

# New 4-star Venue for next year's G.A. Annual Meetings ~ 29th March to 1st April 2015



## SOME HIGHLIGHTS for 2015

The event, as always, begins with the **John Rely Beard** lecture, sponsored by the Ministerial Fellowship. In 2015 this will be a play entitled 'Jesus—Queen of Heaven', on issues of gender, transsexuality and spirituality, presented by **Jo Clifford**.



The **Keynote Speaker** will be Rev. Jill McAllister, Senior Programmes Consultant

with the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU).

Our **Anniversary Preacher** will be **Rev John Harley**, a Unitarian Minister, art teacher and drama therapist who co-ordinates youth events for young British Unitarians.

In addition, we can look forward to an evening "**Celebration of Ministry**" organised by some of our new Ministers.

Plus, of course, there's the chance to meet up with old friends, make new ones, share ideas, join in with 300+ voices singing in praise, enjoy good food and good company, and get your views heard by taking part in the debates and decisions on the future of the Unitarian movement in the UK.



For our 2015 GA Annual Meetings we have booked the **Birmingham Hilton Metropole**, a 4-star conference hotel in the grounds of the NEC (National Exhibition Centre) which provides excellent facilities, great transport links, and real value for money.

Easy to get to by car, bus or train, there will even be a courtesy shuttle mini-bus running from Birmingham International station, which is just a 10-15 minute walk from the hotel. It has a spa, with free pool, gym and sauna, as well as discounted spa treatments, plus it has delightful



en-suite double and twin bedrooms, pleasant reception, lounge and bar areas, large dining rooms, and conveniently all the sessions, workshops, meetings and social events will take place inside the hotel.