

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

Here is your 9th Midland Union Bits & Pieces. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

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**Kingswood Meeting House stars in Inquirer**

There was a long article about Kingswood Meeting House in the 29<sup>th</sup> November issue of *The Inquirer*, telling the story of the growth they have experienced in the last two years. It is well worth a read.

Well done Kingswood!

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Cheltenham hosts Christmas Puppet Spectacular

Bayshill underwent a transformation "as good as any in a pantomime" when the Pelham Puppets returned for two double bills of shows between 18th and 27th December. Proceeds went to Children in Need.

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**Evesham has a new digital piano**

Oat Street Chapel Evesham is now the proud owner of a Kawai digital piano. Its debut performance was heard during the service on 16<sup>th</sup> November, courtesy of Humphrey Bright.

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BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT WOMEN'S LEAGUE AGM

When: Saturday 28th February 2009

Where: Unitarian New Meeting Church, Ryland St, Birmingham

Time: 11.30 am – 4.00 pm

Rev. Penny Johnson, National President of the Women's League will be their guest. Further details from Miss Ann Hughes 0121-525-1123 e-mail: annhughes999@aol.com

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***CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT UNITARIAN NEW MEETING CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM***

The Christmas Fayre at Unitarian New Meeting Church, Birmingham on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December was a great success, taking over £380. The day focussed on bringing families from the Ladywood area into the church to enjoy food, music and festive activities for a nominal cost. UNM has made contact with a local charity called The Karis Neighbourhood Scheme, which helps to support the vulnerable families in the area, and all profits went to them.

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For the New Year: A Meditation for Beginning by Judith L. Quarles

Spirit of life and love:

In this season of beginning

Some of us are hurried and harried.

Some of us feel sorrowful and afraid.

Some of us are not yet ready to step forward into the future.

May we minister to one another with wisdom,

Meeting our friends with open ears, open eyes, and open hearts.

In this season of beginning

Some of us are celebrating triumphs and joys.

Some of us feel whole and happy.

Some of us are eager and excited, curious to see what happens next.

Let us each, as we are able, take part in one another's happiness and enthusiasm.

Quiet spirit of life and love,

Bring us the grace to share wholly and faithfully in the lives of our friends and loved ones. —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 sue.woolley@virgin.net. Thank you!