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Dear Friends

[A Celebration of J.S Bach with Roger B. Williams and the Union Chapel Singers](#)

Wednesday 26th March 7pm

FREE

During his lifetime Bach was best known as an organist, organ consultant, and composer of organ works - The Organ Project and Friends of Union Chapel would like to welcome you all along to a free evening recital celebrating this canon of work on **Wednesday 26th of March, from 7pm.**



Window Works

The major restoration project currently underway at the Chapel is focusing on the windows in the ancillary rooms of the building.

We've started work restoring the windows in the Sunday School Hall, Lower Hall, Bar, Committee Room and the offices to their original glory. Windows that should open will, broken panes will be replaced and all the glass will be made to match. Seals will be included so that they have better insulation and the frames will be repainted.

The works are being part funded by Section 106 money provided by Notting Hill Housing, who are the owners of the 85 Canonbury Road site (the former Highbury Corner car park behind the Chapel) which they are currently redeveloping.



The inside work in the Sunday School Hall and offices has already being completed and work will begin on the remaining spaces shortly.

Open Wednesdays

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

Every Wednesday the Chapel flings open its doors from 7.15am-1pm and welcomes people for coffee, conversation and a programme of wonderful free activities. Each week there is something different from Mindful Music to Games Galore, Crafty Arts to Topical Talks.

Prayer meeting 7.15am

Open Space from 8am - 1pm with activities beginning at 11am

Entrance and activities are free, though donations are welcome!



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Lions & Tigers & Bears! Oh my!

Well just a lion after all but frightening enough...

The year 1940 makes the history books for many a reason but we may now add the most alarming job interview of all time to the annals. Union Chapel, in need of a new minister invited one Rev Ronald Taylor to preach and after a successful service he was invited to coffee with the Deacons.

So far so normal but halfway through this very civilised affair the air-raid siren sounded and the whole group was forced to retreat down into "a labyrinth of basements", where Taylor felt he might actually be in greater danger from the buildings collapsing above him. Containing himself, he entered the suggested room in half-light to find himself confronted by a stuffed lion!



Life in the chapel has never been boring, unfortunately though Taylor doesn't record what became of the lion. He did at least get the job!

Andrew Gardner, Chairman of Islington Archaeology and History Society and Outreach officer here at Union Chapel is eager to hear from anyone with first hand recollections of Ronald Taylor, Minister from 1940 - 1980. Email friends@unionchapel.org.uk if you have any tales that may be of interest

Save the Date! Friends Garden Party 17th August 2014

The Friends of Union Chapel's annual Garden Party will take place on **Sunday 17th August from 3pm.**

We will be joined for the occasion by the Heritage Campers from CSV who will be awarded with mugs and certificates in appreciation of their hard work. (Picture shows last two of last year's campers being presented with certificates by Philip Walker - Chair of Union Chapel Project Board of Directors, Anthony Richardson, Secretary of Friends of Union Chapel and Dame Elisabeth Hoodless, Patron of Union Chapel Project.



The Friends Committee

If you would like to join the Friends Committee and join in all or any of these projects, please call or email Tony Richardson as below:

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