



Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

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JULY 2025

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

Services:

Sunday 6th July	Debra Burbery
Sunday 13th July	Circle service - Dorothy Haughton 'The Changing Church'
Sunday 20th July	Bronwen Taylor 'Favourite Hymns & Music 1'
Sunday 27th July	Jennifer Deacon

Refreshments:

Dorothy
Jill
Debra
TBC

The theme of Dr Kevin Watson's service this Sunday (29th June) is 'Monkey Business: The Scopes Trial and the Challenge of Fundamentalism 100 years on'.

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 5th July – Book sale (12-2pm)

Sunday 6th July - AGM

Monday 7th July – Summer trip

Thursday 17th July – Poetry Group – 10.30am – 12.30pm

I will be working away on Thursday 17th July and so I won't be in Church.

Reminiscence group will re-start in September.

Further information:

www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk

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AGM Sunday 6th July 2025

The Church AGM will be held on Sunday 6th July after the service.

Please come along if you are able to.

Thank you

On 6th July there will be the Shrewsbury 10k run. More information here:

[Shrewsbury 10K | Original Shrewsbury](#)

I think this is the route and so I think the Frankwell side of town will be open again in time for our service.





Summer trip

The Summer trip will be to Erddig.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/wales/erddig>

Monday 7th July

We have arranged the car shares - please make the arrangements for driving and collecting passengers and we will aim to meet at the entrance to Erddig around 11.30am.

Note - Church phone number if there are any issues on the day: 07487 531913



Shrewsbury Poetry **Under Cover**

Featuring guest poet
Martin Towers

Tuesday 8 July 2025 – 7.15pm -9.00pm

@The Hive, Milk Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1TE

£3 - £5 – suggested donation



Ride and Stride
13th September

We will be open for this event, if anyone can help steward that would be appreciated, we're open 10am – 3pm.

If anyone is interested in taking part please see the article below.

RIDE+STRIDE – on Saturday 13 September 2025

Ride+Stride is an opportunity for YOU to raise money for your Church.

Anyone can join in - collect **sponsors**, then plan your own route - walk, bike, **or car** - visit some churches - enjoy the day.

If you are busy on the 13th, go another day - which is what a lot of people do.

The **sponsorship money is split 50/50 between your local Church** and the Shropshire Historic Churches Trust (SHCT), which awards grants for repairs and improvements to our Churches and Chapels.

So 100% goes to our places of worship. This is definitely a '**Good Thing**'.

'Ride+Stride' is a National event by the National Churches Trust and Shropshire is pleased to join in. The basic idea is twofold:

(1) Churches are open for visitors on Saturday 13 Sept from about 10 to 6, ideally with light refreshments (biscuits, squash; cake maybe).

(2) Anyone can visit as few or as many churches as you wish.

Go anywhere ... on foot, by bike, **or by car**, using our Sponsorship Form to collect sponsorship for your church and for the Trust.

R+S is **NOT** an event where church visits are centrally organised.

We **do not have** a 'central team' that plans any walks or rides or drives.

NO ... It's something that Churches can do for themselves.

And **you** can do it for your Church. **Not rocket science!** Just get some sponsors to back you on a church-based trip to some of our Churches.

The **Sponsorship Form** is on our website **www.shropshirehct.org.uk**

Or contact me and I will get one to you. You can still go and visit other churches, even if your own church is closed. Visiting is important; otherwise, the event will cease. **The county raised £38,446 last year - a record!**
So our two Dioceses, Hereford and Lichfield, are encouraging it to grow - even in Parishes where the event is not well-known and the open churches get hardly any visitors. Yet.

This event has enormous potential - Dorset raised £98,629 last September. My cousin lives there and I'd love to catch up!

Please 'have a go' this year - **Help preserve our Churches in good repair; and help to keep them open for the future.**

David Hardham (Trustee – and County Organiser for Ride+Stride)

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Full details on SHCT website: www.shropshirehct.org.uk



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If you have any contributions for the next ***Bits & Pieces***, please send them to Rev Sue Woolley.

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