

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

Here is your 141st Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for April 2020. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

2020 MUA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Where: via e-mail, in your own homes

When: Saturday 28th March 2020

Times: 11.00 am – 12.00 noon

Annual Reports have been posted out to Secretaries of congregations, together with supporting documents for this once-in-a-lifetime virtual AGM. Please let me know on revsuewoolley@gmail.com if you are planning to join us on Sunday.

ROGER MATHEWS

I am very sad to report that Roger Mathews, who was a lifelong member of Kidderminster New Meeting House, its principal musician for many years, and Secretary of the (then) Midland Union from 2000 – 2006, died on 24th March. The funeral will be for family members only, on account of the current pandemic, but a full memorial service will be held later in the year. Please hold his wife, Joyce, and with his family and members of the Kidderminster congregation, in your thoughts and prayers.

ONLINE SERVICES

As your District Minister, I am trying to do my bit by circulating an online service each Sunday via e-mail, and then delivering it in my own home at 11.00 am each week. My husband and I are going to attempt to record it this week, and if this is successful, the result will be posted on the MUA website <https://www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk/> At any rate, the text of the service will be posted on there, so that as many people as wish to may follow along.

I will be sending it out via e-mail each Thursday, to give congregational secretaries time to post it on to those members of their congregations who are not on e-mail.

If you know of anyone who is self-isolating, who may appreciate a phone call, please get in touch with me, either by e-mail, or by phone.

A PLEA FOR ANY GOOD NEWS

We all need cheering up in this time of national crisis and physical isolation, so please send me items for the next *Bits & Pieces*, and also for the Spring issue of *MU Now*, which will be going out to congregations at the end of May. The theme for this issue is 'Awakening'.

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!