

STOCKSFIELD QUAKERS

“This Spiritual Life” Unitarians *... with Louise Reeve*

About Unitarians ... Unitarianism is hard to define, but then many Unitarians would have it no other way.

Like Quakers, we began with a rejection of established doctrine and **a belief that all human beings must be free to seek their own truths and spiritual experiences, supported by a loving community.**

Our name originally comes from our rejection of the Holy Trinity in favour of **a belief in the unity of God and the humanity of Jesus**, but like many in the modern world, we're now exploring what it means to be part of a spiritual community in the era of 'spiritual, not religious'.



Many would say that our name now emphasises a broader **search for unity and common ground among different religious and spiritual traditions**, and the need for people of faith to seek that which brings us together.

Louise will speak about her own Unitarian journey, what it means to be a Unitarian in **2026**, and what

Newcastle Unitarians are doing to rejuvenate their community.



About Louise ...

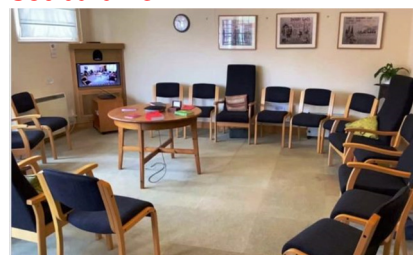
Like many Unitarians, I've been a Unitarian all my life, but only realised it after I found a Unitarian congregation. **I joined Newcastle Unitarians in 2010**, and realised that they were my people. I've been the congregation's Chairperson since 2018 and a lay worship leader since 2020, which has certainly

been a journey!

A visit to Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in

February 2020 inspired me to learn more about Quakerism, and it's my hope that the **Quaker and Unitarian congregations in the North East might come to work more closely together** in the near future, to promote liberal religion and spirituality in challenging times.

When not doing Unitarianism, I am Newcastle City Council's Consultation Lead Officer, also a rugby league fan and a **keen scuba diver**.



Monday 21st September, 2026
Stocksfield Quaker Meeting House & Zoom Room
Doors open from 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Speaker & Discussion from 7.00pm

Corner of New Ridley Road & A695 NE43 7LB

ZOOM ROOM LINK from quakermichael@gmail.com