

Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

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nurturing faith embracing life celebrating difference

MAY 2025

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

<u>Services</u> :		<u>Refreshments:</u>
Sunday 4 th May	Bronwen Taylor 'Service with a Smile'	ТВС
Sunday 11 th May	David Wood 'Ritual in Actions and Words'	Belinda
Sunday 18 th May	Alison Patrick	ТВС
Sunday 25 th May	Dorothy Haughton 'Gaza'	ТВС

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 every Tuesday from 9am

Saturday 26th April – 'Miss Plymley Recollects' 2pm

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May – Loopfest

Saturday 10th May – Craft Fayre

Sunday 11th May – Trustees meeting

Thursday 15th May – Poetry Group – 10.30am – 12.30pm 'Journeys'

Thursday 15th May - Old Times group - 2-3pm 'The most beautiful place you have been'

Sunday 18th May - MP Julia Buckley will be attending our service

There will be no book sale in May due to Loopfest events that weekend. The next book sale will be 7th June.

Further information:

www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk

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

AGM Sunday 6th July 2025

The Church AGM will be held on Sunday 6th July after the service. I have attached a letter and nomination forms for Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees with this newsletter. Printed copies are also available in the Church. Please consider whether you would be interested in joining the trustees - if you would like more information please speak to Jenni or one of the other trustees. Thank you

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Loopfest

LOOPFEST is a three-day multi-venue music festival in Shrewsbury, held on Fri 2nd to Sun 4th May 2025.

LOOPFEST 2025 - Shropshire's Biggest Music Festival

Events will be held in the church on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May. Please let me know if you are able to help steward, events will be around lunchtime to evening on Saturday and Sunday. Thank you.



Shrewsbury Interfaith Forum

Our May meeting will be held on Friday 16th May, **7pm** at Shrewsbury United Reformed Church. The customary meeting on the second Tuesday of May will be cancelled.

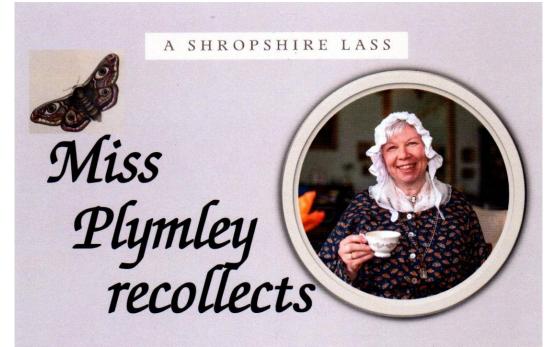
The reason is that our local MP, Julia Buckley has expressed a wish to attend our Interfaith Forum meeting to better understand what we do and to meet us.

The topic for the meeting will be about the role of our faiths and other traditions in our communities. More specific details of this meeting will be confirmed in due course. Please note that this will not be a meeting about politics, neither local or national.



This should be a really interesting and enjoyable occasion!

Tickets are available here: A Shropshire Lass event tickets from TicketSource.



Join Miss Katherine Plymley for tea in 1816 as she shares memories of her busy and rewarding life.

From her home in Shropshire to Anglesey, Bath and London, Katherine kept journals of her experiences. Through her words witness local life and world events, grand houses, exciting travels, and the fight to abolish slavery. Meet Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano, Thomas Telford, the Ladies of Llangollen, the Darwins, the Wedgwoods, and many more.

Alison Utting performs as Katherine.. Followed by refreshments.



Photo: Grum

Watercolours by Katherine Plymley

Saturday 26th April 2pm at The Unitarian Church High Street, Shrewsbury

> Tickets £10 from: www.ashropshirelass.org or 01691 622093







Findhorn Unitarian Network (FUN)

You are invited to come and visit the beautiful Ecovillage Findhorn in August to participate in a held retreat which will give a real flavour of the Findhorn experience. If you would like an application form, or a summary FAQ document please email: <u>funtomeditate@gmail.com</u>

Flavours of Findhorn Retreat, Scotland

Friday 15th August – Thursday 21st Aug 2025 Come and visit the beautiful **Ecovillage Findhorn**



Stay 6 nights in our Guest Lodge, self-catering accommodation and enjoy this vibrant ecovillage in a held retreat where there will be opportunity to explore this spiritual community, share time in a small group, and enjoy a real flavour of the Findhorn experience.

£425/person (sharing a twin room)

£535/person (private single room)

£845/couple (sharing double room)

Please note: There are 4 shared bathrooms in the Guest Lodge

Includes self-catering accommodation, retreat schedule and group activities (Food not included).

The accommodation provides a shared kitchen for food preparation.

For more information about how to join us, please email Pip

pipleemeer@gmail.com and ask for a booking form.



Shropshire Humanists

Thursday 15th May 2025 Arrive 6.30pm for 7:00pm start

Speaker Meeting

'The Scandal of UK Prisons' by Andrew Neilson, Howard League of Penal Reform The Howard League work for less crime, safer communities, fewer people in prison.



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