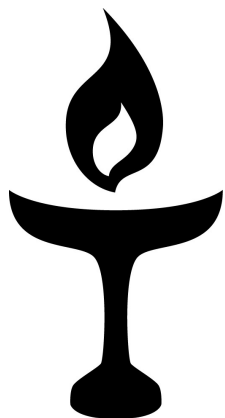


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From the Editor

Welcome to the Winter 2020 issue of *MU Now*.

This slim issue contains some inspirational stories in *District Round-up*, and several contributions on the theme of *Simplicity*.

If you want more to read, please send your articles in!

My thanks to everyone who contributed.

Submissions to *MU Now*

We are particularly looking for stories on local activities, or with a local interest, in addition to articles on the theme. Please send your contributions to me at revsuewoolley@gmail.com or to 5, Martins Road, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DN.

THANK YOU!

The theme for the next issue is “Awakening” and the deadline for submissions will be Friday 8th May 2020.

Sue Woolley

District Minister: Winter Update

Hello again. Here’s a summary of what I’ve been doing, around the Midland Unitarian Association, and elsewhere.

Leading worship around the Midland Unitarian Association: My diary for 2020 is now filled. I look forward to seeing all of you as and when. (N.B. some dates may be subject to change – see news below). I am also available to conduct Rites of Passage round the District, should the need arise.

Vice-President of the General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches: I have the honour to have been invited to take up this role, from April 2020. This may mean that some of the Sunday dates I have offered to congregations around the District may not happen, although I will try my best to fulfil my commitments. I will be speaking to all the talented lay worship leaders in the District about providing services in my place, should this become necessary.

The **Spring Training Day**, on the topic of *Ideas for Running a Thriving Congregation*, will be taking place on Saturday 14th March, at Unitarian New Meeting Church, Birmingham. It will be led by Diane Rutter, Lay Assistant at Kingswood, Laura Dobson, Lay Person in Charge at Chorlton Unitarians and Rev Andy Phillips, now minister at Upper Chapel Sheffield, but formerly Outreach Officer for Belper Unitarians. It will be specifically aimed at lay people who do not have a minister in their congregation, but of course, all are welcome.

Sue Woolley, District Minister, Midland Unitarian Association

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*A sense of humour is common sense dancing.* **Clive James**

## MUA Executive Committee Key Messages

The Key Messages below, from our September and December meetings, have already been shared in the relevant issues of *Bits & Pieces*, the monthly news-sheet sent to all congregations. Those not overtaken by time are repeated here:

1 The 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 page 21 for more details.

2 The MUA Annual General Meeting will be at The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church, Coventry, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Our Guest Speaker will be Helen Mason, Director of Unitarian College. See page 21 for more details.

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. Contact Sue Woolley for more details. **But be quick: it starts on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

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The Charity Commission and Trustees

I feel that the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary should be the three main people to take the material that the Charity Commission (CC) produce as examples of 'good practice' to heart

and also get updates from the Charity Commission online (<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk>) to refresh their memory, etc.

Paper copies can also be requested by telephoning the Charity Commission on **0845 300 0218**.

If someone shows an interest in becoming a trustee, I suggest they first have a look at the publication **CC3 - The Essential Trustee: 6 main duties**.

Then if they are happy with that, I ask them to read / give them a paper copy of the rest of that **CC3** document - **The essential trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do**. (40 pages!)

I do make a point to emphasise, that as trustees they are only expected to **act sensibly** or what is considered **reasonable** within the law in the best interests of the church as a whole and their congregation, and that the church trustees are covered by liability insurance. They should understand that they are *extremely unlikely* to be prosecuted unless they do break the law.

Section 12, page 37 on the Roles of the Chair & Treasurer are useful for these individuals to have their own copies of, for reference.

Depending on the needs of the individual church/chapel, the other documents produced by the CC may be of help too. For example, **CC20 Charity fundraising: a guide to trustee duties**.

There are many other useful documents on the CC website that are updated regularly that trustees may find useful.

PB1, PB2, PB3 all about Public Benefit, for example.

Also available for the trustees to read, are copies of **Help is at Hand - Practical Hints for Church Officers and Trustees**. Produced by The GA at Essex Hall, and currently being updated.

Another document that may be of interest to trustees is called **Charity Governance Code for smaller charities** produced by the Charity Governance Code Steering Group.

