

**ALTON CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
NEWSLETTER**

EASTER 2019



Dear Friends,

You never know what is around the corner in life.

As a child I had many relatives who were trance mediums and it soon became clear that I was as strange as them! I met our dear Betty when I was twenty eight and she trained me to be a medium for twenty years. Betty was like a second mother to me and helped me through a few of life's little traumas, shall we say, and I will be forever grateful to her.

A few years ago she started to mention that, one day, I may need to become President of our humble little church. I did not take this too seriously to be honest as thought it would not quite be my cup of tea. Now somehow I am President of our humble little church. I am sure Betty has a huge great smile on face!

I realise that this is a test for me personally, but I am determined that Alton Christian Spiritualist Church will continue to run as one big family, as it was when Betty was our President. That is exactly as she would have wanted. We owe Betty a huge great thank you for making the church what it is today.

I was concerned, like many of our congregation, as to what would happen to our church when such a beautiful lady, who was totally focused on Our Lord and running the church in his name, had moved on.

The family of our church is so strong it has amazed me. I would like to thank all those who run the church and have stepped up to the mark to keep it going. Thank you to all those who come to our church, it is so clear to me, that we all really want the church to continue to run as it has done, for many years to come. As President, I am no one special at all, it is all of us that make our church run in such a lovely open and friendly manner, where all are welcome.

The weekend of the coffee morning made me very happy indeed. It was such a friendly atmosphere where many new people came in for readings and healing. Then on the Sunday service after the medium had finished, with no words from me at all, those who help run the church moved swiftly into action, preparing the teas and getting the healing areas ready. The church is one big family doing our best for our dear Jesus.

Betty used to, almost weekly, encourage me (tell me off really) to be more friendly in the Church and I apologise if I come across that way. I used to say I am just a man but you imagine the answer!

I wish you all a lovely Easter

Rob Harvey
President

***At Thy feet O Christ, we lay
Thine own gift of this new day
Doubt of what it holds in store
Makes us crave Thine aid the more
Lest it prove a times of less,
Mark it Saviour, with Thy cross. (Wm Bright)***

Once again, we are thinking of Easter, a very special time in our calendars, almost time for one of the great Jewish feasts, the Passover. A time when the Jews remember their ancestors' great escape from Egypt, led by Moses. It was a Passion Supper where Jesus was betrayed by Judas.

Jesus told his disciples what would happen, adding "where I go you cannot come". Interestingly he also said "In my Father's House are many mansions. The word 'mansions' does not mean houses. It means "stations on a journey" which offer accommodation for the night and suggest progress and rest, rest and progress, to the journey's end. He must have had the 'mansions' in mind when he spoke of the Father in Heaven. But, how did he know that there were these "mansions/stations?".

Spiritualists would at once answer that he knew because he had been to them, seen them and passed through them. Why would Spiritualists say this? Because those 'ministering Spirits' whom God sends forth, known to us today as 'guardian angels' or 'guides', have told of their journeys through the spheres earthward. Guides have lived on earth at one time or another. Also Spiritualists often mention spheres and they know that Jesus was right. When guides speak to you, they are confirming all the love-teaching which Jesus is reported to have given and they condemn all teaching that is inconsistent with and antagonistic to that teaching. They confirm also the truth of there being 'mansions'.

That is why Spiritualists are such keen students of the gospels and are able, with the help of the "heavenly messengers", to separate the Church's dross from the heavenly gold in the teaching of Jesus.

***" There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate,
Of heaven and let us in." (C.F.Alexander)***

Easter is heading towards us, the trees are in bud, some are flowering, coming into bloom. You could say, what a better time to reflect on one's own life, perhaps when you think of what was sacrificed for us, and we in turn help someone whom we know that needs help.

The unity of our Church is very important and we all need to protect it from division, conflict and disharmony. Here I would quote to you, Colossians 3:14

“ Most of all, let love guide your life, For then the whole church will stay”.

It is lovely to see some new faces in the congregation and, of course, our regulars, so if you are receiving this Newsletter for the first time, a huge welcome to you and we hope you will continue to find our church a meaningful place to spend your Sunday evenings.

Should you want to ask any questions, please do not hesitate to chat to any member of the committee, who will be only too pleased to help.

Judith Rogers
Vice President

Obituary

For the Church It was a sad start to the New Year of 2019, with the news that both beloved Mary Andrews and Elsie Barry had passed to the Higher Life on the first day of January within a few hours of one another.

Mary joined our little church in about 1991 and was soon involved in the healing ministry, which was slightly ironic, as all her adult life had been as a qualified nurse, largely at the Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital in Alton, tending the needs of her patients. Mary was greatly loved by all those who knew her and for a short period was President of the Church. Her contribution to the life of our church will not be forgotten, as her Scottish lilt and canny wisdom will always be with us. The one guiding light in Mary's life was the enduring love of Jesus Christ as could be witnessed in her daily life.

Elsie joined our church at a similar time as Mary, but was not such a regular member of the congregation each Sunday, due largely to her failing health that meant several stays in hospital over many years. Elsie was a very quiet and withdrawn person that would take a back seat, but none-the-less, her love of Jesus Christ and her support of our church could not be faulted.

Both dear ladies will be together now learning their future as possible Ambassadors for Spirit. We all wish them a speedy journey to their future roles in heavenly realms.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday	14th April	Patricia Hall
Sunday	21st April	Easter service
Sunday	28th April	Healing
Sunday	5th May	Mary Gray
Saturday	11 May	Michael Redwin Afternoon. From 3.00pm to 5.00pm Members £7.50 Non-Members £10.00 Tickets on Sale at Church, please see Nerina.
Sunday	12th May	Ray Prince
Sunday	19th May	To be arranged
Sunday	26th May	Jenny Wheeler
Sunday	2nd June	Frances Barry
Sunday	9th June	Friendship service
Sunday	16th June	Healing service
Sunday	23rd June	Michael Redwin
Saturday	29th June	Garden Party. From 2.00pm to 5.00pm at Kookaburra House.
Sunday	30th June	Ginette Foot

Healing is available after every Sunday Service. We have some wonderful healers so, please do stay after the service and enjoy being given Healing.

