



# Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

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nurturing faith embracing life celebrating difference

## JANUARY 2026

Services are held every Sunday at 11.00 a.m.

### Services:

- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> January**      Bronwen Taylor
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January**      Wendy Holton and Jen Deacon - Circle service
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January**      Jacky Heraty
- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January**      Sian Murray

I am not sure who is on refreshments this month as I'm not in church to check.

**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

Congregation meal – Wednesday 14th January 12.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Poetry group - 10.30am – 12.30pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Reminiscence group 2-3pm

Live in the House concert 16<sup>th</sup> January

*We will be closed 1<sup>st</sup> January*

Trustees meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January

**Further information:**

[www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk](http://www.shrewsburyunitarians.org.uk)

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



**Book sales**

There is no book sale in January. The next will be 7<sup>th</sup> February.



**First Aid**

If anyone would be interested in attending a 1 day Emergency First Aid at Work course and is a regular attender at the church, either during the week or at services, please let one of the trustees know. We really would like more first aiders at church. Thank you.



**Blankets**

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



**Reminiscence group**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

What have you learned in your life that you can or like to pass on to others?



**Congregation meal**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January – The Armoury – 12.30pm

Please let Kim know if you would like to go to the meal.



## Shropshire Historic Churches Trust - Ride & Stride

It has been a fantastic year for our Open Church 'Ride+Stride' event this year.

As at 21 November, we had raised a total of over £46,800!!!!

And sponsorship money and other donations are still coming in.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you to everyone who did sponsored rides, walks or car trips, or made other donations.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the Riders and Striders and Drivers.

And thank you to everyone who had an open church, which is important so we can publish our event as being a genuine 'Open Church' day.

A day when almost every church is open – even if some of you are in locations where there is not much R+S activity at present, and you had few or no visitors.

Kind regards, thank you again,  
David H

*David (Hardham)*

*(Trustee - Shropshire Historic Churches Trust - County Organiser for Ride+Stride)*

[www.shropshirehct.org.uk](http://www.shropshirehct.org.uk)



## 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](mailto:revsuewoolley@gmail.com)

Thank you



**Live in the House concert**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January**

**[John Bramwell \(I Am Kloot\) - Live in The House](#)**



**John Bramwell (I Am Kloot)**

Friday 16th January 2026

Doors 7.00pm - On Stage 8pm

Shrewsbury Unitarian Church

Tickets: £25

[Book Now](#)

We welcome the return of John Bramwell, but this time, up close and personal in the intimate setting of Shrewsbury's Unitarian church.

As the singer in *I Am Kloot* from 1999 to 2014, **John Bramwell** achieved a Mercury Prize nomination for 2010's *The Sky At Night*, a Top 10 chart position for 2013's *Let It All In*, numerous UK and European tours and a triumphant farewell at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with an orchestra in 2014.

Now, as a solo artist, John travels a very different path, a path that criss-crosses the length and breadth of the UK with a humble agenda of taking his heartwarming songs to the stage and enjoying another moment in time with his devoted fans.

The stunning 2023 sophomore solo album, *The Light Fantastic* was an almost complete u-turn from the *I Am Kloot* outlook they were known for. Darker clouds banished and in replacement gloriously exhilarating, beautifully crafted and observed songs about life, humanity, the universe and everything.

Doors 7.00pm

On Stage 8pm

Licensed Bar