I hope that this is of some help to the MUA churches and chapels.

Debra Burbery

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### **What is this life? by Barbara Russell**

What is this life, if full of care  
We have no time to say a prayer?

No time to thank the Lord above  
For family and friends we love.

Not a word of gratitude  
For the unknown multitude

That take our bins and bring our mail  
And see our lighting does not fail.

Far too many to make mention-  
Yet we'd all miss their attention.

Not grateful for those gadgets which  
Obey us at a touch of switch?

For warmth and shelter, food and drink;  
Hot water at the kitchen sink?

For every gift and blessing, Lord  
For all your love and care afford

With thanks to W.E. Davies!!

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District Round-up

Taizé Service at Warwick

On 20th October Elaine [Nomura] introduced a new kind of service to the Chapel congregation. She had been inspired by an MUA workshop session led by Rev Ant Howe in Birmingham earlier in the year. Using the basic outlines of his service as a template, Elaine devised a service that combined readings and prayers largely chosen by her that could be broken up into sections, interspersed with gentle repetitive singing of straightforward hymns that almost dissolved into quiet chants.

It is this combination of thoughtful text, whether in the form of prayer or of poetry, with the music, that creates the ambience for deep spiritual reflection in the Taizé tradition. The music is provided by almost hypnotic gentle singing repetitions together of a simple tune, sometimes on a single line, sometimes in canon and sometimes with harmonisations that emphasise the beauty of the melody.

The effect was very compelling, with everyone commenting very positively afterwards as we chatted over tea and the cakes provided by various members of the group. It seemed to be a pretty universal opinion that this was a format we should revisit on future occasions.

Malcolm Burns (from Warwick newsletter)

Folk Treble concert at Oat Street

On 16 November, flooding reigned in parts of Evesham, but the Folk Treble concert was an island of musicality in the surrounding chaos. Mike Weaver, Colin Pitts and a new young female singer and keyboard performer, Emi McDade, gave us a truly lovely evening of well-loved songs and some innovative new pieces, all with a local or generally philosophical theme.

Mike gave us many melodic numbers both old and new which included *Pembrokeshire Fair*, *The Church is going down the Road*, *We may not pass this way again*, *Finding Hillcot* and *From here to Africa*.

Colin specialised in songs with a specifically Evesham theme, such as *A Day in Evesham* and *Down the old Evesham Road*. He also ventured further afield with his *The One Stop Shop*, a song about a family trip to Weston. His other songs were more philosophical in nature such as *Living in Waltz Time*. With great dexterity he accompanied many of his songs with both his guitar and his mouth organ. Emi played the keyboard beautifully and in a wonderful high voice gave us several wistful and soulful songs about love and life.

The three singers rounded off the evening by coming together for a wonderful cover version of Elvis Presley's song *But I can't help falling in love with you*.

Overall the concert was a welcome, relaxing break from all the temporal and political upheaval outside and those who braved the weather had a worthwhile evening of Real Local Britain at its best.

I was particularly moved by Mike Weaver's gentle touch of generosity of giving me one of his CDs for my birthday which was

on that day. Coming to Folk Treble was a wonderful way of celebrating my special day.

Lesley Harris (Evesham, from Cotswold Group newsletter)

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## Transgender Service at Oat Street

On Wednesday 20 November, Mark [Hutchinson] and Shane [Hughes] conducted a service of remembrance for all transgender people who had been reported as having been killed or as having taken their own lives in the past year. The ceremony was simple but moving and was attended by about ten people. A list of names of over 300 victims was read out, month by month. A small table with candles was provided. There was a backdrop of a tablecloth and background banner in the colours of the transgender movement. There were a few other readings plus some music and the words of the hymn *Come and find the quiet centre*.

The chapel itself was lit and warm and peaceful and provided a sacred and transcendental space for all who attended this ceremony. The message of love was stressed but not laid on too thick and made the very important point that people's own private wars against personal hatred and their individual suffering of personal hatred are just as important and just as distressing as the wars of nations for freedom and the sufferings of nations from tyranny. Perhaps even more so, since nations sometimes go to war through choice but we as human beings do not choose how we are made.

The importance of love and acceptance for all was especially highlighted. I think that people went out feeling better than when they went in and I hope that we will do this service every year.

