

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

Here is your fifth 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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***Worship Studies Course Foundation Step***

*Sixteen people successfully completed the training for the Foundation Step of the Worship Studies Course – our congratulations to all of them. Several are already taking services around the Midland Union, which is terrific.*

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**Puppet Festival at Bayshill Unitarian Church, Cheltenham**

**The third Summer Puppet Festival was hosted by Bayshill Unitarians during the week of 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August. Performances included *Miranda and the Dancing Bells, Peter and the Wolf, The Adventures of Buzzy Bee, Marionette Magic, Coppelia and The Garden of Allah.***

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**Spiritual Movie Club at Unitarian New Meeting Church, Birmingham**

*UNM's monthly Spiritual Movie Club has changed its date – they now meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month instead of Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. Folk may also attend a Meditation Service during the previous hour, starting at 6.30 p.m. The cost is £3.50, which includes popcorn. There is usually a short discussion after the film.*

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**Midland Union Annual Lunch**

**The Midland Union Annual Lunch is on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 'Service, Soup and Socials'**

*From October, Kingswood will be launching a regular Service, Soup and Social on the first Thursday of each month. There will be a short service at 12.00 noon, and a simple soup lunch will be served at 12.30 p.m.*

**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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**HERITAGE WEEKEND: 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

**This is an annual event which takes place all over the country. Several of our churches / chapels will be open all weekend, so that interested outsiders can learn about our history and about what we are doing now. If your church / chapel is one of them, please support them!**

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](mailto:sue.woolley@virgin.net). Thank you!