



# 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.

### Services:

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bronwen Taylor 'Service with a Smile'
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	David Wood 'Ritual in Actions and Words'
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Alison Patrick
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Dorothy Haughton 'Gaza'

### Refreshments:

TBC
Belinda
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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 every Tuesday from 9am

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 'Miss Plymley Recollects' 2pm

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Loopfest

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Craft Fayre

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Trustees meeting

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Poetry Group – 10.30am – 12.30pm 'Journeys'

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Old Times group - 2-3pm 'The most beautiful place you have been'

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**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)

[www.unitarian.org.uk](http://www.unitarian.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



**Loopfest**

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

[LOOPFEST 2025 - Shropshire's Biggest Music Festival](#)

Events will be held in the church on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/events/ashropshire-lass)

A SHROPSHIRE LASS



# Miss Plymley recollects



**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.



Watercolours by Katherine Plymley  
Photo: Grum

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

Tickets £10 from:  
[www.ashropshirelass.org](http://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: [funtomeditate@gmail.com](mailto:funtomeditate@gmail.com)

## Flavours of Findhorn Retreat, Scotland

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://www.howardleague.org) work for less crime, safer communities, fewer people in prison.



### 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!