**Lesley Harris (Evesham, from Cotswold Group newsletter)**

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News from Bayshill Unitarians

Culture Share Group We continue to reflect the views of the Bayshill congregation by holding a monthly “Culture Share” meeting where we will either be reading articles/essays/short books/poems with “a high value density”, or potentially watching an appropriate film on a similar theme. The aim is to engender emotional and spiritual development, and our first book for our meeting after church in October was “The Optician of Lampedusa” – a tale of rescue and the awakening of conscience” by Emma Jane Kirby chosen by Cressida. This was followed in November by “The Lorax” by Dr Seuss, chosen and led by Alison, and December’s offering on Sunday 15th will be “Of the Abuse of Words” by John Locke - the section “Of Words”, chosen and led by Nick Simpson. Our January read will hopefully be Chapters 1,2,3,6 and 12 of “Active Hope” by Joanna Macy if Anita who suggested it can be available for that meeting.

The 7 UUA Principles The four members of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Worship Leaders Group are hoping to use each of the 7 UUA Principles from the USA as themes for some of our services – the first three have already been covered, and all 7 are as follows:

1. The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person – Cressida Pryor, 25th August 2019
2. Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations – Alison Thursfield, 29th September 2019
3. Acceptance of One Another and Encouragement to Spiritual Growth in our Congregations = Cressida Pryor, 27th October 2019

4. A Free and Responsible Search for Truth and Meaning – Alison Thursfield, 12th January 2020
5. The Right of Conscience and the Use of the Democratic Process Within our Congregations and in Society – Dr Kevin Watson, 26th January 2020
6. The Goal of World Community with Peace, Liberty and Justice for All – Penny Quest, 9th February 2020
7. Respect for the Interdependent Web of All Existence of Which We Are a Part – Alison Thursfield, 8th March 2020

Monday Morning Meditation

There will be a Monday Morning Silent Meditation meeting from 8.00 – 8.30 am on 2nd December, and then each Monday morning thereafter in January and February, taken either by Reverend Mark Hutchinson, or by Cheltenham & Gloucester member Stephen Gutteridge.

Penny Quest (Cheltenham & Gloucester, from Cotswold Group newsletter)

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### Simplicity

*The theme of simplicity has attracted some fine writing. We were particularly pleased to receive an article from the current Vice President of the General Assembly, Anne Mills.*

I thought it would be simple to write something about simplicity – it isn’t. On seeing the subject set by Sue for the next issue of *MU Now* - ‘Simplicity’ – my first reaction was – nothing is simple. I had just received information about how to facilitate something on my iPad and for me it was too complicated for words. This is not surprising as I am so backward these days that I haven’t even got a smart phone. Recently the iPad that Sheila uses broke. The

man in the computer shop glanced at it and said, 'Forget it'. Fortunately he had an excellent second-hand one that we bought. I asked him 'How do I set it up?'. 'It's simple' he said. I am afraid that my heart drops when anyone says something is simple.

Then I started to think that some things are more simple than they used to be – shopping, for example. I had just buttered some toast and thought how simple it is to buy butter. One of my earliest memories – 85 or more years ago – is of being with my mother when she bought butter. I loved watching, but what a business it was and how much time it took. The grocer went to a barrel with a couple of 'paddles', took out a chunk of butter and padded it into shape then weighed it to decide if it was the amount my mother wanted. Nowadays one 'simply' picks it off a shelf in the super market. It is the same with all groceries. During my Altrincham ministry – 1960 to 1968 – there was a member who had the last old-style grocers in the town. You went into the shop with your list and asked the grocer or his assistant for what you wanted, and each item was fetched separately for you. Was it simple or complicated? At first sight it seems complicated because it was time consuming. On the other hand, when the supermarket moves items from one place to another that can make things complicated.

So – it is now simple to pick butter off the shelf, but how did it get there? My goodness, how complicated that is: from cow through farm through factory through transport to supermarket. It is even more complicated for things that come from abroad – melons, bananas, and so forth. I have just read an article headed 'What is the perfect chip?' and the author started by saying – 'There is no simple answer'. Don't recipes look simple? Until you find you haven't got one or other of the vital ingredients. There is one item I can cook 'simply' in the microwave that I particularly like. This is because after taking you through the 'simple' stages it says,

'Rest for five minutes'. I was quite upset when Sheila said this referred to the food and not to me.

