

Rivington Unitarian and Free Christian Chapel

Here let no man a stranger be



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Rivington Chapel has now reopened for services on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Services in October will be on Sunday 4 October and Sunday 18 October

In view of the frequently changing situation with regard to COVID-19, we will continue to produce a monthly news sheet until the end of 2020.

Our on-line services

Vince used the theme of wealth and sharing for his service on Sunday 6 September, which included words from Kahlil Gibran's *The Prophet* on buying and selling. The theme for the collaborative meeting on Sunday 13 September was forgiveness.

Sunday 20 September saw the first service in Rivington Chapel since 15 March. It was led by Chrissie Wilkie from Dean Row Chapel, who had also taken the last service before lockdown.

On Sunday 27 September we had our last 'at home' Zoom meeting on the theme of love for our fellow man. There were readings from 1 Corinthians Ch 13 and the poem 'Abou Ben Adhem' by 19th century poet James Leigh Hunt.

We are still looking into the possibility of Zooming the services in Chapel so that those who feel that they are not able to attend will be able to join us virtually. Look out for more information on the Chapel website and Facebook page.

If you want to check how we are ensuring that the Chapel remains a COVID-19 safe environment, please look at the website to read our risk assessment and the summary of the measures that will be in place so that you know what to expect when you come to the Chapel. The summary was also distributed with News Sheet 10 in September.

The service on Sunday 4 October will be taken by Hannah Stevenson and Hannah Carolan will be back to play the organ. Sunday 20 October will be our Harvest Festival, which this year will be a collaborative effort. If you would like to take part or have a suggestion of a harvest related item that we could include, please let us know. Vince is going to put some fresh produce in the Chapel a few days before the service, to provide the right sort of Harvest Festival feeling. We also welcome donations of non-perishable foodstuffs and toiletry items which will then be donated to Coffee4Craig and Help the Homeless. There will be a clearly indicated collection point in the Chapel for you to leave your donations when you arrive. The items will be left in the Chapel for at least 72 hours after the service before they are taken to Manchester or Chorley.

'Scenic Rivington' Calendar

The 'Scenic Rivington' Calendar for 2021 is now on sale. It is already available from Rivington Tearooms, the Lower Barn, Adlington Post Office, Rivington Club, Wright Reads Bookshop among other local venues. The price is £6 (including free envelope). Chris Martin would like to thank all who submitted images, and asks that people should continue to donate images if they have anything suitable.

Home-made preserves

Alison has quite a few jars of marmalade, chutney and other preserves that would in normal circumstances have been on sale at the Late Summer Fair. If anyone would like to buy some in aid of Chapel funds, she will sort out a COVID-19 safe delivery. This will have to be after Friday 9 October as she and Peter are in quarantine till then following their holiday in the Netherlands and Germany.

Here's a list of what is available:

Chunky Seville Marmalade
Apple Chutney
Spiced Pickled Blackberries
Quince Cheese
Medlar Cheese

Please let her know by email or phone if you are interested (see below for details).

September's Global Chalice Lighting words from the ICUU, written by Roos Van Doorn, a Dutch Liberal Protestant Minister

We are gathered here and now,
For a moment we've stopped working, studying, doing dishes,
There are no tasks, no e-mails, no phone calls.

We are gathered
To feel closer to each other
To feel closer to ourselves
To feel closer to our deepest inspiration,
The stream of Life that runs through our body and runs through the world

May we be opened to see and hear in each other
What our soul wants to say.

Although the Chapel is now open for services, not everyone will wish or be able to attend which will still affect our income. If you wish to contribute what you would have put in the collection you can still do so via CAFDonate. There is a 'Donate' button on the front page of our website www.rivingtonchapel.org.uk or you can go directly to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/12556>

We would be very grateful if you would consider supporting the Chapel in this way if you cannot attend in person, or prefer not to use cash.

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Please get in touch if there is anything you need to discuss or would like some help with.