

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

Here is your sixth 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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**Autumn Training Course**

The Association of Midland Union Lay Preachers & Service Leaders is having an Autumn training day, led by the Revs. Don Phillips and Ant. Howe.

TOPIC: PASTORAL CARE

Date & Time: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008, 10.00 am – 4.15 pm

Venue: Kingswood Meeting House

**Further information & booking form from Sue Woolley (details below)**

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World Animals Day at Oxford

Oxford Unitarians are celebrating World Animals Day on 5th October. After the service, there will be a talk and discussion about ethical alternatives to the use of animals in scientific experiments.

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**Charity Concert at New Meeting Kidderminster**

*Pupils of the Freja Randle School of Music will be performing at New Meeting, Kidderminster in aid of the congregation's two charities, Air Ambulance and Kemp Hospice. There will be no admission charge, but a collection will be made during the interval. All are welcome.*

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Midland Union Annual Lunch (2nd notice)

The Midland Union Annual Lunch is on Saturday 18th October at Unitarian New Meeting Church, Ryland Street, Birmingham.

Our Guest Speaker this year is Rev. Penny Johnson, President of the Unitarian Women's League.

Please note the earlier start time: we are assembling at 10.30 for 11.00 a.m., and our Guest Speaker will be addressing us *before* the meal, rather than afterwards.

All Church Secretaries should have received a letter from me, asking for bookings by the beginning of October. So come along and join in this festive Unitarian occasion, which will give you the opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones.

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**Kingswood Minister to give Theatre Organ recital**

*A date for your diaries: on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm, Kingswood minister Rev. Ant Howe will be delivering an evening of Theatre Organ style music. Admission will be £5.00, to include tea and cake. Half the proceeds will be donated to the MS Society.*

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A Harvest Wayside Pulpit (from UNM's newsletter)

The law of harvest is to reap more than you sow.

Sow an act, and you reap a habit.

Sow a character, and you reap a destiny.

James Allen

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!