

# Christian Spiritualist Church

Alcombe and Minehead

Love Light & Healing

# September 2012 Newsletter

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Open Circle



elcome back to another newsletter of our little refuge of enlightenment in a quiet corner of Minehead. Our newsletters are here to keep you all informed of up and coming events and improvements in the Church. Any comments, ideas, contributions you have regarding the newsletter are most welcome. These should be handed to Lynda, Paul, Tony, Steve or Colin.

The Harvest Festival service will take place on the 7th October and we welcome you bringing goods along to the church for auction after the service. All proceeds will be going towards the cost of the current church alterations.

If you have any questions or ideas for the Church or events, please contact Tony or Colin.

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# Readers Corner A Time for Reflection

ot everyone agrees with what we think or say. It hurts when people reject or ridicule our cherished beliefs leaving us feeling threatened or angrily defensive. Tolerance is very much a modern virtue and we are shocked when we hear of people mistreated for being different.

ome heroes of history have stood out against the prevailing ideas of their time; for example, William Wilberforce, a Christian politician who fought to abolish slavery; Mary Ward suffered imprisonment for believing that women should be educated to do great things.

egislation in this century has done much to bridge the gap between a respectable "us" and a despised "them" but most of us have traces of tribalism or prejudices buried deep within.

In the end, it is not our winning the argument that convinces people, but the way in which we genuinely live the virtues embedded in our beliefs. Respect and kindness towards those who disagree with us is often what opens their minds to broader thinking and it does us all good to remember that the search for truth is always a work in progress

Sister Gemma Simmonds, BBC Radio 2

# Progress in the Church

New Tea making facilities area

lanning permission was sought for the new facilities and granted by the local authority subject to minor conditions. Work has now commenced, with worktops and cupboards having been installed. New floor covering will also be fitted as part of the works. New gas and water mains have been laid, along with the provision of new drainage.

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# Progress in the Church

s a result of the alterations, it has been necessary to install a new central heating boiler as it was not possible to relocate the existing appliance. Much of the existing pipework has been renewed and rerouted, and concealed where possible. The old water tank has been removed and the radiator system thoroughly cleaned.

# Existing Tea making facilities area

pon commissioning of the new facilities, the 'old facilities area' will be thoroughly redecorated and the existing partition will then be removed.

It is also anticipated that work will be carried out to replace the existing windows with new stained glass. This will also involve installing new window frames, as the existing ones are rotten. Local craftsmen have been consulted in order to provide preliminary drawings for the stained glass design.

## Do You Know? - Can You Help?

thought to have originally been the vestry for the original church. If you have any information that would confirm this, or indeed bring to light any other information relating to our building, please let us know. No prizes, but a more complete history of the church would be of interest to congregation and visitors alike.



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# **Events for October 2012**

# Clairvoyance & Mediumship

04/10/2012 Starts 7:30 pm Melanie Hallet from North Devon£4.00 per person

**18/10/2012 Starts 7:30 pm** Alan Hogwood-Thompson from Burnhamon-Sea £4.00 per person.

#### Harvest Festival Service

07/10/2012 6:30 pm Harvest Goods welcome - auction after the service - proceeds to church alterations. Alan and Joan Boydell from South Devon. Healing after the service is available from the church healers.

# **Healing Evening**

17/10/2012 Starts 7;30 pm Led by the student healers of the Somerset Healing Centre. Everyone welcome. Donations greatly appreciated.

# Monthly Healing Day

13/10/2012 10:30 am until 3:00 pm Open day for healing at the church. Everyone Welcome. Healing will be free. Donations greatly appreciated. Private readings at the church will also be available on this day at £15 per person.

