

The Broadsheet



United Reformed Church,
77 , High Street, Broadway
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Batsford Arboretum October 2014

To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends

“Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And all the beasts of the earth and all the creatures that move on the ground- everything that has breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food.” And so it was so.’ (Genesis 1:29-30)

There are many schools of thought on climate change. An article in the Daily Mail would dispute the findings of many essays and research papers on ‘Climate Change’ going on to point out that the Ice Cap has increased by 40% in 2014.

The Rev Malcolm Rooney, a Church of Scotland minister in his contribution to the ‘Big Question’ says, “It has become abundantly clear during the first few years of the 21st century that the world is heading for a global environmental crisis that will affect water availability, food production health and perhaps global peace. If we care for humanity and care for creation, then we must do something to alleviate what could be the most awful of inheritances we leave future generations.”

Man’s contributions to the extinction of some species is in no doubt and the preservation of others is equally in no doubt, what is not in question is our responsibility to look after God’s world. The Rev Fiona Lillie, minister of St John’s Renfield, Scotland points out, “The care of our planet in every aspect is under scrutiny as never before, in the warnings about damage done through rampant exploitation of its resources and natural life, and the resulting change and survival predictions. Most of us are increasingly environmentally aware, and more conscious of the fragility of the life of our home the earth for we know what we inflict on the rest of creation, we inflict ultimately on ourselves.”

Pope Francis says, "Exploiting the earth is our sin. Every tree, every pond, every member of every species is unique and special to God. Humanity commits suicide with this indiscriminate and tyrannical use of nature."

Psalm 8:6-8 makes it clear what God has placed in our care. Whether our contribution to global warming is by our method of industrial manufacturing, or farming, or even the chemicals used in warfare, at the end of the day we are ultimately responsible for how we take care of the world in which God has placed us, the time we are here and the condition we pass it on to the next generation. Is it any wonder at the of time, the Lord has promised a New Heaven and a New Earth. *"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had a passed away, and there was no longer any sea."* (Revelation 21:1)

Your friend

Ken.

An Invitation

The Church in Society Group would like to invite you to

A Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall

on Saturday October 3rd.

12 midday for 12.30.

Donations for Christian Aid.

Please sign the list at the back of the church by Sunday 27th September.

Sheila Payne

In the community, for the community

both Welcoming **and** Inviting

The Christian way is to help our neighbours and to introduce the possibilities of life with God in it.

I felt called to spend more of my time doing this. So with Kath's support eighteen months ago I quit my full time job as director of an engineering organisation to become the part-time Outreach Development Worker.

There have been many fascinating developments; Large and visible, small and unseen. On reflection two things have become particularly pronounced.

Secondly, how we have approached our outreach. We have taken care that both our current way of being church is strengthened whilst at the same time our new ways of being church are reaching more people in our local community. We have created new initiatives that have helped our neighbours to make new friends, improve their health and find jobs, amongst other things.

This Invite Season is a good example of our **how** in action. Soon we will be celebrating harvest by holding a barn dance in the village hall and a service in our church. We all play a part in this since our friendly welcome is an essential partner to our courageous invitations for people to give things a try.

Firstly, we have been very careful to seek where the Spirit is leading us. To prayerfully consider God's will as to **what** we should do. Then we consider **how** we should do it.

So what to the future in the second half of the Outreach Development Worker role that ends in March 2017?

First things first. What is the Spirit saying to our church? How can we show love to our neighbours?

God Bless

Mark

Services in October

All services start at 10.30am. Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments in the Church hall after the service.

Sunday October 4th	Holy Communion led by Revd. Ken Martin
Sunday October 11th	PILOTS
Sunday October 18th	Revd. Ken Martin with Chris Walters One World Week
Sunday October 25th	The Worship Group

Advance notice –

We will be having a church 'Away Day' at the House of the Open Door on 30th April 2016, led by Julie Jefferies. Please put it in your diaries **now**. Further details, including topics for discussion will be given in the New Year.

