

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

Here is your Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for November 2009. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

The details for two MUA events for Spring 2010 have been fixed, so please put them in your diaries:

**MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAY PREACHERS & SERVICE LEADERS
SPRING TRAINING**

Theme: Alternative Forms of Worship

Led by: Mrs. Alison Thursfield and Mrs. Sue Woolley; Guest Speaker: Ms. Mel Prideaux

When: Saturday 13th February 2010

Where: The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church, Coventry CV1 3AE

Times: 9.30 am to 4.00 pm

This interesting day will include the opportunity to Walk a Labyrinth

Further details from: Sue Woolley (details below)

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**MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**When:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010

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

**Times:** assemble at 10.30 for 11.00 am

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Andrew Pakula, leader of UK Spirituality Network

This is an opportunity to meet up with fellow Unitarians across the Midlands, and to hear what the MUA Executive Committee has been doing on your behalf in the last twelve months. I will be sending out letters to Congregation Secretaries this month, to ask for your annual reports, and would be grateful for a prompt response, as the Report has to be with the Printer just after Christmas.

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KIDDERMINSTER HAS A QUIET ROOM

The south ante-room at the front of Kidderminster New Meeting House has now been redecorated, and is available as a 'quiet room', and also a place for Rev. Ann Latham to interview couples wishing to get married in the church, or to arrange with parents for the baptisms / naming ceremonies of their children.

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**NORTHAMPTON INTERFAITH WEEK**

Northampton Unitarians will be participating in Northampton Interfaith Week, which takes place from 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November, and has been organised by the Northampton Interfaith Forum. They will be attending events, and networking with members of other faith communities.

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KINGSWOOD THURSDAY EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP

Kingswood has started a fortnightly Discussion Group. Topics for the next couple of months include Generosity, Feeling Like You Belong ... Or Not, and Advent/Christmas. The gatherings start with a short prayer, followed by an hour of discussion and a cup of tea to finish.

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**Point to Ponder from the Banbury Newsletter: "If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"**

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PLEASE SEND ME DETAILS OF ANY FORTHCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF *BITS & PIECES* – THANK YOU!

If you have any contributions for the next *Bits & Pieces*, please send them to me at 5, Martins Road, Piddington, Northampton