

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

Here is your 166th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for May 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.

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

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE: DEADLINE IS 6TH MAY

DISTRICT MINISTER BECOMES PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF UNITARIAN & FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

I was installed as President of the GA at last week's Annual Meetings, which is a huge honour, and will hold this post until April 2023. I will be continuing with as many of my District duties as possible, including the provision of a weekly online service, but inevitably some worship services in MUA churches and chapels during the second half of 2022 will have to be cancelled, as I visit congregations round the country. I am hoping to have visited each MUA congregation by the end of July. I will try to give as much notice as possible of any cancellations, to enable Pulpit Secretaries to make alternative arrangements.

NEW REGULATIONS FOR ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Charity Commission is tightening up on its relaxation of regulations during the pandemic, concerning committee meetings. From 21st April 2022, unless there is provision in your constitution for these to take place via electronic means, you will either have to meet face-to-face or amend your constitution to allow for Zoom etc meetings. I am sending round a summary of this new regulation with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*.

ARTICLES FOR NEXT ISSUE OF *MU NOW*

The deadline for the Spring issue is Friday 6th May. Items of local news and/or on the theme of 'Pilgrimage' will be most welcome.

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!