

About Hucklow Summer School 2012:

The core purpose of Hucklow Summer School is religious education: we focus on matters of religion and spirituality and intend to draw out and develop the potential of all participants. We aim to provide a balanced programme, offering a rich mix of activities for both the heart and head, and a variety of optional sessions showcasing a range of worthwhile activities which participants might "take home" and try out in their own congregations and communities. We also ensure that there are plenty of opportunities for relaxed fellowship and fun during the week.



Small Group Activities are at the heart of summer school and provide a safe environment for deep exploration and personal relating. Morning Theme Talks provide a contrast in style to the small group activities, stimulate dialogue on religious and spiritual matters, and allow participants to engage with the topic on an intellectual level. Summer School also provides opportunities for daily spiritual practice such as morning meditation and evening epilogues.

Hucklow Summer School brings fellow Unitarians together and allows them to get to know each other deeply and form lasting and meaningful connections. It is our hope that participants will be inspired and challenged to develop and promote high-quality religious education activities when they return home.

Hucklow Summer School Panel

Currently, the Hucklow Summer School Panel consists of seven members: Jane Blackall, Caroline Blair, Kate Buchanan, Jef Jones, Margaret Kirk, Chris Thompson and Alison Thursfield. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2012. It has a rolling membership to maintain continuity. New members are co-opted, to maintain the necessary balance of skills, as one or two members step down from the panel after Summer School each year. Summer School participants will have an opportunity to put names forward for consideration during the week at Great Hucklow.

Allocation of Places and Workshops at Summer School

The panel aims to attract approximately 1/3 newcomers to participate in the Summer School every year. We have set a deadline of 16th April 2012 for receipt of applications to Summer School. Shortly after this date, places will be allocated by the members of the panel, giving preference to newcomers and ministerial students, subject to the constraints of available accommodation. Please note that deposit cheques will be banked on receipt and if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date.

Afternoon and Evening Sessions

Do let us know if you have any particular skills or abilities that you would like to share during the week (e.g. music, dancing, art and craft ideas, leading a workshop etc.) by giving some details on your booking form. Members of the panel will contact potential session leaders in early summer, after Summer School places have been allocated, to finalise the timetable.

Children's Programme

This year, there will be an intergenerational engagement group, and extra children's activities will also run during morning theme talks. Children will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Minister of the Week

Rev. Elizabeth Birtles will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our 'Minister of the Week'.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2012:

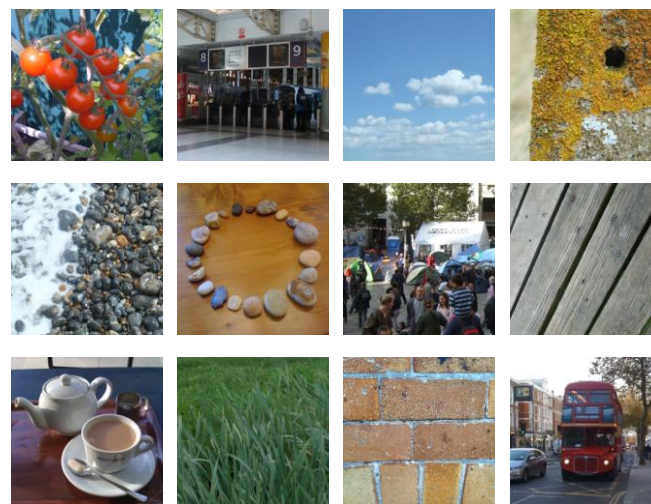
Contact Margaret Kirk on 01845 574 542 or email Jane Blackall on info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk.

Hucklow Summer School 2012

For Personal and Leadership Development

SACRED LIVING

Encountering the Holy in the Everyday



18th to 25th August 2012

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 16th April 2012

www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

*Hucklow Summer School Panel: Part of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches, 1-6 Essex Street, London, WC2R 3HY.
Website: www.unitarian.org.uk. Registered Charity: No. 250788.*

Hucklow Summer School 2012: Application Form

Adult Shared: £440 Children 12-16: £325 Children 5-11: £275 Children under 5: £125

A supplement of £55 will be payable for places in shared en-suite rooms or single rooms. Availability of single rooms is very limited and so these places will be allocated by the Summer School panel according to need for people with special circumstances. Please Note: It is our policy that family members/partners should participate in different morning workshop groups.

Note: £125 of the standard rate is the 'conference fee' which pays for provision of a team of staff / organisers.