# **Open Circle**

03/10/2012 Starts 7:30pm With Medium Sandra Andrews (£3.00)

## **Open Discussion Evening**

10/10/2012 Starts 7:30 pm Led by Colin Field. All welcome (Donations)

#### Platform Development

16/10/2012 Starts 7:30 pm Mediumship practice evening. All Welcome (Donations)

#### Pomander Circle

25/10/2012 Evening Invitation Only

#### **Small Trance Group**

08/10/2012 Evening Time Invitation only

22/10/2012 Evening Time Invitation only

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## Student Healing Group - Somerset Healers

**01/10/2012 Starts 7:30 pm** Led by registered tutors with Surrey Healing Association (£4.00)

**15/10/2012 Starts 7:30 pm** Led by registered tutors with Surrey Healing Association (£4.00)

# **Sunday Service**

 $14/10/2012\ 6:30\ pm$  With Norman Scott of Bridgwater. Healing after the service is available from the church healers.

21/10/2012 6:30 pm With Shaun Gray from Bristol. Healing after the service is available from the church healers.

**28/10/2012 6:30 pm** With Church Mediums. Healing after the service is available rom the church healers.

#### **Trance Circle**

**24/10/2012 Evening** With Sandra Darbyshire. By invitation only-(£3.00)

# **Events for November 2012**

## Clairvoyance & Mediumship

08/11/2012 Starts 7:30 pm June Pinney from Taunton£4.00 per person

## **Healing Evening**

21/11/2012 Starts 7:30 pm Led by the student healers of the Somerset Healing Centre. Everyone welcome Donations greatly appreciated.

#### Monthly Healing Day

24/11/2012 10:30 am until 3:00 pm Open day for healing at the church. Everyone Welcome. Healing will be free. Donations greatly appreciated. Private readings at the church will also be available on this day at £15 per person.

#### Open Circle

07/11/2012 Start 7:30 pm With Medium Sandra Andrews (£3.00)

## Platform Development

20/11/2012 Starts 7:30 pm Mediumship practice evening. All Welcome (Donations)

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#### **Pomander Circle**

29/11/2012 Evening Invitation only

#### **Small Trance Group**

26/11/2012 Evening Time Invitation only

#### Student Healing Group - Somerset Healers

**05/11/2012 Starts 7:30 pm** Led by registered tutors with Surrey Healing Association (£4.00)

19/11/2012 Starts 7:30 pm Led by registered tutors with Surrey Healing Association (£4.00)

#### **Sunday Service**

**04/11/2012 3:00 pm** Sunday Service - Helen Bevan from Bristol. Healing after the service is available from the church healers.

 $11/11/2012\ 3:00\ pm$  with Kim Moore-Cullen from Somerset. Remembrance Day Service. Healing after the service is available from the church healers.

**25/11/2012 3:00 pm** Kez Eggleton from Gloucestershire. Healing after the service is available from the church healers.

#### **Trance Circle**

 $28/11/2012 \ {\rm Evening} \ {\rm Time} \ {\rm With} \ {\rm Sandra} \ {\rm Darbyshire}.$  By invitation only-(£3.00)

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# Regular Meetings Each Month

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Student Healing Group led by registered tutors

7.30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Small Trance Group, by invitation only

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Platform Development Group evening at 7.30pm -

all welcome, no admission charge but donations welcome. Anyone wishing to join the group contact

Tony or Steve

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Open Development Circle with Sandra Andrews

(£3.00). Meet at 7.15pm for 7.30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Open Spiritual Discussion evening with Colin Field

at 7.30

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3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Open Healing Evening led by the student healers at

7.30

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Closed Trance Circle led by Sandra Darbyshire

invitation only.

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Evenings of Clairvoyance - all welcome. £4.00 on

the door. (extra evening has just been arranged for October and date change for November evening)

Saturdays Open Healing day 10.30 - 3.00. All welcome, no

charge for (one per month healing, but donations gratefully appreciated. as advertised). Readings

available £15 per person

All details above are subject to change or alteration; please check the Church notice board.

Contact numbers: - Tony 07831 104896, Steve 07951 239315

# OPEN CIRCLE WITH SANDRA ANDREWS

The monthly Open Circle with Sandra is progressing well; new members continue to join us, and the level of spiritual energy and understanding grows at each session. If you are interested in joining, please speak to Sandra or one of the Church Trustees for information.

# Church Website

Don't forget that the church now has a website. Please take a look and add the web address to your favourites list. You can download the newsletter here or sign up to receive an email copy.

Any late alterations or amendments can usually be found on the website.