

BITS AND PIECES . . . AND PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING IN!

Here is your 113th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for November 2017. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA ANNUAL LUNCH

Unitarians from round the Midlands enjoyed an interesting talk by our Guest Speaker, Rev. Feargus O'Connor, minister of Golders Green and St. Alban's Unitarians. Feargus chose to talk about the Charter for Compassion, an initiative launched by Karen Armstrong in 2010, which believes that the world could be made a better, more sustainable place for human beings and all other living beings, by following the Golden Rule, which is at the heart of all religious faith traditions. The General Assembly of Unitarian & Free Christian Churches is a partner organisation of the Charter for Compassion. One practical application of this was the setting up in 2012 of the Clara Barton Emergency Appeal, with a vision of responding rapidly and effectively to the needs of victims, not only of war and conflict, but also of natural disasters, in conjunction with the Red Cross. To date, Unitarians have donated more than £98,000 to it.

Following his speech, those present enjoyed a delicious lunch, prepared by Jill Bowie and her team. It was a joyful Unitarian occasion.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

When: Saturday 4th November 2017

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

Course Leaders: Rev. John Harley and Liz Hills

Times: 12 noon to 5.00 pm

Cost: Free

EVERY congregation in the District needs to send at least one person to this training day. Please contact Rev. Sue Woolley (details below) as soon as possible to secure your place.

UK UNITARIAN TV COMES TO KINGSWOOD

On Sunday 19th November UKUnitarianTV will be recording the 11am Service at Kingswood Meeting House. There will be a Bring and share lunch afterwards. At 1:30pm there will be a short Christmas Service which will be recorded which can then be used in Unitarian Christmas publicity.

The address of the Meeting House is Packhorse Lane, Hollywood, Worcs. B47 5DQ

Other Unitarians are warmly invited to join us for all or part of the day. (Please bring your Christmas jumpers to wear for the Christmas Service part!)

Please contact Rev. Ant Howe ant_howe@hotmail.com for further details.

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 Thank you!