

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

Here is your 138th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for January 2020. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

2020 RITES OF PASSAGE COURSE

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

When: Saturdays 8th February, 7th March, 18th April, 16th May 2020

Times: 10.00 am – 4.15 pm each Saturday (tea/coffee from 9.30 am)

Total cost: £55.00 (or £16.00 in advance, £13.00 for each session)

This includes a £15 registration fee, covering both national and local registration)

You **must** attend all four parts to get your certificate.

Refreshments will be provided during the day, but please bring your own lunch.

MUA SPRING TRAINING DAY

Ideas for Running a Thriving Congregation

Course Leaders: Laura Dobson, Andy Phillips, Diane Rutter

Where: Unitarian New Meeting Church, Ryland St, Birmingham B16 8BL

When: Saturday 14th March 2020

Times: 10.00 am – 4.15 pm (tea/coffee from 9.30 am)

Cost: FREE to MUA participants; £10 to others

Refreshments will be provided during the day, but please bring your own lunch.

MUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECEMBER 2019 KEY MESSAGES

1. Spring Training Day will be on the topic *Ideas for Running a Thriving Congregation*, aimed particularly at lay people in congregations without a minister, although others are welcome. See above for more details.

2. MUA Annual General Meeting will be at The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church, Coventry, on Saturday 28th March 2020. Our Guest Speaker will be Helen Mason, Director of Unitarian College.

3. Vice President of the General Assembly: our District Minister, Rev Sue Woolley, has been successfully nominated by Rochdale Unitarians, and will take up the role at the General Assembly Meetings in April 2020.

4. National Rites of Passage Course: the District will be running this course for the third time, on Saturdays in the Spring, at Kingswood Meeting House. See above for more details.

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 you!

Wishing all my readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!