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

Here is your 201st Midland Unitarian Association Inc. Bits & Pieces for April 2025. If you want any news from your congregation included here, please send it to me (details below)

MUA Inc. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

MIDLAND UNITARIAN ASSOCIATION AGM

The MUA Executive Committee were delighted to see more than 20 Unitarians from around the District at our recent Annual General Meeting, at Oat Street Chapel in Evesham. I was unavoidably absent owing to illness, but I understand that all went very well. Evesham's newly refurbished Gatehouse was admired and participants enjoyed a convivial shared lunch there.

Then in the afternoon, President David Taylor led an enjoyable short service, which was followed by Rev Mark Hutchinson's presentation about the recent Congregational Sustainability Audit, with a Q&A session at the end.

The MUA's Executive Committee is delighted to welcome a new member, David Healey of Warwick Unitarians.

In the coming months, we (the MUA's Executive Committee) will be considering the findings of the Sustainability Audit more deeply, which will inform our plans for the future.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY ANNUAL MEETINGS

I was delighted to see from the participants' list (recently circulated by Ann Howell) that most of our congregations will be represented in one form or another at the forthcoming GA Meetings at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in Birmingham. As always, the Meetings are a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Unitarians from all over the country, to learn new things, to have new experiences, and to make new friends.

And then to bring home what we have learned and experienced and make a difference in our own congregations. I hope to see you there.

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 <u>revsuewoollev@gmail.com</u> Thanks!