Birthday Celebrations

4th October	John Payne
5th October	Christine Kershaw
9th October	Bruce Wallace
10th October	Margaret Strange
21st October	Judith Gibbons



Duty Elder

Michael Payne

October 4th

Welcome

Kathy Hancock

Reading

Christine Waller

Coffee

Marion and John Tunwell

Flowers

Brenda Taylor

October 11th

Welcome

Megan Thomas

Reading

Pilots

Coffee

Judy Aiton and Pat Wallace

Flowers

Nancy Rogers

October 18th

Welcome

Doreen Martin

Reading

Doreen Martin

Coffee

Julie Stickler and Megan Thomas

Flowers

Michael Eden

October 25th

Welcome

Laura Holt

Reading

Laura Holt

Coffee

Muriel and Bill Nelson

Flowers

Dorothy Cox

Duty Elder

Mark Pickering

November 1st

Welcome

Joanne and Les Griffin

Reading

Joanne Griffin

Coffee

Bev Churchill and Margaret Strange

Flowers

Sue Jones

November 8th

Remembrance Sunday

November 15th

Welcome

Wyn Whitten

Reading

Wyn Whitten

Coffee

Margaret and Roger Harrington

Flowers

Muriel Nelson

November 22nd

Welcome

Pat Aberdein

Reading

Sheila Payne

Coffee

Judith Gibbons and Wyn Whitten

Flowers

Sheila Payne

November 29th

Welcome

Mark Pickering

Reading

Mark Pickering

Coffee

Joanne and Les Griffin

Flowers

Laura Holt arranged by Christine Waller

Who's in the hall ?

David Spencer— *A Musician not a Gardener*

If one afternoon you have heard sweet music floating from the hall or Jubilee Room, David is probably behind it. He is a musician who uses our rooms to play his clarinet solos to a very high standard. You might also hear his duets and quartet sessions which he has recently formed.



David's book " *A Musician not a Gardener* " tells of his life in an Infantry Line Band from 1963-1975 and is packed with personal experiences ,insights and unique photographs. He has kindly provided a copy which is at the back of the church.

An Afternoon of Entertainment



PUDDINGS and PARTY PIECES

Saturday 7th November 2015

2pm to 4pm

In the

United Reformed Church Hall.

77, High Street, Broadway



Bring along a pudding and /or a party piece to share

a song, a short reading, or other entertainment, lasting no more than 5 minutes

Admission free, Donations to church funds at your discretion.

Wetness and Witness

A big thank you to everyone for all the time, effort, energy, produce making, humour, waterproofs and witness that you contributed in making our stand a success as we celebrated with our friends at St Michael's and All Angels Church their 175th year.

Despite the rain, we had a steady stream (terrible pun intended) of people and usually had two or three people talking to our congregation members on the stall throughout the day.

It is a tremendous way to show witness and raise awareness of Christ and our church.

As well as raising awareness we had genuine interest shown in everything that we do and the presentation of our activities worked really well. The information books proved a useful way to illustrate our activities. Let's pray that the people we met who showed interest and took fliers will think about joining in.

As we know, success means talking to people and making the invitation, the rest is up to God.

Mark

Putting Your Garden to Bed

A talk by

GreenJJam

for Signpost

Friday 23rd October, 7.30pm



United Reformed Church, 77, High Street

Entrance £5 to include refreshments

Tickets available from Signpost 01386 859029

Plants will be available for sale on the evening

Richard Becher led worship at Broadway URC on 13th September. Below is part of a Newsletter which he has written in his new role of National Coordinator of One World Week.

Celebrating the Action That Gives Hope!

OWW Newsletter September 2015

WHAT an exciting time to be able to introduce myself as the new National Coordinator of One World Week as we get ready to celebrate Hope in Action! I am joining a great team of volunteers, trustees and supporters and hope we can continue to build on their amazing work for which we thank them all.

