

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

Here is your 114th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for December 2017. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

### **KEY MESSAGES FROM THE NOVEMBER 2017 MUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. MUA AGM: will be taking place at Unitarian New Meeting Church in Birmingham, on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Our Guest Speaker will be Stephen Lingwood. Further details to follow shortly.
2. Spring Training Day: will be taking place at Kingswood Meeting House, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2018, on the theme *Building Resilient Congregations*. Our Guest Speakers will be Simon Bland, the General Assembly's Ministry & Congregational Support Officer, and Rev. Ant Howe, minister of Kingswood. Further details to follow shortly.

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### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES AROUND THE MUA**

The following services will be taking place to celebrate the festive season:

#### **Sunday 10th December:**

Park Lane Unitarian Chapel, **Cradley**: Carol Service, 6.30 pm  
Presbyterian (Unitarian) Chapel, **Stourbridge**: Carol Service, 3.00 pm

#### **Sunday 17th December:**

Unitarian New Meeting Church **Birmingham**: Carol Service, 3.00 pm  
**Cheltenham & Gloucester** Unitarians: Carol Service 11.00 am  
The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church, **Coventry**: Carol Service 3.00 pm  
Old Meeting House, **Dudley**: Black Country Group Carol Service, 3.00 pm  
New Meeting House, **Kidderminster**: Carols by Candlelight, 6.30 pm  
**Northampton** Unitarians: Carol Service, 10.30 am  
**Shrewsbury Unitarian Church**: Carol Service, 10.30 am

#### **Friday 22nd December:**

Oat Street Chapel, **Evesham**: Christmas-themed Friday Light, 6.30 pm  
**Kingswood Meeting House**: Christingle Service, 4.00 pm  
Warwick Unitarian Chapel: Carol Service, 4.30 pm

#### **Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve):**

**Banbury** Unitarian Fellowship: Carol Service, 11.00 am  
**Cheltenham & Gloucester** Unitarians: Christmas Service 11.00 am  
Oat Street Chapel, **Evesham**: Christmas Service, 11.00 am  
**Kingswood** Meeting House: Service 11.00 am  
**Kingswood** Meeting House: Carol Service 7.00 pm  
**Kingswood** Meeting House Communion Service 9.00 pm  
**Kingswood** Meeting House: Service 11.30 pm

#### **Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day):**

Unitarian New Meeting Church **Birmingham**: Christmas Day service, 11.00 am  
**Kingswood** Meeting House: Family Christmas service, 10.30 am

*Wishing my unitarian friends and colleagues all around the Midlands  
a blessed and peaceful Christmas,  
and a happy, busy and fruitful New Year.*

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!