

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

Here is your 119th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for June 2018. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY MEETING KEY MESSAGES

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. Please could all congregations ensure that they have asked their members to complete the forms circulated by Sandy Ellis, and return a list of names for inclusion in the next MUA Annual Report to him.
2. Chaplain to Mayor of Kidderminster: Rev. Winnie Gordon is now Chaplain to the Mayor of Kidderminster.

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### **TWO EVENTS AT SHREWSBURY UNITARIAN CHURCH**

Shrewsbury Unitarians are hosting two events in the near future: a Listening Skills course, on 9<sup>th</sup> June, and a talk about Elizabeth Gaskell, the Unitarian Victorian novelist, on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Posters for both events are enclosed with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*.

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EQUALITEAS: 18TH JUNE – 2ND JULY 2018

EqualiTeas is a celebration of our democratic equality, with parties and picnics taking place in communities all over the country. This is a great opportunity to get people involved with your organisation, thinking about democracy and get people actively engaged, sharing stories and debating ideas. Find out more and register at www.equaliteas.org.uk.

VOTE 100: CELEBRATING WOMEN'S VOICES IN DEMOCRACY

This is a year-long project, marking 100 years since Parliament passed the law allowing some women, and all men, to vote for the first time; and the 90th anniversary of the law giving all people the right to vote on an equal basis. Find out more about Vote 100 at www.parliament.uk/vote100.

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### **STOURBRIDGE UNITARIAN CHAPEL 320<sup>TH</sup> AND 230<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

**When:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

**Anniversary Service Leader:** Rev. Sue Woolley

**Where:** Stourbridge Unitarian Chapel, Lower High Street, Stourbridge DY 8 1TG

**Times:** 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

All are welcome – refreshments after the service.

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!