

## **Shrewsbury Unitarian Church**

Founded 1662

nurturing faith embracing life celebrating difference

#### **DECEMBER 2025**

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

<u>Services</u>: <u>Refreshments:</u>

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December** Jacky Heraty 'Looking ahead' Debra

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Dorothy Haughton TBC

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December** Bronwen Taylor – Carol service Margaret

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December Alison Patrick 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 1pm and Thursday from 10.30am – 12.30pm

Shrewsbury Food Hub every Tuesday from 9am

Saturday 29th November – Book sale - 12-2pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Global Justice talk 7.30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December – SYGigs concert

Thursday 18th December - Poetry group - 10.30am - 12.30pm - 'Christmas'

See posters for Christmas events

No Food Hub or Coffee morning 30<sup>th</sup> December.

We will also be closed 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January.

#### **Circle service donations**

We raised £90.91 for The Ark at the Circle service on Sunday – thank you.

#### **Further information:**

www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk

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









# Please come along and support these events and advertise them where you can - thank you.

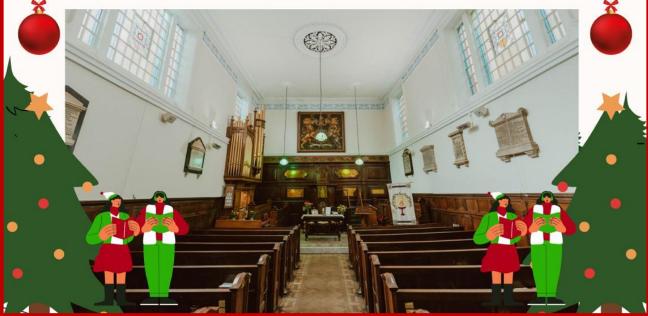


Hannah and Brian and the Saxophone quartet are raising money for The Ark and the choir are raising money for the Samaritans.

(The Shropshire Mental Health Support Christmas Sing Along which was on 20<sup>th</sup> December is not happening).









# In The Age Of Trump, What Hope For Climate Action?

Free Public Talk With Q&A

By Director Of Global Justice Now Nick Dearden

https://www.globaljustice.org.uk/team/nick-dearden/



19:30 Tuesday 2nd December 2025

Unitarian Church, High Street, Shrewsbury, SY1 1LR

All Welcome!







#### **Blankets**

We now have some blankets in church – if you are cold during a Sunday service over the winter, please borrow one.



#### **Trustees meeting**

Draft trustees meeting minutes from 23<sup>rd</sup> November will be on the noticeboard soon.



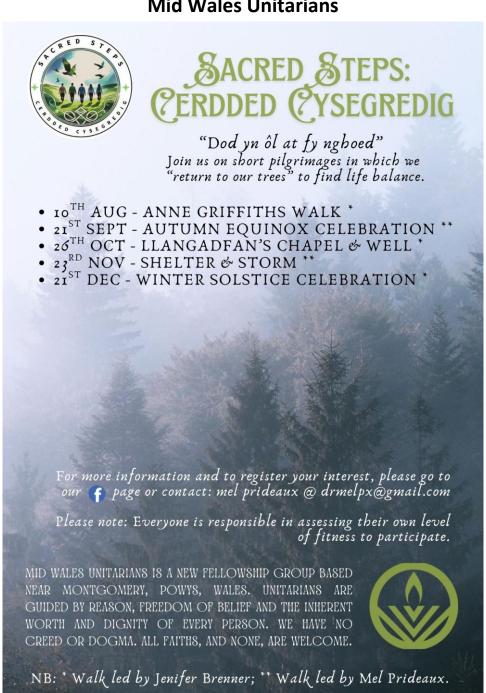
### **SYGigs Concert** Saturday 6th December Merope + M.Hauix

Merope's roots lie deep in the soil of Lithuania's folk songs, connecting them with ideas from across the cultural map. Indrė Jurgelevičiūtė's kanklės and singing are the foundation of their celestial ambient folk reinterpretations, joined by ornate, experimental guitar and electronics from Belgian multi-instrumentalist Bert Cools, creating an intimate soundscape and guiding the duo towards the unknown.

Merope + M.Hauix - SY.GIGS



#### **Mid Wales Unitarians**





#### **Shrewsbury Interfaith Forum**

As 2025 comes to a close, it is time for our customary end of year get together. This is when we chat and catch up, which we never really have time for in our monthly meetings.

This will be on Tuesday 2nd December; 6-8pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mount Pleasant Road, Shrewsbury, SY1 3HX. We are very grateful to our friends in the LDS Church for sharing their home with us for a third year.

Please bring drinks and snacks to share, and please ask any family members and friends who might be interested in our Interfaith Forum in an informal setting.

This will be our last meeting of 2025 and we next meet on Tuesday 13th January 2026 at our usual venue, URC, Coleham Head. More of that later.

Looking forward to seeing next Tuesday, and if you can't make it, then we join you in looking forward to a peaceful and happy New Year.



#### **National Churches Trust Survey Results**

The results of the National Churches survey have been published – follow the link below to read the report.

The National Churches Survey: giving every church a voice | National Churches Trust



#### MUA

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

#### MU Now:

We are particularly looking for stories on local activities, or with a local interest, in addition to articles on the theme.

The theme for the next issue, due out in January 2026, is, "Celebration and Joy". It will be coming out in the depths of Winter, so I think we would all enjoy some uplifting pieces. The deadline for submissions is Friday 9th January 2026.

Please send contributions to Rev Sue Woolley: revsuewoolley@gmail.com

Thank you

