

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

Here is your 119th Midland Unitarian Association Bits & Pieces for June 2018. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

### **MUA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAY MEETING KEY MESSAGES**

1. Stronger Data Protection Act: The Data Protection Act is being strengthened, which will have implications for how all congregations hold personal data. It comes into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Please could all congregations ensure that they have asked their members to complete the forms circulated by Sandy Ellis, and return a list of names for inclusion in the next MUA Annual Report to him.
2. Chaplain to Mayor of Kidderminster: Rev. Winnie Gordon is now Chaplain to the Mayor of Kidderminster.

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### **TWO EVENTS AT SHREWSBURY UNITARIAN CHURCH**

Shrewsbury Unitarians are hosting two events in the near future: a Listening Skills course, on 9<sup>th</sup> June, and a talk about Elizabeth Gaskell, the Unitarian Victorian novelist, on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Posters for both events are enclosed with this issue of *Bits & Pieces*.

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### **EQUALITEAS: 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE – 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2018**

EqualiTeas is a celebration of our democratic equality, with parties and picnics taking place in communities all over the country. This is a great opportunity to get people involved with your organisation, thinking about democracy and get people actively engaged, sharing stories and debating ideas. Find out more and register at [www.equaliteas.org.uk](http://www.equaliteas.org.uk).

### **VOTE 100: CELEBRATING WOMEN'S VOICES IN DEMOCRACY**

This is a year-long project, marking 100 years since Parliament passed the law allowing some women, and all men, to vote for the first time; and the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the law giving all people the right to vote on an equal basis. Find out more about Vote 100 at [www.parliament.uk/vote100](http://www.parliament.uk/vote100).

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### **STOURBRIDGE UNITARIAN CHAPEL 320<sup>TH</sup> AND 230<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

**When:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018

**Anniversary Service Leader:** Rev. Sue Woolley

**Where:** Stourbridge Unitarian Chapel, Lower High Street, Stourbridge DY 8 1TG

**Times:** 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

All are welcome – refreshments after the service.

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) Thank you!