

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

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

All the events highlighted in last month's *Bits & Pieces* take place this month, so here they are again.

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

**Theme:** Prayer and Meditation

**Led by:** Rev. Ant. Howe (Kingswood & Warwick) & Rev. Sarah Tinker (Kensington)

**When:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Where:** Kingswood Meeting House, Hollywood B47 5DQ

**Times:** 10.30 am to 4.15 pm

If you are interested in attending, please let Sue Woolley know; contact details below.

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**MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUNCH**

**When:** Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009

**Where:** Kingswood Meeting House, Hollywood B47 5DQ

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

**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Bob Wightman, President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches

**PLEASE SEND YOUR BOOKING FORMS BACK TO SUE WOOLLEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!**

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**PEOPLE OF FAITH IN CIVIC LIFE: FOUR CASE STUDIES FROM BIRMINGHAM**

**When:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Where:** Unitarian New Meeting, 31, Ryland Street, Birmingham B16 8BL

**Times:** 1.30 – 5.00 p.m.

**Cost:** £5.00

**Further details from Winnie Gordon:** 0790 8888 196 e-mail: gordonwinnie@yahoo.com

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**BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT WOMEN'S LEAGUE AUTUMN MEETING**

**When:** Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Where:** Unitarian New Meeting, 31, Ryland Street, Birmingham B16 8BL

**Times:** 11.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

**Further details from Miss Ann Hughes:** 0121-525-1123 e-mail: annhughes999@aol.com

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**OTHER THAN SUNDAY GROUPS**

After the Summer break, many MUA congregations are back into the swing of holding meetings apart from Sunday worship. Evesham's Friday Light Group meets at 6.30 pm on Fridays, while their Inquirer Group meets fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10.30 am. Bayshill Unitarians meet weekly for Time Out, twice at lunchtime, and twice in the evening. Warwick's Discussion Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, after the lunchtime service. UNM Birmingham holds a weekly Meditation and Discussion Group on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 pm, and Northampton's Discussion Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm. Two churches (Warwick and Kidderminster) are open on Friday mornings for quiet reflection and refreshment, and both also have a Ramblers Group. Warwick's meets every week, whereas Kidderminster's meets once a month. Kingswood hold many activities, including Women's League, monthly Service, Soup & Social, and the Choir.

**Check your local calendar for details. If your congregation doesn't have an Other Than Sunday Group, why not start one?**

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