

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

Here is your 147th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for October 2020. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

### **MUA AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

At a special committee day at Holland House, near Evesham, in June 2019, the Committee agreed four aims and objectives, under which we should act. I have now been asked to share them with everyone. They are as follows:

- Support congregations
- Make things happen by providing leadership and initiating projects
- Find resourceful solutions
- Connect Unitarians in the Midlands.

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### **KEY MESSAGES FROM MUA EC MEETING ON 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

1 Change of Officers of the Executive Committee: following the resignation of Angela Maher from the role of President at the end of July, which was noted with regret, the committee was able, under clause 8 of the Constitution, to elect Debra Burbury (Shrewsbury) as new President, and Cressida Pryor (Cheltenham & Gloucester) as new Vice-President (until the next AGM).

2 Inclusion of Officer contact details in future issues of *MU Now*: this had been agreed at the July meeting and will be implemented with the Winter 2020/21 issue.

3 Autumn Training Day: on the topic 'Leading Small Group Ministry Online', via Zoom, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Course Leader: Dr Jane Blackall of Kensington Unitarians. A flyer will be issued for a second time with this copy of *Bits & Pieces*.

4 Congregations re-opening for worship: so far, Evesham (from 27<sup>th</sup> September, one service a month), Northampton (from 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays), Shrewsbury (from start of September, new start time, 11 am), Stourbridge (from 25<sup>th</sup> October, current members only, one service a month) and Warwick, (since the end of July).

Please let me know if you are planning to open your building for worship once more...

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### **ONLINE ACTIVITIES ROUND THE DISTRICT**

**District Minister's service**, posted on <https://www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk/>

**Online Gatherings with Rev Mark Hutchinson:**

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

Touching the Spirit, Wednesdays and Thursdays 11.00 am

e-mail [reverendhutch@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:revgordon.unitarian@yahoo.com) by Thursday of preceding week for Zoom details.

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

**Shrewsbury Unitarians Coffee and Chat:** Sundays 11.00 am

e-mail [shrewsburyunitarians@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburyunitarians@gmail.com) for Zoom details.

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

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](mailto:revsuewoolley@gmail.com) Thanks!