



Ullet Road Church

**Services and Music**

*May 2026*

# Welcome

*"I do not pretend to understand the moral universe, the arc is a long one, my eye reaches but little ways. I cannot calculate the curve and complete the figure by the experience of sight; I can divine it by conscience. But from what I see I am sure it bends towards justice."*<sup>1</sup>

Ullet Road Church history goes back to the 17th Century, and its members were leading lights in commerce, politics, and philanthropy. The church was built in 1898 and has served its community lovingly ever since. Ullet Road Church is a space of faith and reason, not constrained by dogma or creed. The divine makes itself known by various means, and our community allows for intellectual exploration. Our searching for meaning has been explored since humanity set foot on earth, and Unitarianism allows for Freedom of inquiry, Reason to argue and Tolerance to accept other opinions and beliefs in God.

## **Sunday Worship**

We come together for worship on each Sunday of the year, from 11am, with a break in the month of August. The service contains hymns, readings, prayers, and a reflection, all supported by our choir, but we draw from many traditions, seeking inspiration from different religions and philosophies. We want to be a place where you can come, without regard to age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, or any other identity one may hold. After the service you are welcome to join us in the library for refreshments.

The Sunday Service has a strong Sunday School (otherwise known as the Rainbow Rebels) programme, we employ three Sunday School facilitators. The children explore poetry, music, and drama. Also, the children are given opportunities to explore social issues and injustices.

With open mind and warm heart, you are welcome to join us.

**Reverend Phillip Waldron**

**Minister, Ullet Road Church**

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<sup>1</sup> Rev. Theodore Parker, Unitarian Minister, from a sermon, "Of Justice and the Conscience," published in 1853.

# Music at Ullet Road Church

Music is at the heart of our worship at Ullet Road Church. Our Grade II\* listed pipe organ and baby grand piano are used to provide a range of music for services and concerts. Music can transform and connect people through connection and community, and we strive to promote a greater appreciation of its value by bringing people together to share through the power of stimulating musical experiences. We draw from a range of musical traditions, from ancient plainchant right up to contemporary compositions.

In May of 2025 the formation of a new adult choir was undertaken. The choir rehearses on every Tuesday from 7-8pm in the Main Church, and then before the service on Sundays in the Library, from 10:30-10:45. On the last Sunday of each month, the choir sings a special piece during the Reflection.

All materials are provided alongside recordings of hymns and pieces the choir is learning/performing. No experience is required, and all training is provided. Complete free, no auditions, no pressure. Just harmony in every sense.

In March 2026 the creation of a non-stipendiary Organ Scholarship was begun, in partnership with The Bluecoat School. The scholarship comes with a whole host of benefits and training available to the organ scholar, including access to the incredible three-manual pipe organ and accompaniment opportunities with the choir, alongside playing for services and special events.

For more information, simply email us at [ulletroadchurch.music@gmail.com](mailto:ulletroadchurch.music@gmail.com)

**Myles Tyrrell**

**Director of Music, Ullet Road Church**

## Sunday 3rd May: Beltane - The Fire of Life

Welcome Music: Hot Stuff - Donna Summer

1st Hymn: Purple 33 "[Enter, Rejoice and Come In](#)"

2nd Hymn: Purple 68 "[I Dream of a Church](#)"

Choral Response to Candles of Joy & Sorrow: "[Take, O Take](#)"

3rd Hymn: Purple 193 "[We laugh, we cry](#)"

Reflection Music: The Merry-Go-Round of Life (Joe Hisaishi)

Collection Music: We Didn't Start The Fire - Billy Joel

4th Hymn: Purple 88 "[Let It Be A Dance We Do](#)"

Benediction Hymn: Purple 45 "[Go Now In Peace](#)"

Organ Voluntary: Festival Toccata - Percy Fletcher<sup>2</sup>

## Sunday 10th May: An Irish Tapestry

Welcome Music: A Selection of Irish Reels

1st Hymn: Purple 33 "[Enter, Rejoice and Come In](#)"

2nd Hymn: Green 228 "Till Greed and Hate Cease"

Choral Response to Candles of Joy & Sorrow: TBC

3rd Hymn: Purple 119 "O Source of Many Cultures" (t. *Salley Gardens*)

Reflection Music: Meditation on "Londonderry Air" (Denis Bédard)

Collection Music: The Gravel Walks (trad.)

4th Hymn: Purple 102 "[May The Road Rise With You](#)"

Benediction Hymn: Purple 45 "[Go Now In Peace](#)"

Organ Voluntary: The Rattlin' Bog (trad.)

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<sup>2</sup> (played by Lucas, Organ Scholar)

## Sunday 17th May: Voices of Conscience

Welcome Music: Extemporisation on *Repton*

1st Hymn: Green 280 "[Morning Has Broken](#)"

2nd Hymn: Green 101 "[Dear Lord And Father](#)"

Choral Response to Candles of Joy & Sorrow: "[Take, O Take](#)"

3rd Hymn: Green 151 "[Be Thou My Vision](#)"

Reflection Music: Comptine d'un autre été (Yann Tiersen)

Collection Music: Extemporisation in *Bb*

4th Hymn: Green 224 "[A Glad Resplendent Day](#)"

Benediction Hymn: Green 306 "[Lord As We Part](#)"

Organ Voluntary: Go Tell It On The Mountain (John Behnke)

## Sunday 24th May: St. Francis and Simplicity

Welcome Music: Extract from "Fantasy on Simple Gifts" (Paul Fey)

1st Hymn: Green 146 "[Tis the Gift To Be Simple](#)"

2nd Hymn: Green 101 "[Dear Lord And Father](#)"

Choral Response to Candles of Joy & Sorrow: "[Take, O Take](#)"

3rd Hymn: Green 133 "[How Can I Keep From Singing](#)"

Reflection Music : Air & Gavotte - Samuel Wesley<sup>3</sup>

Collection Music : Extract from "Fantasy on Simple Gifts" (Paul Fey)

4th Hymn: Green 241 "[All Creatures of Our God and King](#)"<sup>4</sup>

Benediction Hymn: Green 306 "[Lord As We Part](#)"

Organ Voluntary: Extract from "Fantasy on Simple Gifts" (Paul Fey)

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<sup>3</sup> Played by organ scholar, Lucas

<sup>4</sup> Based on a poem of St. Francis

## **Sunday 31st May: The Soul's Horizon**

Welcome Music: Prelude on "Slane" (Healy Willan)

1st Hymn: Purple 33 "[Enter, Rejoice and Come In](#)"

2nd Hymn: Purple 35 "[Find a Stillness](#)"

Choral Response to Candles of Joy & Sorrow: "[Take, O Take](#)"

3rd Hymn: Purple 167 "[There Is A Place I Call My Own](#)"

Music during Reflection: The Choir sings "[Love is Love](#)" (Abbie Betinis)

Music during Collection: Extemporisation on "Sing, Sing for Joy"

4th Hymn: Purple 144 "Sing, Sing for Joy" [NEW]

Benediction Hymn: Purple 45 "[Go Now In Peace](#)"

Organ Voluntary: Festive Trumpet Tune (David German)