Life itself doesn't often seem simple. Why do I always seem to have three things on the go? I can remember when cars were fairly simple. You lifted up the bonnet and you could see items that might need checking or oiling or tuning in some way. Lift up the bonnet now and everything is covered up so that only experts can deal with problems. On the other hand, in those days vital points on a car needed oiling every one thousand miles. Can you imagine a service every thousand miles?

Very often it is good to remember that 'simple' things can give us pleasure – lovely things in our own garden or a plant growing in a vase in the house. Jennifer Kavanagh, a Quaker, in her book *Simplicity Made Easy*, says 'To live simply...is a joy'. Kavanagh says that the opposite of simplicity is not complexity but chaos, and that in many ways our fast pace of modern life is dehumanising. If simplicity of life, or moderation (which Kavanagh says is at the heart of simplicity) can make the world more humane then it is certainly to be aimed at. There are many simple things that we can do and give that bring pleasure – a smile or a helping hand of some sort.

Having shown in small measure how complicated things are I still think it is important to try to live simply. Yet I am still wondering if it is possible. When Mahatma Gandhi was alive people extolled his 'simple' way of life, but I remember one of his close followers saying that it was a complicated business enabling the Mahatma to lead a simple life.

The full phrase at the back of my mind is one used some years ago by a campaign against poverty - 'Live simply that others may simply live'. My greed should not create another's need. The

picture that our Minister, Mark, showed on Facebook of the 'simple' rations given to refugees was very disturbing.

Simplicity – yes, and keep it simple if we can.

### Rev Peter Godfrey

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Return from a recent holiday prompted me to write down a few thoughts on the subject of Simplicity. Roger and I try to visit Lanzarote, every year, usually in the late autumn; at that period, the weather is pretty stable, with temperatures reminiscent of a hot summer day in the UK; flowers of all colours blossom everywhere: hibiscus, poinsettias, geraniums, bougainvillea, and birds of paradise, all growing wild, as well as in carefully-tended gardens. As far as we're concerned, this is as close to paradise as we're ever likely to come!

More than these conditions, however, much of the perfection we find is associated with the simplicity of the lifestyle we choose to adopt when we visit "our" island. Usually, we spend our holidays visiting stately homes, gardens, churches, and towns; we keep busy, as we pursue our schedule for the day. In Lanzarote, all this goes by the board---quite deliberately. It is our one chance, each year, to rest and relax, to chill out, to spend time together, to ponder what we've done and what we'd like to do next, and to do absolutely nothing, if that's our preference. Tourist-pursuits are forgotten; on this holiday, they aren't even on the agenda, and we often listen (quite smugly!) to others relating how they've rushed around, every day, to fit in all sort of activities, before returning home exhausted. We adopt a very simple routine: meals are taken outdoors, mainly, and are easy to assemble; sometimes we eat out, sometimes in, sampling the local produce (including wine!) whenever we can. We walk everywhere---no car-hire for us---but

we stroll gently, taking in the scenery, discussing the changes that have occurred since we were last there, and contemplating the buildings that remain uncompleted, and probably always will. Coffee-breaks are frequent, and siestas obligatory. We swim, we read, we sleep well; it's a very health-giving lifestyle.

During our last few holidays, we have been aware of a man who belongs to the local community of Costa Teguisse, yet is separate from it; this year, we had the opportunity to speak to him and to find out about his situation. Simon is Dutch; he stands at least 6 feet 5 inches tall, with untamed blond hair; his English is good, his Spanish passable. He travels everywhere on a bike which matches his size and he carries all his worldly goods with him; he lives in a cave, in a field, in a remote spot. This does not constitute the whole of his life---only the winter, from the start of October to the end of March; then he returns to Holland. In Lanzarote, Simon is truly a free spirit; he adheres to no schedule, travelling about, speaking to anyone with whom he comes into contact; nothing is planned, nothing ordered, and he appears to be extremely contented. We envy him his chosen way of life.

