

Rivington Unitarian and Free Christian Chapel

Here let no man a stranger be



News sheet 16 7 March 2021

Following the reintroduction of national lockdown restrictions, Rivington Chapel is once again closed for services.

We will continue to hold Zoom services on the first and third Sundays of the month until the Chapel reopens.

As we are likely to remain under restrictions for some time, we will continue to produce monthly news sheets for the first part of 2021.

Our services in February

Services were taken by Chrissie Wilkie from Dean Row Chapel (7 February) and Laura Dobson from Chorlton Church (21 February). Laura is also on a student placement at King Edward Street Chapel in Macclesfield as part of her ministerial training. We found out about the life of Mechtild von Magdeburg, a 13th Century Christian mystic who lived as part of a Beguine community. Readings were from her work 'The Flowing Light of the Godhead'.

March Services

Vince will be taking the service on Sunday 7 March and Geoff Levermore from Norcliffe Chapel Styal is due to take the service on Sunday 21 March. This service will be followed by the Congregational AGM (see below).

The joining details for the Zoom services are: **Meeting ID – 768 122 9647: Password – 322865** You can also join by clicking on the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7681229647?pwd=NkFMTVFWQUFmREtGdmppOFpSaWVhZz09>

Congregational AGM

We are intending to hold the AGM as planned after the service on Sunday 21 March. As it will be held on Zoom, we will, if necessary, make sure that there is more than one way of voting available.

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Congregation of Rivington Chapel will be held after the service on

Sunday 21 March 2021

If you wish to make nominations for the posts of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members, please let the Chairman know as soon as possible. Before making any nominations, please make sure that the proposed candidate is willing to stand.

The closing date for nominations will be Sunday 7 March 2021

Rivington Chapel Website

The new Chapel website is now up and running, and it has already attracted some favourable comments and enquiries about Rites of Passage ceremonies.

You can access the website at www.rivingtonchapel.org.uk If you have any problems getting on to the site, please let us know.

Some thoughts of Mechtild von Magdeburg

'Stupidity is sufficient unto itself. Wisdom can never learn enough.'

'No one can burn the truth.'

'How should one live? Live welcoming to all.'

'I was created in love. For that reason nothing can express my beauty nor liberate me except love alone.'

'Those who would know much, and love little, will ever remain at but the beginning of a godly life.'

'I cannot dance, Lord,
unless you lead me.'

If you want me to leap with abandon,

You must intone the song.

Then I shall leap into love,

From love into knowledge,

From knowledge into enjoyment,

And from enjoyment

beyond all human sensations.

There I want to remain,

yet want also to circle higher still.'

While the Chapel is closed, if you wish to contribute what you would have put in the collection you can still do so via CAFDonate. You can either follow the Donations link on our website www.rivingtonchapel.org.uk or 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.

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