

The **United Reformed Church**

Broadsheet

March 2018



Pershore Abbey : Wholeness and Healing 11th February 2018

To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends,

As I am writing this letter ready for the March edition of the Broadsheet, I have been looking outside. It is grey and cold as it has been for the last 10 days. I am looking forward to Spring. That has made me realise that it is very easy to be always waiting and looking forward to something rather than being engaged in where we are now.

When I really look around me I can see that there is a lot of activity going on in our garden. The snowdrops are beautiful and the roses in spite of hard pruning are already forming new shoots. The birds are busy at the bird feeders. A robin and a pigeon are having a stand-off and a spotted woodpecker is eating peanuts as though they will disappear. A pheasant is claiming sanctuary. Bruce comes back and says he has seen lambs in a field. All this and it is only February. How easy it would be to miss these signs of nature preparing itself for Spring approaching.

And just as nature prepares itself for what lies ahead so should we make ready. We are in the period of Lent when we reflect on Jesus' time in the wilderness and think about what and how we might want to change. As well as reflection we can look forward to the Easter message of hope, freedom and new life. We are also looking forward and preparing for the arrival of Richard and Virginia with pleasure and maybe a bit of apprehension about what may be expected from us!

This has made me realise that looking forward is an active time as it involves thought, planning and prayer. And it's not only about March. As Gary Zukav says - 'The spring wakes us, nurtures us and revitalizes us. How often does your spring come? If you are a prisoner of the calendar, it comes once a year.'

Blessings

Pat Wallace

A Prayer for March

Lord, it is not always easy to pray for things outside ourselves.

Why are so many people bent on evil things ?

But Lord, the number of good people far outweigh the bad and I pray that the good people continue to pass on their good example.

Bless all who are kind, loving their neighbours and following your example or at least trying to.

Give them peace, especially those in the wider world.

Bless those nearer to home in our country and bless the people close to us here in Broadway.

May they also know your constant and abiding love.

Bring us all in our village churches closer together and this we ask in the name of your Son , our Saviour.

Amen

In the Community, for the Community.

Walking the Way, living the life of Jesus today.

Wonderful news. A new minister is to join us to further the work of our church in our local community as we seek to become better disciples and to make new ones. Walking the Way is an initiative to support us in doing just that and it is being rolled out by churches of all denominations across the UK.

Here in Broadway we have already investigated it in workshops in our hall and in discussion at Church Meeting. We agreed that it very much supports what we would like to do. In particular: Prayer, Worship, and Making New Disciples.

There is an opportunity to learn more from a Walking the Way session for Elders that has been organised by West Midlands Synod at Warwick Road

URC , Coventry on 24th March . Several people have already said that they would like to go. If you would like to know more about it please talk to me and if you would like to come we will either be going in a car or if enough people are interested we will all travel together in the Nomads Community Bus. We will leave Broadway at 8am and be back at around 5.30pm.

We are considering how we can further develop our Prayer, Worship and Outreach activities to make them even more valuable for people who currently attend church, and those who might like to explore what the Christian way of life means.

We now have a prayer table in the church that has reflected on Epiphany, Candlemas and Commitment for Life. Everyone is invited to suggest topics and to help to create this special place for prayer.

Exploring new Worship ideas was combined with our Nomads Community Bus activity as twelve people travelled to the Wholeness and Healing



service at Pershore Abbey. It was an enriching experience for all who were able to make the trip. More opportunities will be generated for anyone who would like to help create and to experience different forms of worship, as well as bringing your gifts to our traditional Sunday morning service.

Mark Pickering

Thank you

Thank you to all the Church family who sent me cards, phoned or visited me following my fall in December.

It was lovely to know that you were thinking of me when I was in hospital over Christmas and New Year and then confined to the house. I am at last able to get out and see friends, though walking is not back to normal yet.

Sue

Services in March

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

Sunday 4th March	Revd John Marsh– Holy Communion
Sunday 11th March	Revd. Richard Becher
Sunday 18th March	Revd. Mike Spencer
Sunday 25th March	Revd. John Sutcliffe
Sunday 1st April	Easter Day Revd. Richard Becher

Birthday Celebrations

4th March	Nancy Rogers
14th March	Sheila Payne
18th March	Laura Holt



Duty Elder

Pat Wallace

Sunday 4th March

Welcome

Michael Eden

Reading

Megan Thomas

Coffee

Judith Gibbons and Kathy Hancock

Flowers

Margaret Rubridge

Sunday 11th March

Mothering Sunday

Welcome

Joanne Griffin

Reading

Sue Jones

Coffee

Christine and Frank Waller

Flowers

Christine Waller

Sunday 18th March

Welcome

Bev Churchill

Reading

Laura Holt

Coffee

Pat and Bruce Wallace

Flowers

Laura Holt

Sunday 25th March

Welcome

Noel Kershaw

Reading

Noel Kershaw

Coffee

Christine Kershaw and Sheila Payne

Flowers

Joanne Griffin

Duty Elder

Shared

Sunday 1st April

Easter Day

Welcome

Reading

Tony Williams

Coffee

Wyn Whitten and Judith Gibbons

Sunday 8th April

Service at Methodist Church

Sunday 15th April

Welcome

Pat Aberdein

Reading

Chris Walters

Cooffee

Ann Walters and Vicki Packman

Sunday 22nd April

Welcome

Kathy Hancock

Reading

Julie Stickler

Coffee

Julie Stickler and Michael Eden

Sunday 29th April

Welcome

Eric Watts

Reading

Marilyn Watts

Coffee

Marilyn Watts and Judith Gibbons

What's On ?

