

*Bits and Pieces . . . and please keep them coming in!*

Here is your 89th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for October 2015. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

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### **Midland Unitarian Association Sesquicentenary: Appeal for Contributions**

As I wrote last month, we are planning to produce a special commemorative book, to be published in time for our 150th Annual General Meeting next March. The bulk of it is to consist of **original worship material, provided by our many talented writers and poets in the Midlands congregations**. So please send any contributions to me, Sue Woolley, at the address below. We are looking for: Calls to Worship, Chalice Lighting Words, Closing Words / Benedictions, Prayers, Meditations, Poems, Reflections and Hymn Lyrics. They must be your own work, and free of copyright (i.e. not previously published elsewhere). The initial deadline for contributions is **Friday 27th November**. But don't wait till then! Thank you.

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### **Midland Unitarian Association of Lay Preachers and Service Leaders: Autumn Training Day: Ministering to Our Communities (Part One)**

**Diane Rutter, Nicky Jenkins, and Kate McKenna** will be leading this exciting workshop, in which participants will be able to explore how engaging with the community outside our doors can feed the spirit of Unitarianism within ourselves, within our congregation, and without, into our locality and our communities. Each speaker will share their unique perspectives:

**When:** Saturday 10th October 2015

**Where:** Unitarian New Meeting Church, Ryland St, Birmingham B16 8BL

**Times:** 10.00 am - 4.15 pm (coffee / tea from 9.30 am)

**Cost:** Free to MUA participants; £10 for those outside the District

**FINAL CALL: PLEASE LET ME KNOW SOONEST IF YOU ARE  
COMING TO THIS**

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### **Midland Unitarian Association Annual Lunch**

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Winnie Gordon on 'The Busyness of Our Lives'

**Where:** Kingswood Meeting House, Packhorse Lane,  
Hollywood, Worcs B47 5DQ

**When:** Saturday 31st October 2015

**Cost:** £10 a head

**All congregational Secretaries have been sent a letter & booking form.**

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### **Kidderminster New Meeting House calls new Minister & appoints Community Facilitator**

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Winnie Gordon is to become Minister of Kidderminster New Meeting House. She will commence her role here in early October. Winnie of course needs little introduction. She is well known across the District for her excellent and ongoing work as Minister at Unitarian New Meeting Church, Birmingham, and we are looking forward to closer links between our two congregations as we share in the mutual benefits of her Ministry.

We are also delighted to announce that we have also appointed Aleks Zglinska as Community Facilitator at New Meeting House. She starts her role with us in mid-August. Aleks has been a member at New Meeting for just under two years, and is brimming with ideas about how to extend our community links, serve young families, and provide activities that will attract more people. These initiatives will provide the focus for her role with us, and she will be working closely with Winnie to this end.

**Graham Williams, President of Kidderminster New Meeting House**

If you have any contributions for the next *Bits & Pieces*, please send them to me at 5, Martins Road, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DN or via e-mail to [revsuewoolley@gmail.com](mailto:revsuewoolley@gmail.com) . Thank you!