



# Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

Founded 1662

nurturing faith embracing life celebrating difference

## FEBRUARY 2025

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

### Services:

### Refreshments:

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Gavin Lloyd	Bronwen
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Circle service – Dorothy Haughton Racial Justice (Racial Justice Sunday)	TBC
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Sian Murray	Debra
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Jen Deacon	TBC

Follow Rev Sue Woolley's services here:

<https://www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk/news-and-events/mua-news/>



### Events:

- Coffee and Chat every Tuesday from 9am to 2pm
- Shrewsbury Food Hub Table every Tuesday from 9am
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Book sale
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Darwin Festival talk 3pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Poetry Group – Theme 'Favourite Poems' 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Old Times group – Theme 'Grandparents' – 2-3pm
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Letting the Light In concert

### Further information:

[www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk](http://www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk)

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[www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk](http://www.midland-unitarian-association.org.uk)

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**Contributions to the Newsletter and News from the Pews are always welcome**



## Key Messages from the Trustees Meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January

We reviewed finances and salaries. Our Profit and Loss Statement at the moment is showing a small surplus (subject to change before the year end) and our investment advisers are cautiously optimistic for dividend payments over the coming months.

We agreed that John and Ann will draft a budget for 2025/26 to be agreed at the next trustees meeting.

We confirmed Jen Deacon as our delegate for the General Assembly (GA) annual meeting in April.

We agreed to move Candles of Joy and Concern from the first Sunday of the month to the fourth Sunday of the month. This will give more time before the first hymn for Bill to get to us from his earlier engagement at St. Alkmund's.

We agreed to look for the longer term at the current and future use of the church for events and how we manage this e.g. hire charges, need for more first aiders, stewards etc., but we will wait for the MUA Sustainability Report before starting this work.

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**Draft Minutes will be on the noticeboard soon.**



**BOOK SALE AND  
REFRESHMENTS**

**SATURDAY  
1ST  
FEBRUARY  
12 NOON TO  
2.00 P.M.**

**SHREWSBURY UNITARIAN  
CHURCH, HIGH STREET**

**IN AID OF THE BRITISH RED  
CROSS EMERGENCIES FUND**



Please let me know if you would like to attend this event.

**Shrewsbury Darwin Festival 2025**

**Discovering new species and  
relocating extinct plants  
with  
Dr Maarten Christenhusz**

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**Shrewsbury Unitarian Church  
High Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1LR**

**Saturday 8th February 2025 3:00 PM**

**FREE event**  
**Please book on Eventbrite**

<https://darwin.originalshrewsbury.co.uk>

 **Event  
information**  **Eventbrite**



### **Letting the Light In concert**

**Friday 28th February 2025**

**6:45pm til 10:15pm (Performance starts 7:30pm)**

**Voyage of the Beagle by John Biddulph + Ashia Vaughan**

A unique sonic exploration of the Darwin's Beagle voyage by John Biddulph with support from celestial new age architect Ashia Vaughan.

<https://www.skiddle.com/whats-on/Shrewsbury/Shrewsbury-Unitarian-Church/Voyage-of-the-Beagle-by-John-Biddulph--Ashia-Vaughan/40420821/>



## Offertories

Thank you to everyone for giving to the church through offertories. If anyone else would like to set up a standing order to give to the church that would be appreciated, I can give you the details if you need them. You are welcome to donate on Sundays in cash or using the card machine.

Thank you!



## UNITARIANS FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE (U4CJ)

# EMBRACING RESILIENCE

A creative day of teaching, discussion, and reflection to empower and inspire us in facing a future with resilience, hope, and soulful solidarity

**8TH MARCH 2025 11AM - 4PM**  
**HINCKLEY UNITARIAN CHURCH, LE10 1PP**



### SPIRITUAL AND CREATIVE RESOURCING / DISCUSSIONS AND NETWORKING / VEGAN LUNCH

An exploration of how we can discover the courage and resilience within ourselves and our communities with **Dr Rupert Read** of the Climate Emergency Project and **Leena Seward**, an Existential Psychotherapist.



Dr Rupert Read is Emeritus associate professor of philosophy at University of East Anglia, an influential environmental campaigner and the founder of the Climate Majority Project.

He is an experienced teacher and group facilitator, who has written many books, and been influenced by the Buddhist teacher and environmentalist Joanna Macy.



Leena Seward is an existential psychotherapist, coach, and group leader, with a special interest in eco-psychology. She is interested in the work of building psychological and emotional resilience in the face of the climate emergency and works with Rupert Read leading groups around this theme.

**TICKETS AND MORE DETAILS: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/U4CJMARCH25](https://bit.ly/u4cjmarch25)**



## TUB 2 PUB

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste! Bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King pub between **1st January and 16th February 2025** to be recycled. All proceeds from the recycled plastic tubs will be donated to **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

[Tub2Pub | Greene King for Good](#)



## MUA

If you have any contributions for the next **Bits & Pieces**, please send them to Rev Sue Woolley, 5, Martins Road, Piddington, Northampton NN7 2DN or via e-mail to [revsuewoolley@gmail.com](mailto:revsuewoolley@gmail.com)  
Thanks!

