

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

Here is your 116th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for February 2018. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

SPRING TRAINING DAY

Building Resilient Congregations

Course Leader: Simon Bland, GA Ministry & Congregational Support Officer

When: Saturday 17th February 2018

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

Times: 10.00 am – 4.15 pm (refreshments from 9.30 am)

Cost: FREE to MUA congregations; £10 to others.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are planning to attend this event.

WORSHIP STUDIES COURSE FOUNDATION STEP

Course Leaders: Rev. Ant Howe, Rev. Stephen Lingwood, Jane Russell, Rev. Sue Woolley

When: Saturdays 12th May, 9th June, and 14th July 2018

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

Times: 10.00 am – 4.15 pm each day (refreshments from 9.30 am)

Cost: £39 to MUA participants, £48 to others.

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

When: Saturday 24th March 2018

Guest Speaker: Stephen Lingwood, Unitarian Minister

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

Times: 10.30 for 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

Cost: £5.00 per head for lunch (provided by UNM)

KEY MESSAGES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Stronger Data Protection Act: The Data Protection Act is being strengthened, which will have implications for how all congregations hold personal data. It comes into force on 25th May 2018. Further information to follow shortly.
2. Unitarians Together in Diversity: following her survey in 2017, the District Minister's book will be published by the Lindsey Press, and launched at the April GA meetings.
3. Heritage Open Day 2018: will have a special theme 'Women in History'. For consideration by all congregations taking part.

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!