

BITS AND PIECES . . . AND PLEASE KEEP THEM COMING IN!

Here is your 165th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for April 2022. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Support congregations
- Make things happen by providing leadership and initiating projects
- Find resourceful solutions
- Connect Unitarians in the Midlands.

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to all who came to the MUA AGM on 19th March – I was very sorry to miss it. Aleks Zglinska has kindly provided this report, for those of us who were unable to attend:

It was a beautiful day to welcome many of our congregations back to our first in person AGM in a couple of years. Held at Kingswood Unitarian Meeting House on Packhorse Lane, in their charming and historic village setting, the representatives of the congregation made everyone feel very welcome. It is always a lovely opportunity to gather in different places of worship as we journey around the District each year and this felt like something of a homecoming in holding this shared space.

After the formal meetings in the morning had been handled and tidied away, a relaxing lunchtime was spent with catch ups and woubles in the grounds and village. We gathered once more for a beautiful and thought- provoking service which Sue had prepared before catching Covid, which was very ably delivered by Jane Couper. This wonderfully, and with many threads of thematic connection, led into the remainder of the afternoon.

We welcomed the afternoon's speaker Lizzie Kingston-Harrison, who was appointed as Congregational Connections Lead for the General Assembly nearly six months ago. She delivered a wonderful time of reflection on her role, and how she connects others, and their ideas and actions via a basis of conversation. **(Aleks' full report will be in the Spring issue of *MU Now*)**

SPRING TRAINING DAY Reaching Out to the Wider Community

Course Leaders: Diane Rutter (Kingswood), Aleks Zglinska (Northampton),
Rev Sue Woolley (District Minister)

When: Saturday 14th May 2022

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

Times: 9.30 for 10.00 am till 4.00 pm

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 revsuewoolley@gmail.com Thanks!