

Bits and Pieces . . . and please keep them coming in!

Here is your Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for December 2014. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AROUND THE MUA

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

Sunday 7th December:

Old Meeting House, **Coseley**: Christmas / Advent Service, 11.00 am

Sunday 14th December:

Unitarian New Meeting Church **Birmingham**: Toy Service, 11.00 am

Park Lane Unitarian Chapel, **Cradley**: Carol Service, 6.30 pm

New Meeting House, **Kidderminster**: Carols by Candlelight, 6.30 pm

Presbyterian (Unitarian) Chapel, **Stourbridge**: Carol Service, 3.00 pm

Friday 19th December:

Warwick Unitarian Chapel: Carol Service, 3.30 pm

Sunday 21st December:

Unitarian New Meeting Church **Birmingham**: Carol Service, 3.00 pm

Cheltenham & Gloucester Unitarians: Christmas / Solstice Service

The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church, **Coventry**: Carol Service 3.00 pm

Old Meeting House, **Dudley**: Black Country Group Carol Service, 3.00 pm

Northampton Unitarians: Congregational Carol Service, 10.30 am

Manchester College **Oxford** Chapel Society: Christmas Service, 11.00 am

Tuesday 23rd December:

Kingswood Meeting House: Children's Service 4.00 pm

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve):

Kingswood Meeting House: Carol Service 7.00 pm

Kingswood Meeting House: Communion Service 11.30 pm

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day):

Unitarian New Meeting Church **Birmingham**: Christmas Day service, 11.00 am

Kingswood Meeting House: Family Christmas service, 10.00 am

Sunday 28th December:

Banbury Unitarian Fellowship: Christmas / End of Year Service, 11.00 am

Shrewsbury Unitarian Church: Christmas / End of Year Service, 10.30 am

SEND A CHILD TO HUCKLOW - ARE YOU PLANNING TO SHOP ONLINE THIS XMAS?

Raise funds with the click of a mouse at www.easyfundraising.org.uk. If you go to your favourite online stores via easyfundraising, after selecting Send a Child to Hucklow as your preferred charity, your shopping will generate funds for SACH at no extra cost to yourself. Why not give it a try for your Christmas shopping? This method raised £323 last year, but that is surely the merest tip of a money-filled iceberg!

OR If you have a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) account, you can donate directly online by quoting the keyword 'Hucklow'.

APPRECIATING FRIENDS AND FAMILY (repeated from last year with no apology)

A priest received many cards from his parishioners every Christmas and duly put them up to enjoy, and took them down again at Epiphany. He would then put them in a pile, and each day he would take one card and put it up and think about the person who sent it to him. So he worked his way through the pile for as long as it took. (with thanks to Joan Allibone of Oxford)

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 sue.woolley@virgin.net. Thank you!