

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

Here is your 149th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for December 2020. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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 7.30 pm

Touching the Spirit, Thursdays 7.00 pm

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.

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/>

LEADING CHANGE IN THE CONGREGATION: ONLINE COURSE

The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches is offering a new, eight-session online course, between January and April 2021. It will be led by Rev Andy Pakula of New Unity in London and Rory Castle-Jones, a ministry student and Communications Officer at Essex Hall. A flyer is being sent out with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*. If you are interested in attending, the deadline for applications is 18th December.

THE NEW REGIME FROM 2ND DECEMBER 2020

Rev Martin Whitell, District Minister of the LDPA, has produced a very helpful summary of what religious organisations will (and will not) be able to do from 2nd December. It is being sent out with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*.

A UNITARIAN CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

Rev Kate Dean, of Rosslyn Hill Chapel in Hampstead will be leading a Zoom candlelight Carol Service on 24th December, Christmas Eve, at 6.30 pm, with help from other ministers around the UK, including our own Revs Winnie Gordon and Mark Hutchinson. When I see the Zoom link, I will send it round. A full programme & song sheet will be available to download from the Rosslyn Hill Chapel website.

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!