At Broadway URC , 77, High Street, Broadway . WR12 7AL



What's On	March	April	May
Sunday Service 10.30—11.30 am	4,11,18,25	1,15,22,29	6,13,20,27
Tuesday			
Table Games Afternoon 2-4pm	6th	3rd	8th
Wednesday			
Neighbours on Line Computers and Internet Coaching 2-4pm	7th, 21st	18th	2,16,30
Threads 2-4pm	21st	18th	16th
Thursday			
Look After Yourself—Gentle Exercises 10.30 –12 noon	1,8,15,22,29	5,12,19,26	3,10,17,24, 31
Today's Our Day Activities and Chat 2-4pm	1,8,15,22,29	5,12,19,26	3,10,17,24, 31
Friday			
PILOTS Crafts, Games for all aged 4-18 6.30-8.00pm	2,9,16,23	20,27	4,11,18,25
Events			
Fish and Chip Quiz Night 5.30pm	3rd		
Messy Roads at Pilots	16th		
Easter Activities Morning 9.30am	31st		
Beetle Drive with soup and roll		14th	
Messy Good Shepherd at Pilots		27th	

More information

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Or contact Mark 07949 296 738 markp.broadwayurc@outlook.com

HEALTH : It's Good To Talk

"Social interaction for just one hour a week will improve the lives of elderly people.... living in nursing homes, a study suggests." So reported the national newspaper the "i" in mid February.

At Broadway URC we can confirm this from our own experience based on the comments of people who attend our different sessions, including Games Afternoon, Neighbours on Line, Look After Yourself, Today's our Day, and evenings like our Quiz night and Beetle Drives.

So why not encourage local people who you know to come to the sessions so that we can help our neighbours to Feel Better, and Enjoy Life More?

Wyn Whitten

Wanted: Recipes for Success

Do you have a favourite family recipe?

Do you have any household tips?

Would you like to share them with other people?

If so please let Pam Peters have them by simply dropping them in her pigeon hole in church.

If there is a story attached to it we'd be interested in hearing that too.

If Pam gets enough responses we might well make them into a booklet to raise funds.

Always remembering that "the old ones are the best".

Lay Preacher Commissioning Service

Andrew Mann-Ray , acting on behalf of the Moderator, and Ann Tempest, Lay Preacher Commissioner led worship as Mark Pickering was commissioned as General Assembly Accredited Lay Preacher.

In his testimony Mark explained how important the support of fellow Christians and his family have been on his faith journey. Quoting the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:6-7) he expressed his sense of calling as working to help others in our community to hear of the additional joy that is possible in a life with Christ in it.



Age UK have returned to Signpost .

Age UK are available in Signpost, 4, Russell Square every third Wednesday of the month 10am—1pm to discuss and give advice on a range of topics affecting anyone over the age of 50 including completing forms for benefits .

If you would like an appointment or referral please contact Signpost Tuesday or Thursday 10am -1pm 01386 or just drop into the office.

Saturday 31st March

9.30am -12.30 United Reformed Church Hall

Easter Activities for 5-17yr olds

Crafts and fun

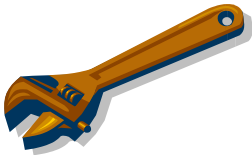
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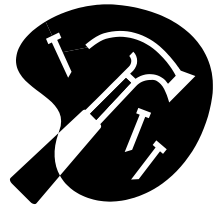
TWAM Tools with a Mission

TWAM collect donated tools, refurbish and sort them into trade kits and send them across the world for livelihood creation.

We want to continue to support this worthwhile project. Joanne has kindly offered her garage as a collection point. She will then arrange for TWAM to come and collect what has been donated at the end of May. Therefore please would you see if you have anything suitable to donate and spread the word to others. Then all you need to do is phone Joanne and arrange a convenient time to deliver your donations to her garage.



The tools that are required are very varied covering building, carpentry, plumbing, groundwork etc but also sewing and knitting machines and IT equipment. Therefore I challenge you not to be able to find something!! I will attach a list of what is suitable to the board in the hall.



Pat Wallace

Quiz Night with Supper

Saturday 3rd March

5.30pm for food at 6pm

United Reformed Church Hall

Adult £8 Child £5

Booking essential by 28th February

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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 March 2018

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
 Bhangra Blaze 1.30pm—2.30pm
 Brownies 6.30pm- 7.15pm
 Elders Meeting (first Monday in the month)

Tuesday Table Games Afternoon 1st Tuesday each month 2-4pm
 Tai Chi 6.30 -8pm

Wednesday Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
 Neighbours on Line 2- 4pm every other week
 Threads 2pm -4pm 3rd Wednesday of month
 Music Makers 7.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday Look After Yourself 10.30am—12noon
 Today's Our Day 2-4pm

Friday PILOTS 6.30pm -8pm
 Fun and activities in a Christian environment during term
time for everyone aged 4-18