Which begs the question: If we so admire Simon's way of life, why don't we adopt a similar one? Ah, well.....! We are conservative people; we like our creature-comforts; we have family at home that we'd miss; and so on---the justifications are endless! Realistically, we're unlikely ever to take a decision to simplify our lives to such a degree. That decision would be too radical for us, but it doesn't preclude a few attempts to change matters a little, in order to introduce a little simplicity into our lives, each day. We could all give thought to what we might do, in this direction: could we spend a little time thinking deeply about what's truly important to us? Would a quiet walk enable us to relax and escape from routine, for a short while? Might switching off television, phone and computer, one day or evening

a week, benefit us? Could we devote more quality-time to family and friends? The freedom to choose what best suits is ours alone, but maybe this time of New Year's Resolutions provides us with an appropriate starting-point. Let's devote more time to simplicity, shedding the interruptions and irritations that beset us; let's aim for the heart of matters---to what is truly important---and emerge more contented and aware than we thought possible. Let's choose mindfulness over mindfull-ness, and see what happens!

Anne Mills

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Here is a word that, many years ago, I scrambled up and pushed to the nether reaches of my mind. Now, it has cropped up as a Request, so I have taken it out, smoothed it down and had another look. Why did I dislike that word? –because of a prayer!

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child;  
Pity my simplicity; suffer me to come to thee.  
Fain I would to thee be brought, Gracious Lord, forbid it not.  
In the kingdom of thy grace, give a little child a place.

It was the combination of 'pity' and 'simplicity'. 'Pity' meant something unpleasant 'pity it's raining'- 'pity we have no Oxo cubes to make good gravy'. So pity and simplicity became confused in a very childhood mind.

Now I look at simplicity and thank the Lord for it. The physical simplicity of the modern world has made my life so much easier. The simplicity of this P.C. compared with finding writing paper, and a pen that works (to say nothing of ink and inkwell!) -and now I am housebound -finding someone to post it. I still write letters, but now it is for pleasure rather than need.

Hot meals – microwave – NO PANS – doubly enjoyable. Bed-making – with a duvet – work of a moment - and all other 'mod. cons'.

Obviously, all this help leaves me plenty of time for thought - and thoughts are rarely simple!

There seems no simple answer to many of the world's problems - war, war and more war, homelessness, immigration - people desperate for a better life - lack of work - and nothing much I can do about it but pray.

I have great faith in prayer, and in both prayer and faith I try and keep simple. As a Unitarian, I feel I have chosen the right faith. For what could be simpler than a firm belief in a mighty and universal Power, which I recognise as God, and a desire that, with the help of that Power, to follow the life and teachings of Jesus, his emissary. His words were the epitome of simplicity – love God, obey the commandments, love-and forgive -your fellow human beings, judge not, that you be not judged.

Life is rarely simple, and we should not forget that it is the complexities that make us what we are. Simply remember that, and the complexities may well shake themselves out, especially if we take to heart three very simple words: FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.

**Barbara Russell**

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One of my favourite pages on Facebook is called 'becoming minimalist' and the page owner, Joshua Becker, posts a lot of inspirational tips on how to simplify your life, and on how to

appreciate what you have, rather than forever going after the next thing. One post last week read, “Treasure your relationships, not your possessions.” Which reminded me again of the importance of appreciating what you have, and of living simply, in the present.

Simplicity is also one of the five Quaker testimonies. In their *Advices and Queries*, they say,

“Try to live simply. A simple lifestyle, freely chosen is a source of strength. Do not be persuaded into buying what you do not need or cannot afford. Do you keep yourself informed about the effects your style of living is having on the global economy and environment?”

And I am finding that these beliefs, these ideas, matter increasingly to me. I know that my lifestyle is currently very far from simple, and that the way I live has more of an impact on the environment that it should. But I am working on it. I don’t drink, I don’t smoke, I exercise regularly and am trying to eat more healthily too (except for chocolate, my downfall). I am still very bad at buying new books whenever I see them, but all my new fiction is now on my Kindle, which saves paper and trees. I really try to consider whether I need other consumer items, such as clothes or jewellery or gadgets.

Because I do believe that “a simple lifestyle, freely chosen, is a source of strength.”

It is also about being aware of the sacred in the world. Sacred living is about weaving moments of attention into our everyday lives, and recognising the sacred there. It is about living with a new level of awareness.

It is about going through our day paying attention to what is happening in each passing moment.

It is about noticing the presence of the divine, the numinous, everywhere, in the natural world, in other people, in ourselves, and in things that happen to us.