Please do not let a shortage of money prevent you from attending Summer School!

Summer School bursaries are available and we are able to advise about other funding sources.

Please contact us as soon as possible for further details of how to apply for assistance:

Telephone Margaret on 01845 574 542 or email Jane: info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

Names of people in your group	Age (if under 17)	1 st choice workshop	2 nd choice workshop
Person 1:			
Person 2:			
Person 3:			
Person 4:			

Address:
Telephone:
Email Address:
Congregation/Fellowship (if any):
Where/from whom did you obtain this Summer School leaflet?

Rooms at Great Hucklow are usually shared. Please indicate if you would like to share with someone in particular or if you have any other room preferences.

Any special requirements (e.g. vegetarian diet / food allergies):

Any skills you can offer (e.g. leading afternoon or evening activities):

Please let us know how we can take your particular needs or circumstances, including disability issues, into consideration when organising the programme.

Please send a deposit of £100 per person to:

Hucklow Summer School, GA of Unitarian & FCC, Essex Hall, 1-6 Essex St, London WC2R 3HY

Cheques are to be made payable to the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

Note: cheques will be banked on receipt – if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date.

If your application is successful, the balance will be due six weeks before summer school, on Friday 6th July.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MONDAY 16th APRIL 2012.

If you have missed the deadline please do contact us to find out if any remaining places are available.

Hucklow Summer School: 18th – 25th August 2012

Morning Theme Talks: 'Sacred Living: Encountering the Holy in the Everyday'

In a series of daily theme talks we will be exploring this topic from a number of different perspectives, moving from a personal, introspective approach to the sacred, outwards to the sense of the holy that may be found in relationship and deepening connection with others, and in the natural world around us. We will consider the ways in which we can bring a sense of reverence to our daily existence, pay attention to the significant moments of our lives, and uncover the sacred in the seemingly ordinary.

Our team of speakers will be: Bill Darlison, Sue Woolley, Danny Crosby, Kate McKenna & Margaret Kirk.

Morning Engagement Groups:

Each person is part of a small workshop group which meets for two hours each day to explore a given theme:

A: "A Conscious Life"

with Rita Woditsch and Linda Hart

Every day we make an enormous number of decisions that are under the surface of our consciousness. We say 'thank you' and 'please' without much thought, we put the empty water bottle in a recycle bin, or get into our car to run errands. Yet many of the choices we make can have an impact on the rest of the world. This workshop will gently consider how we might live more consciously of how we eat, use our money, live in our bodies and relate to each other.

B: 'Living With Meaning'

with Jef Jones and Kate McKenna

This workshop will explore ways of bringing sacred meaning to our daily lives. What can we do to bring depth and significance to the different realms of our lives, for example to our daily routine, our work, our homes, our relationships and friendships? How can we honour our highest truths in our way of life? The workshop will be creative and stimulating. There will be opportunities to practice ways of honouring the divine in everyday life through mindfulness, ritual, prayer and meditation. Learning will take place in a safe and supportive framework.

C: 'Hello... and Goodbye'

Taking stock of the way we mark the moments of our living.

with Michael Dadson and Ned Prideaux

Rites and rituals, whether everyday or once-in-a-lifetime, encourage us to acknowledge and embrace realities in our lives – many welcome and some less so. Often such realities involve endings, and a ritual can enable us to face a transformed future in truth and with grace. In this workshop we will explore the power and effect of rituals – of many kinds – through reflection, conversation, demonstration, and collaborative creation. You will be invited to share your own experiences, and to offer your insights and ideas as to moments which need marking, and how to mark them.

D: 'Bright Lights: Open Minds, Loving Hearts and Helping Hands'

Intergenerational Engagement Group with Kate Buchanan and Lindy Latham

A workshop for all ages, we will explore 'Sacred Living' through lively activities including games, music and crafts. Join us for a journey of self-discovery and an opportunity to experience an intergenerational 'Bright Lights' group in full effect! There are so few ways in everyday life for positive connections to be formed between young and old. Many people who walk past our doors may feel the need for a spiritual community without the formality of church. Here at Summer School we offer a chance to experience 'doing church differently' using the Bright Lights model which is already working well in some of our communities. Take home ideas for your spiritual life as well as plenty of activities to try if you are considering starting up your own Bright Lights group.

Please indicate your 1st and 2nd preference workshop (A, B, C or D) on the application form.