

About Hucklow Summer School 2010:

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, Caroline Blair, Lindy Latham, Mel Prideaux and Alison Thursfield. The panel is responsible for organising Summer School 2010. 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 1st April 2010 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, the children's programme will be led by Peter Teets and Jim Blair. Activities will run during each morning session. Children will be the responsibility of their parents/carers at other times.

Minister of the Week

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

For more information about Hucklow Summer School 2010:

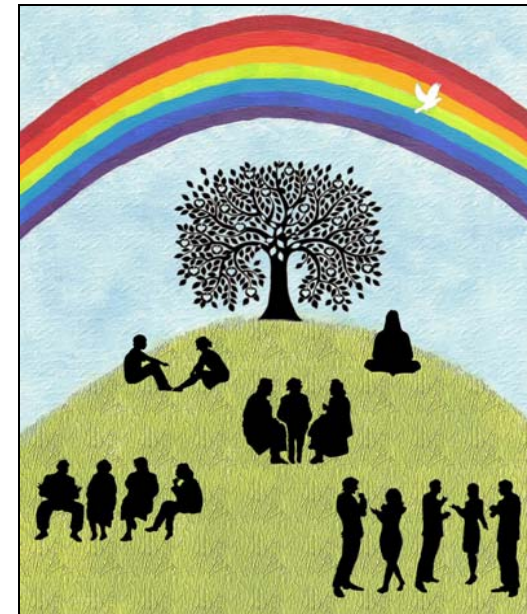
Contact Mel Prideaux on 01924 781 020 or email Jane Blackall on info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk.

Hucklow Summer School 2010

For Personal and Leadership Development

SPEAKING OF GOD

Unitarian Adventures in Theology



21st to 28th August 2010

Great Hucklow, Derbyshire

Applications due by 1st April 2010

www.hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

*Hucklow Summer School Panel: part of the Education and Training Commission,
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 2010: Application Form

Adult Shared: £340 Children 12-16: £260 Children 5-11: £220 Children under 5: £80

A supplement of £60 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.

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 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 £50 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.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS THURSDAY 1ST APRIL 2010.

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

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

Some bursaries are available to help with funding. All enquiries will be dealt with in confidence.

Please contact Mel Prideaux as soon as possible for further details of how to apply for financial assistance: Telephone: 01924 781 020 Email: info@hucklowsummerschool.org.uk

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Morning Theme Talks: “Speaking of God” with Dr. Mel Prideaux and Friends

Learning how to speak of God is one of the hardest tasks for modern Unitarians. In this series of theme talks we will have the opportunity to hear five perspectives on what it means to 'speak of God'. Using their own experience and theological training our speakers will take us on a guided tour of some features of contemporary Unitarian theology. Challenging us to engage with heart and soul in the adventure of theology, the theme talks will give us the opportunity to explore our own 'speaking of God' in loving community. Mel will be joined by a team of fellow theme speakers: Rev. Jane Barraclough, Rev. Maud Robinson, Rev. Michael Dadson, Yvonne Aburrow and David Francis Darling.

Morning Engagement Groups

A: “Experiencing God”

with Rev. Margaret Kirk and Winnie Gordon

God be in mine eyes and in my looking; God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking.

Can we speak of God without using our eyes, our ears, our sense of touch and the voices of our heart and our conscience? Our engagement group will provide the opportunity to explore how our experience shapes the words we use when we speak of God. We will explore the impact of nature, creative art, our experience of love and the call of justice and caring through a variety of stimuli: our natural environment, a creative activity, film/audio material, music and the experience of our shared stories.

B: “Exploring Prayer”

with Dr. Jane Blackall and Dr. Mel Prideaux

This group will be partly based on the book 'Simply Pray' by UU minister Erik Walker Wikstrom. During the sessions, we will focus on four types of traditional prayer, which are shared by all the major world religions: naming, knowing, listening, and loving. It is our intention that the group will provide the opportunity to learn about practices from other faith traditions and also to directly experience various different forms of prayer. There will be plenty of time for your own personal reflection on the theme and chances to share your views and experiences of prayer with others. We hope that the course will help each participant to find a way to pray that is authentic to them and their sense of the Holy.

C: “Icons: Windows to the Divine”

with Rev. Linda Hart and Caroline Blair

Icons have been used for centuries to offer individuals an image of the divine. We will explore a variety of ways to create images that help us see God in all: from nature, in objects, through symbols and our own creations. This course will centre around visual expressions, and include time for reflection and writing, as well as other creative activities. No special artistic skills are required, just an openness to explore in a variety of media.

D: “Building Your Own Theology”

with Joyce Ashworth and Rev. Maud Robinson

“Theology comes out of the tough and tender experiences of life” ~ Richard S Gilbert

An opportunity to explore the well-regarded Unitarian RE programme, “Building Your Own Theology”, designed to help individuals understand, develop and express their inner journey and values for life. Through varied activities there will be opportunities to share important real-life experiences and reflect on their significance and effect on the formation of our personal religious viewpoints. We aim to provide the tools to enable participants to clarify and articulate their own personal beliefs and values. This course of personal spiritual exploration is a published programme which, having experienced it yourself as a participant at summer school, you could take back to facilitate in your own community.

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