It is about rediscovering our sense of wonder, and living our lives in response to that.

It is about choosing the road of simplicity, and truly appreciating what we have.

And giving thanks. May the 2020s be good to you.

Sue Woolley



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District Events

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker: Helen Mason, Director of Unitarian College

When: Saturday 28th March 2020

Where: The Great Meeting House Unitarian Church,
116, Holyhead Road, Coventry CV1 3AE

Times: 10.30 for 11.00 am – 4.00 pm

This is your chance to find out what your District Association
will be doing in the next twelve months.

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### MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION OF LAY PREACHERS & SERVICE LEADERS SPRING TRAINING DAY

#### Ideas for Running a Thriving Congregation

**Course Leaders:** Diane Rutter (Kingswood), Laura Dobson  
(Chorlton), Rev Andy Phillips (Upper Chapel, Sheffield)

**When:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

**Times:** 9.30 for 10.00 am – 4.15 pm

## MUA Congregations: Times of Services

### Every Sunday:

|                            |                              |          |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| Birmingham                 | Unitarian New Meeting Church | 11.00 am |
| Cheltenham &<br>Gloucester | Bayshill Unitarian Church    | 11.00 am |
| Evesham                    | Oat Street Chapel            | 11.00 am |
| Kingswood                  | Meeting House                | 11.00 am |
| Shrewsbury                 | Unitarian Church             | 10.30 am |
| Warwick                    | High Street Chapel           | 4.30 pm  |

### First Sunday of the Month:

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|---------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Dudley        | Old Meeting House       | 3.00 pm  |
| Kidderminster | New Meeting House       | 11.00 am |
| Northampton   | Unitarian Meeting House | 11.00 am |
| Oldbury       | at Dudley               | 3.00 pm  |

### Second Sunday of the Month:

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| Coventry    | Gt Meeting House Unitarian Church | 11 am   |
| Cradley     | Park Lane Unitarian Chapel        | 6.30 pm |
| Stourbridge | Presbyterian (Unitarian) Chapel   | 3.00 pm |

### Third Sunday of the Month:

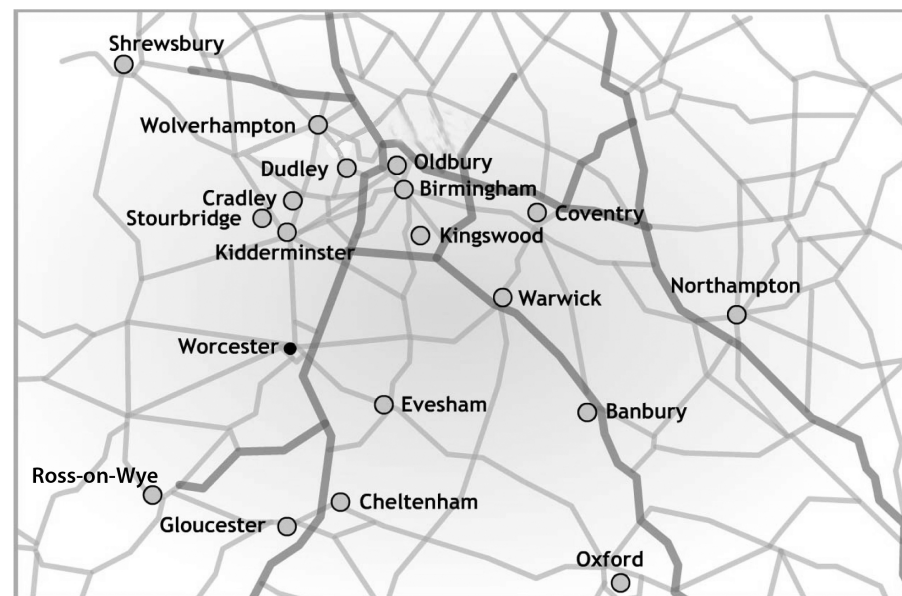
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| Oldbury       | at Dudley               | 3.00 pm  |

### Fourth Sunday of the Month:

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| Coventry    | Gt Meeting House Unitarian Church | 11 am    |
| Stourbridge | Presbyterian (Unitarian) Chapel   | 11.00 am |

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**The Spring 2020 issue will be published in May**

**Please may we have your contributions on local matters,  
and on the theme of "Awakening"**

**by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Thank you!**