

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

Here is your 180th Midland Unitarian Association Inc. Bits & Pieces for July 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.

AUTUMN TRAINING DAY

As reported in the Key Messages from the MUA Inc's Executive Committee on 25th May, which were published last month, 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.

I would be grateful if you would get in touch by 16th July, if you would like to contribute, as we will be finalising the programme at our EC meeting on Tuesday 18th July. Thank you.

I'm thinking of either 7th October, or 4th November as possible dates.

MU NOW

I am grateful to have already received some articles on the theme of 'The Environment' for the Summer/Autumn issue of *MU Now*, which will be coming out in September, However, there is always room for more. I hope 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.

It would also be great to receive reports from any congregations who have participated in Pride marches or events in their local community. If you could send photos, that would be even better!

At Northampton, my own congregation, we will be participating in our local Pride event on Saturday 8th July, and Aleks Zglinska, our Community Development Coordinator, will be holding a special Pride Service at Northampton Unitarians Meeting House on Sunday 9th July, at 4.00 pm. All are welcome to attend this event.

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!