

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

Here is your 168th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for July 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.

STOURBRIDGE UNITARIANS CHANGE TIME OF SERVICES

With effect from this month, Stourbridge Unitarians have decided to make both their services (on second and fourth Sundays) at 11.00 am, instead of having one at 11.00 am and one at 3.00 pm.

NORTHAMPTON UNITARIANS PARTICIPATE IN PRIDE FOR SECOND YEAR

I was delighted to be able to join Aleks Zglinska (Northampton Unitarians' Community Development Coordinator) and her wife, Thea Cochrane, for part of the day. The sun shone and crowds waved flags and cheered as the long snake of participants marched up the main shopping street, around the top, and back down the other main street.

As Aleks reported in the Northampton Newsletter, "We chatted with a lot of people during the day. Our prayer tree filled up with themes of love and acceptance, recognition of the sorrow and difficulty in the USA with the overturning of Roe v Wade, and thoughts for peace, particularly for Ukraine. Our #QueerlyBeloved postcards were popular as ever, although we've nearly run out now and might need to come up with a different design! Our dragon Ormebrekka... was adorned after the set up pictures with a small trans flag and a small rainbow flag and also gained lots of attention. It's good to be seen as a church that can have a little fun, but more seriously, the book loving dragon was hoarding a number of books for all ages in recognition of the importance in our faith of exploring different texts for wisdom and inspiration."



Thea and Aleks in front of our stall (photo Sue Woolley)

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!