

About Hucklow Summer School 2019:

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 five members: Jane Blackall, Louise Baumberg, Kate McKenna, Ned Prideaux and Nicola Temple. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School. 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 most years. Summer School participants will have an opportunity to put names forward for consideration during the week at Great Hucklow.

Allocation of Places and Engagement Groups 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 Friday 5th April 2019 for receipt of applications to Summer School. Shortly after this date, places will be allocated by the members of the panel, giving priority to first-timers and ministerial students, subject to the constraints of available accommodation. Please note that deposits will be banked on receipt and if your application is unsuccessful we will refund your deposit at a later date. Deposits will *only* be refunded if you are not offered a place. If you need to drop out after you have been allocated a place neither the deposit nor the full balance is refundable. Please consider appropriate insurance.

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, worship, meditation, leading a one-off religious education 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 and Young People's Programme

There will be a morning programme for children and young people run by Claire Maddocks and Jim Blair. Children and young people will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Minister for the Week and Summer School Coordinator

Rev. Kate McKenna will be providing pastoral care and staff support as our ‘Minister for the Week’. Ned Prideaux will be our Coordinator and be the primary contact person for queries during the week itself.

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2019:

Email Jane Blackall on info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk or phone Louise Baumberg on 01483 537206.

Hucklow Summer School 2019

For Personal and Leadership Development

‘Theology in the Flesh’

How Might our Embodied Experience Shape our Answers to Life's Ultimate Questions?



17th to 24th August 2019

at the Nightingale Centre,
Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 5th April 2019

Allocation of places will be confirmed in May 2019

www.hucklowsummerschool.co.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.*

A LARGE PRINT FORM IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Hucklow Summer School 2019: Application Form

Adult Shared: £550 Children 12-16: £435 Children 5-11: £370 Children under 5: £165

Rooms at summer school are usually shared. Availability of single rooms is very limited and so these places will be carefully allocated on the basis of need for people with special circumstances. If you have particular medical or other reasons why a single room is essential then you must inform the panel of your circumstances at the time of application so that we can take this into account. A supplement of £50 will be payable for places in single rooms or shared-en-suite rooms. Please Note: It is a policy of summer school that family members/partners should participate in different engagement groups.

Note: £418 of the standard rate is the cost of a week's full-board accommodation at the Nightingale Centre in a twin room. The remainder of the cost is a 'conference fee' which helps to cover the provision of a team of staff / organisers.

BURSARIES: Please do not let a shortage of money prevent you from attending!
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:
Email Jane: info@hucklowsummerschool.co.uk or telephone Louise: 01483 537206

Names of people in your group	Age (if under 17)	1 st choice group (ABCD)	2 nd choice group (ABCD)
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?

Bedrooms at Great Hucklow are mostly shared twin rooms, with some triples, and one dormitory. Please indicate if you would like to share with someone in particular or if you have other preferences.

Any special requirements (e.g. vegetarian or vegan 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. If you wish to discuss any specific issue in confidence then please contact Louise on 01483 537206 at the earliest opportunity.

Please send this application form with 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. It is also possible to pay by bank transfer or by card over the telephone – please email us for details.

Note: cheques will be banked on receipt – if your application is unsuccessful we will refund at a later date. The balance will be due six weeks before summer school, on 5th July 2019. If you need to drop out after you have been allocated a place neither the deposit nor the full balance is refundable. Please consider appropriate insurance.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 5TH APRIL 2019.

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

Hucklow Summer School: 17th – 24th August 2019

‘Theology in the Flesh’: How Might our Embodied Experience Shape our Answers to Life’s Ultimate Questions?

‘Embodied theology is rooted in personal experiences in our individual bodies. At the same time, we all live in a relational world, shaped by social and historical events and forces that are shared.’ ~ Carol P. Christ

How might our experience of life, our world-view, and our theological outlook be shaped by factors related to our bodies: our gender, sexuality, race, dis/ability, appearance, age, state of physical and mental health, neurological architecture, etc.? In this year’s summer school we will explore the ways in which our bodily experience interacts with our spiritual understanding. How do we connect with God – or with meaning, depth, and purpose – through our bodies and our physical senses? How do material realities – social, historical and environmental events in the world around us – shape our faith journeys? And how might our theological understanding shift through exposure to a wider range of embodied perspectives?

Our speakers: Winnie Gordon, Eleanor Chiari, Robin Hanford, Jen Hazel, Bob Janis-Dillon.

Engagement Groups:

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

A: ‘Sex and the Spirit’

with John Harley and Mark Stewart

A creative exploration of the interplay between our sexual selves and our spiritual selves. Our sexual identities are such complex, yet vital parts of ourselves - but how much do we get the chance to share and make sense of the connection between our spirits and our bodies - as experienced through our sexual desires, assumptions and fantasies? How do we bring our embodied selves to our Unitarian spiritual practice and our everyday lives? We will use a spectrum of approaches to sensitively and playfully consider this subject together - including art, writing, movement, drama, music, poetry, discussion and disco!

B: ‘Let Your Body Call You Home’

with Sheena Gabriel and Catherine Coyne

‘Let your body call you back into your most deeply embodied self...find the crumbs that lead back home.’
~ Cheryl Pallant. Together we’ll explore the ‘blessings’ and ‘curses’ of being ‘embodied’ through a variety of activities. Reflecting on the messages of society, culture, psychology and religion - and drawing on insights from myth, literature, the arts, nature and spiritual practice - we’ll share our personal stories of health & sickness, wellness & limitation, healing & wholeness, through the changing seasons of life - and seek to cultivate a deeper compassion for ourselves as embodied creatures, uncovering the wisdom ‘housed in clay’.

C: ‘The Beliefs That Ground Us’

with Celia Cartwright and Sue Woolley

Our beliefs and how we reflect on them can have a direct effect on how we speak, act, and are in the world, because we are all made up of body and spirit. In our group, we will gently explore how the things we believe about God / the Divine / the Sacred give shape, purpose and meaning to our lives, and vice versa. Using various spiritual and practical exercises we will experience different ways of understanding the integration of our religious/spiritual beliefs and values in our everyday lives.

D: ‘Sacred the Body’

with Sarah Tinker and Danny Crosby

Daniel Gottlieb writes *‘Part of the reason I’m at peace with my life is that I take care of the part of the universe I’m responsible for. I haven’t made it bigger or better. I haven’t changed it. But I have cared for it.’* Using personal stories of our precious, wounded lives, along with the approaches of philosophies and religions throughout the ages, our group will explore how best to honour and care for the material realm of bodies, of ‘things’ and of the earth.

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