

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

Here is your 179th Midland Unitarian Association Inc. Bits & Pieces for June 2023. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA Inc. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

KEY MESSAGES FROM MAY MEETING OF MUA Inc. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 New Treasurer: Kieren Mardle-Moss of Coventry Unitarians was welcomed as our new Treasurer.

2 MUA Inc Investment Policy: it was unanimously agreed that our investments should be in more environmental and greener companies and should be switched to the Newtons Sustainable Growth and Income Fund for Charities, which is used by the Unitarian General Assembly.

3 Training Days: It was agreed that in future, one of the two annual training days offered by the District should continue to be learning based, but the second one should be more of a spiritual retreat day.

AUTUMN TRAINING DAY

As reported in the Key Messages from the MUA Inc's Executive Committee on 25th May, we have decided to change the pattern of Training Days for lay worship leaders and members of MUA congregations. So the Training Day this Autumn will be more in the nature of a spiritual retreat day.

If there is a particular spiritual practice you enjoy, or have practised for years, and you think other people might benefit from knowing about it, please get in touch with me, as I will be putting the programme together soon. The more, the merrier.

MU NOW

The Spring issue of *MU Now* was sent out, both online and by post, earlier this week. I was sad that no-one contributed an article on this issue's theme, that of Courage. I have chosen 'The Environment' as the theme for the Summer/Autumn issue, which will be coming out in September, in the hope that you will be inspired to write something about climate change and the urgent necessity to save our wonderful blue-green planet. If you do, please send it to me by 1st September.

If there is a particular theme that you would be keen to have explored by MUA contributors, again, please let me know. I would be delighted to receive it.

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!