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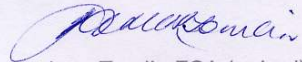
Report of the Accounts Examiner to the members of  
The Northern Unitarian Association  
Registered Charity 226104

I have examined the financial statements and report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 March 2017

My examination did not amount to an audit but was carried out in accordance with the general directions issued by the Charity Commission for the examination of the accounts of smaller charities.

Nothing has come to my attention in connexion with my examination which gives me cause to believe otherwise than that the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records of the Association and that such records satisfy the requirements of the Charities Acts. I am not aware of any matter to which attention needs to be drawn in order to obtain a proper understanding of the accounts.

1 The Oval,  
Middlesbrough



Jane Tomlin FCA (retired)  
4 September 2017



**Lunch at the Cranberry Swamp in Whitby on July 18th**

# THE NORTHERN UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION

*Affiliated to The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches*

## **Aims and Objects:**

- a. The promotion of Unitarian principles and values, in accordance with the Objects of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, in the North of England between the Yorkshire Unitarian Union and the North and East Lancashire Unitarian Mission in the south and the Scottish border in the north.
- b. The joining together in fellowship with one another of Unitarian churches and fellowships and individual Unitarians situated within the area defined in a above.
- c. The granting of aid to Unitarian churches and fellowships in need of assistance within the Association's area of operation.
- d. To carry out the functions ascribed to a District Association of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches for the Association's area of operation.
- e. To be affiliated to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches



***Northern  
Unitarian  
Association  
visit to  
Whitby on  
June 18th***