



Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

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MARCH 2025

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Services:

Sunday 2nd March

Jacky Heraty

Sunday 9th March

Circle service – Debra Burbery
'Kindness'

Sunday 16th March

Rev Sue Woolley

Sunday 23rd March

Rev Ant Howe

Sunday 30th March

Bronwen Taylor

Refreshments:

Jill

Wendy

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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

Sunday 9th March - Trustees meeting

Sunday 16th March – Congregation meeting

Thursday 20th March – Poetry Group, theme 'Dwellings' – 10.30am – 12.30pm

Saturday 29th March – Letting the Light In concert

Further information:

www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk

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

Congregation Meeting – Sunday 16th March

We will be holding a Congregation meeting on Sunday 16th March after the service. This is an opportunity to share updates on the church and to discuss any issues you would like to raise – please let me know beforehand if there is anything you would like added to the agenda.



Circle service – 9th March

Debra would like us to bring donations to The Ark on Sunday (9th) for the circle service rather than offertory donations.

Items that would be appreciated:

Tea, coffee, sugar, etc, biscuits, tinned food

Thank you



Old Times Group

The group will be postponed for March as we have a funeral in the church on the afternoon of 20th March. The group will meet on 17th April 2-3pm and the topic will be 'Moving House when you were young, did that change your life for the better? New opportunities?'



**We will be hosting a film documentary to tie in with World Water Day
on Thursday 13th March 7.30-8.30pm.
Holy S**t: Can Poop Save The World?**

Please see the Eventbrite link below for more information. This should be a really interesting film. We hope it will spark further conversations to ignite a process of transformation where human excreta are regarded as a resource and not as waste, which in turn can help us reconnect to ecosystems and heal our planet.

You can book here via Eventbrite or let me know if you would like to come along:

[Tickets, Thu, Mar 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

Letting the Light In concert

Saturday 29th March 2025

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

An exploration of Harp & Piano - Marysia Osu & Hanakiv

As part of International Piano Day 2025 SY.Gigs present an exploration of contemporary harp and piano from Marysia Osu and Hanakiv.

[Tickets: An exploration of Harp & Piano - Marysia Osu & Hanakiv | Shrewsbury Unitarian Church Shrewsbury Sat 29 March 2025](#)



Unitarians for Climate Justice

Climate resilience workshop at Hinckley Unitarians on Saturday 8th March

Link for tickets: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/gaunitarians/1540017>

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 philosopher 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)

Shrewsbury Interfaith Forum

This year, the Islamic month of fasting, Ramadan, starts on 28th February and ends on 27/29th March. This will be observed by Muslims worldwide. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th March, midway through this period of fasting.

Islam is not the only religion or faith/tradition that observes times of fasting or abstinence in some form.

For our next meeting we would like to share our thoughts and experiences of fasting. How did these originate? What are the benefits? Are there exceptions or allowances?

Tuesday 11th March, 1-2pm,
Shrewsbury United Reformed Church

[Interfaith Forum | Shrewsbury United Reformed Church](#)



Findhorn Unitarian Network Meditation

You are invited to join on zoom for the meditation sessions on Saturday 15 March at 10:00 am, and/or Tuesday 18th March at 9:30 am. The sessions will be led by Richard Bober who leads the Meditation Fellowship. His theme is 'Weaving kindness into our meditation' and he writes:

When we give ourselves gentle, non judgemental attention we are practicing kindness. This practice is simply about working with our awareness and deepening it to allow our natural kindness to arise. In a sense it's there already. We just need to recognise that and allow it to be in plain sight.

funtomeditate@gmail.com



Shropshire Humanists

Thursday 20th March 2025 Arrive 6.30pm for 7:00pm start - Speaker Meeting
'Music, Humanity & Humanism' by Teddy Prout FRSA & his piano!
Director of Learning & Engagement at the Philharmonia Orchestra

[Programme – Shropshire Humanists](#)



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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
Thanks!

