

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

Here is your 143rd Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for June 2020. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

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 record it on the Thursday before, and the result is posted on the MUA website <https://www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk/> So you have a choice of reading the text, listening to the service, or both!

I am sending it out via e-mail each Tuesday, to give congregational secretaries time to post it on to those members of their congregations who are not on e-mail, as postal deliveries have become so much slower.

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.

OTHER ONLINE ACTIVITIES ROUND THE DISTRICT

Online Gatherings with Rev Mark Hutchinson:

Heart and Soul gatherings, Saturdays 11.00 am, Sundays 6.00 pm

Touching the Spirit, Tuesdays and Thursdays 11.00 am

e-mail reverendhutch@gmail.com for Zoom details.

Birmingham UNM services with Rev Winnie Gordon: Sundays 11.00 – 11.40, followed by coffee and chat.

e-mail revgordon.unitarian@yahoo.com by Thursday of preceding week for Zoom details.

Bayshill Unitarians (Cheltenham) are doing their weekly service via Zoom.

Kingswood services with Rev Ant Howe:

posted on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYsw1tuoOiaTxV-T1r-xwVQ>

Shrewsbury Unitarians Coffee and Chat: Sundays 11.00 am

e-mail shrewsburyunitarians@gmail.com for Zoom details.

District Minister's weekly blogpost: usually posted on a Friday. <http://sue-still-i-am-one.blogspot.com/>

KEY MESSAGES FROM MUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S MAY MEETING

1. **MU Now:** the latest issue of the magazine was a rich one, due to more contributions than usual from congregations and individual members. Please keep this up by sending your items (either news about your congregation, or on the theme of 'Spirit') to me (details below) by Friday 4th September 2020.
2. **New Executive Committee members:** we were pleased to welcome Christine Thompson, of Warwick Unitarians, and Pastor Kath Forder, representing the Ministers' Meeting.
3. **New EC Link:** our new link member from the National Executive Committee is Robert Ince, of Fulwood Chapel, Sheffield. We were delighted to welcome him to our Zoom meeting.

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!