

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

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WORSHIP STUDIES COURSE FOUNDATION STEP

Course Leaders: Rev. Winnie Gordon, 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.

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.ASPARAGUS LUNCH 2018

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Where: Oat Street Unitarian Chapel, Evesham WR11 4PJ

Preacher: Rev. Peter Godfrey

Toast to Civil & Religious Liberty: Mrs. Joan Cook, GA President

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