

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

Here is your 150th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for January 2021. 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 31st DECEMBER 2020

Most of us are now in Tier 3, if not in Tier 4. I have downloaded the information relevant to places of worship and rites of passage from the gov.uk website and am sending it round with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*. Please read it and think very carefully about the risks involved.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

In spite of all the current restrictions, I would like, on behalf of the Midland Unitarian Association, to send you my very best wishes for a happy and peaceful new year. May it be a good one for us, for all those we love, and for the world.

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!