More about me later but the immediate focus must be on the launch of **HOPE IN ACTION**. As the traditional week of activities and events start on October 18th we hope you will take the opportunity to encourage others by sharing your stories of where action in your organisation, project or faith group has provided hope.

WHAT you do can be part of a meeting you already have so simply needs a speaker to be invited who can talk about hope in action and how to build a more equal and peaceful world. Or it can be the theme of a school assembly or an act of worship. For the Christians among you I am sure there must be plenty of preachers who can deliver an inspiring message on how our action can bring hope to the world! I note that the suggested bible reading for Sunday October 18th is Luke 10 verses 1-9 which is about Jesus sending out 72 people with a message of hope and the following week it is Mark 10 verse 46 to the end where the action of Jesus gives hope to the blind Bartimaeus.

If every place of worship could deliver a message of **HOPE IN ACTION** to celebrate One World Week it would be an amazing coming together to offer encouragement. Let us know if you can raise your voice for hope in One World Week. We would like to hear your stories, quotes, prayers and readings from your religious traditions to share and inspire.

Seven days in a year...

GIVE THE WORLD A WEEK is a new thought you might like to consider which means you do seven things during the year which focus on the theme..... Your first event might be an act of worship which launches your "week in a year" and others might be around HOPE IN ACTION at significant festivals or events in your calendar. It also means you might plan a HOPE IN ACTION street party in your community next summer. So how about giving our one world seven days in a year with action which can lead to

hope!

Exciting challenge!

I am excited by the role I am taking on. I hope that we can work together as a One World Week team of volunteers and supporters to enable silent voices to be heard alongside the voices of the powerful so together we can all hear grow into a One World Family.

I am an ordained minister in the United Reformed Church who retired at the end of December 2014 but I had many experiences before entering the church ministry. I was a journalist before working with Vietnamese Boat People with Save the Children Fund and Refugee Action; was involved in village development work in Kenya before managing a children's home in Nairobi and then managed a project for homeless young people in Birmingham before being ordained. I have also made visits to Zimbabwe, Malawi, Jamaica and India which have given me further insights into issues across boundaries of faith and culture.

I am based in Birmingham where some of my time will be devoted to supporting my daughter, Laura, and her husband, Danny, look after a granddaughter named Isla. My daughter's mum used to be Coordinator for One World Week in Birmingham in 1990 so it seems I am walking in her footsteps after all these years. Sadly, she died in 2000 but I am now remarried.

I look forward to working with you all as we try to make our contribution together to building a more equal and peaceful world.

Richard Becher,
One World Week Coordinator

Judith Gibbons



West Mercia Police are holding a confidential drop in session at Signpost , 4 Russell Square on Thursday 22nd October at 11am to noon.

If you have any concerns regarding police matters please call into the Signpost Office or call 01386 859029 for more details.

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Articles for the next Broadsheet can be sent to broadsheet.editor@hotmail.co.uk
or can be placed in the folder at the back of the Church
Closing date for articles is 12th October 2015

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
Girl Guides every week during term time 7pm—8.30.pm
(except the last Monday of the month when held at the Methodist Hall)
Gardening Club (Last Monday of month)

Tuesday Games Afternoon 1st Tuesday each month 2-4pm
Healing Service 2nd Tuesday each month 11am in URC Vestry
Tai Chi 6-8pm

Wednesday Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
Rhythm Time 9.30 am -11am in the Church
Neighbours on Line 2- 4pm every other week
Beaver Scouts 6- 7.15pm
Music Makers 7.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday Look After Yourself 10.30am—12noon
Cub Scouts 6- 7.15pm
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm URC Vestry
(2nd Thursday in month)

Friday PILOTS 6.30pm -8pm

Fun and activities in a Christian environment during term time for everyone aged 4 - 18.

All welcome whether or not they go to any church.

For everyone aged 4 - 18.