Here is your Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for January 2015. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

## Midland Unitarian Association Annual General Meeting

When: Saturday 21st March 2015

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

**Guest Speaker:** Mrs. Alison Thursfield, member of MUA and National Executive Committees

**Time:** 10.30 am for 11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Bring your own lunch - refreshments provided by UNM

## Midland Unitarian Association of Lay Preachers and Service Leaders: Spring Training Day Workshop: The Road Ahead

Workshop Leader: Rev. Rob Gregson, Simple Gifts

When: Saturday 25th April 2015

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

**Times:** 10.00 am - 4.15 pm (coffee/tea from 9.30 am)

**Cost:** FREE to MUA participants; £10 to others.

Christmas Aftermath by Rev. Cliff Reed

Thou out of whose mystery came Jesus to show your love for us; who gave us Christmas as a time of hope, be with us as the world closes in once again.

We want our Christmas faith in the power of peace to be a faith for the whole year. We want our Christmas spirit of love and goodwill to be a spirit for the whole year.

We would believe that Christmas promise is mightier than the world's betrayal - help thou our unbelief.

In the aftermath, grant us the clarity of a bright winter's morning, a pure vision to follow for the world's healing. And give us the dedication to make it real. Amen

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 <a href="mailto:sue.woolley@virgin.net">sue.woolley@virgin.net</a>. Thank you!