

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

Here is your Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for September 2011. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

HARVEST SERVICES AROUND THE DISTRICT

Many of our congregations are holding their annual Harvest Services in the next few weeks:

Sunday 18th September: Coseley (11.00 am)

Sunday 25th September: Banbury (11.00 am), Kidderminster (11.00 am), Oxford (11.00 am)

Sunday 2nd October: Black Country Group at Dudley (3.00 pm), Shrewsbury (11.00 am)

Sunday 9th October: Coventry (3.00 pm), Cradley (6.30 pm), Northampton (10.30 am)

Sunday 16th October: Cotswold Group at Bayhill Unitarians, Cheltenham (3.00 pm)

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKEND 10/11 SEPTEMBER

Several chapels and churches in the Midlands District will be open for the National Heritage Weekend, including Evesham, Oxford, Shrewsbury and Warwick. Check chapel websites for details.

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION SOCIAL EVENT

A reminder about the MUA Social Event on **Saturday 17th September 2011** at Shrewsbury (more details in the August issue). Please let Bronwen Taylor, MUA President, know soonest that you are attending.

11.00am onwards: Meet at Shrewsbury Unitarian Church (on the High Street) & refreshments

11.45 ish – 2.50pm: Free to explore Shrewsbury's many attractive and historic buildings/parks, walk along the riverside etc. Guided tours by Shrewsbury Unitarians available (book in advance)

3.00 - 3.30pm: Service led by Sue Woolley (MUA District Facilitator & Secretary)

3.45pm: Tea & cakes served in the School Room

KIDDERMINSTER LAY PASTOR INDUCTION / WELCOME SERVICE

New Meeting House Kidderminster are holding a Welcome / Induction service for their new Lay Pastor, Kath Forder, on Saturday 1st October at 3.00 pm, to be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

MUA OF LAY PREACHERS & SERVICE LEADERS AUTUMN TRAINING

Topic: Weddings – Getting It Right

Course Leader: Rev. Dr. Vernon Marshall

When: Saturday 15th October 2011

Where: Kingswood Meeting House, Packhorse Lane, Hollywood B47 5DQ

Times: 10.00 am – 4.15 pm (refreshments from 9.30 am)

Cost: FREE to MUA congregations; £10 to others

More details from: Sue Woolley (see contact details below)

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL LUNCH

When: Saturday 5th November 2011

Where: Kingswood Meeting House, Packhorse Lane, Hollywood B47 5DQ

Times: 10.30 for 11.00 am

Guest Speaker: Colleen Burns, Editor of *The Inquirer*

Cost: £8.50 a head

Congregational Secretaries have been sent booking forms with this mailing

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!