Finally, have a wonderful Easter with your family and friends and give the dear Lord a loving thought and a huge thank you.

***“He is not dead this friend, not dead
But, in his path, we mortals tread.”***

Who is 'ZODIAC'?

Almost every Sunday we hear the name of Zodiac mentioned in respect of a reading within our little church. Have we ever wondered about that name? Is it in connection with the signs of the Zodiac? Does it have any astronomical or astrological connection? The short answer is yes, but only in the weakest of ways, and not necessarily as you might imagine.

To commence the story:

Miss Winifred Moyes, possibly the greatest medium of modern times, formed a family circle in South London in 1921, and met regularly every Sunday evening. It soon became apparent that a "Heavenly Messenger" regularly manifested through the mediumship of Miss Moyes and that this communicator spoke with great wisdom and was inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. The earthly name of Zodiac has never been disclosed, but he chose the name of Zodiac in order to lift up the thoughts of the circle members from the earth to the heavens. Zodiac describes himself as "a humble servant of the Master". He revealed that he was the unnamed scribe, mentioned in the Gospel of St. Mark (chap 12. Verses 28-34) who asked Jesus: "Which is the first Commandment of all?"

At the beginning, the messages by Zodiac were given by Miss Winifred Moyes to the family circle. Her sister, Miss Dorrie Moyes, took the messages down, presumably in shorthand, and then typed them up. The typed messages were then circulated to hundreds of people in a 'duplicated' format. By 1928 some 600 copies were regularly mimeographed each week and distributed to eager readers, who in turn passed them on to other interested parties.

In the interim the work of Miss Moyes was growing in fame, allowing the messages in the form of an address from Zodiac, to be heard by very large gatherings in Town Halls, Theatres, Cinemas and Churches in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The Zodiac messages were also heard in France, Holland, Canada and the USA. Translations of the messages were regularly published in French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian and even Arabic.

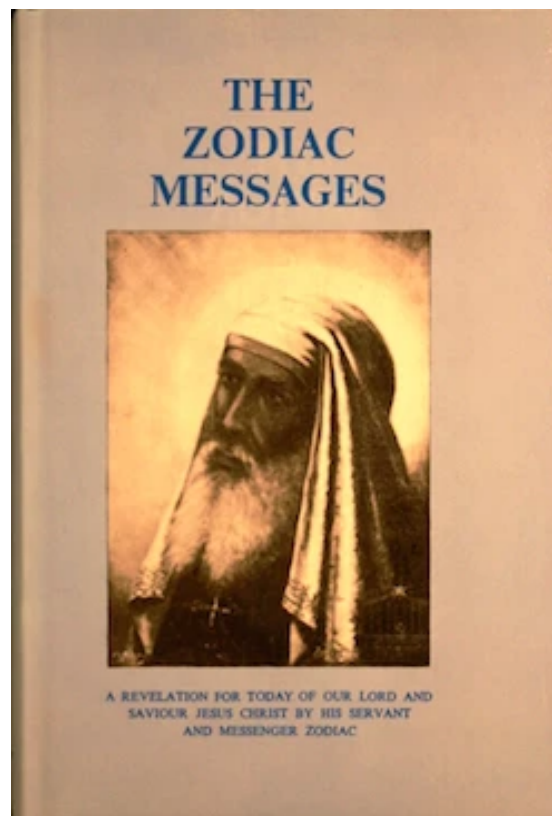
Miss Winifred Moyes continued with her addresses until her passing on 12th December 1957, having by then given at least 1300 Zodiac inspired addresses.

It must also be recognised that Miss Winifred Moyes suffered an awful physical weakness from early childhood that resulted her constantly being sent to a sick bed and eventually resulted in her being confined to a wheelchair. She spent many years of her life attending hospital to see various specialists for some relief of her condition. However, she would often be assisted on to a platform of a hall or church in her wheelchair, and immediately she was taken over by Zodiac got up from the wheelchair, addressed the congregation for perhaps a half or one hour and then collapse to her chair in a state of total fatigue and exhaustion. Something that none of the consultants that she was under could explain!

A large number of important addresses given by Zodiac have been compiled and arranged by Albert H. Hillyard in the book "The Zodiac Messages" reference addition. Copies of this wonderful book can be obtained through our church. If you think that you may be interested then please speak to any Committee member, who will be able to take your order and for the sum of approximately £10.00 obtain a copy for you. However, I must advise you that this astonishing book is not a novel – it is a book of study and prayerful contemplation. It gives so many insights into the workings of Jesus Christ and His mission but needs to be read and re-read, section by section.

Give it a go!

Brian Redwood
Trustee



Easter 2019

What does Easter mean to us? Is it chocolate eggs.....a bouquet of flowers..... picturesque bonnets..... a Bank Holiday?

In some branches of 'Orthodoxy' Easter is known as the 'Blood Sacrifice' by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Surely it is far better, and more in keeping with Christian Spiritualism, to know it as the 'LOVE SACRIFICE'?

For God, through His love of us all, sacrificed His only begotten Son to die on the cross.

If this same 'Love' can be reflected in each one of us, in our daily lives, then the world will become a safer and more pleasant place to live.

So remember.....'THE LOVE SACRIFICE'

WISHING ALL OUR FRIENDS

A VERY HAPPY EASTER

