

The Broadsheet

April 2018



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

EASTER AND BEYOND!

I guess we all have our own special thoughts about the CELEBRATION of Easter. My earliest recollection of Easter morning is the joining together for breakfast in the schoolroom at Evesham Street, Redditch, Congregational Church. An elder, who had served in the forces as an army chef, was in charge of the cooking on extremely large, old gas cookers (they were quite fearsome!) Stan had everything worked out according to regimental routine – the food was served according to his instructions, by ‘us teenagers’. This custom became a highlight in our Church life and something which, for many years, we brought into the life of this Church here in Broadway – sharing around a table knowing that the Lord is in our midst.

A childhood memory is the wearing of short socks and sandals on Easter morning – bravely worn whatever the weather that morning, to celebrate what we all hoped was to be the beginning of warmer days. What memories do YOU have?

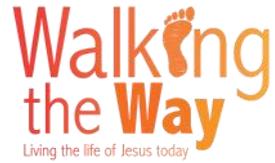
And beyond

Although Easter Day is a time for remembering, it’s a time to celebrate new life in the resurrection, to welcome God anew into our personal and Church lives, allow the ups and downs of all things out of our control to be handed over to God and to acknowledge the freedom of belonging and walking each day with Him.

We are excited by what lies ahead for us here in Broadway – as I read recently “God is on the loose” – let us pray together that we may trust enough to “Walk the Way” with God surrounding us.

Joanne

A Prayer for Walking the Way



Lord of all,
as you walked this earth sharing love, grace and mercy,
we pray that we will place our footsteps in yours
and walk where you lead
as we live out your life in our daily living
for Jesus' sake.
Amen

In the community, for the community

Be Alert! Our community needs lerts!

The key principles of Walking the Way include “becoming better disciples and making more disciples”. These dovetail seamlessly with the mission of our church “to know Jesus better, and to make him better known”.

Disciples are people who learn by following. Walking the Way is an approach that United Reformed Churches all over the country are contemplating during Lent. How can disciples live the life of Jesus in their community, today?

The bible tells of Jesus being alone and fasting for 30 days and nights as he clarified in his own mind what his ministry would be and how he would put it into action (Matthew 4:1-11).

Jesus lived his life with purpose yet was still alert to the situation and needs of the people who he met along the way. When pressed by a heaving crowd as he strove with a father to save a child, he still

noticed a woman who was long-suffering, and he took time to talk with her (Mark 5:21-34).

Disciples living the life of Jesus also strive to be purposeful (John 18:37). Towards the end of Lent 2018 we each prepare to embark on the next phase of our own ministry. As a Christian community we each offer our gifts as best we can, and our Annual Church Meeting demonstrates the large number of essential tasks and roles.

Yet to live the life of Jesus we too need to be alert to the needs of those we meet along the way.

On three occasions this winter our church has been unable to open due to snow. I used these opportunities to walk into Evesham to worship. Away from the familiar I became alert to the way strangers feel, uncertain and even vulnerable, as I entered new spaces and encountered their long-established communities.

The Quaker meeting meant an hour in silent contemplation. Communion at the Methodist service was very different. The Anglican Soul Food demanded eating with people of different nationalities who I'd never met, and a different format of worship. The stations for prayer and worship included limbo, hand massage, and discussing quotes from Wilberforce.

I was alerted to people passionate for justice and peace, preparing to rethink church including cell church, practically addressing the needs of others, and seeking to find ways to help faith pathways to begin.

My conclusion? Even as I seek to be a disciple with purpose, I also need to be a lert.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Pickering

Services in April

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

Sunday 1st April	Easter Day	Revd. Richard Becher
Sunday 8th April	Joint Service at Methodist Church	
Sunday 15th April	Revds. Gwen and Bernie Collins	
Sunday 22nd April	David Stewart	
Sunday 29th April	Revd. Richard Becher	
Sunday 6th May	Revd. Tim Huc	

Birthday Celebrations

6th April Megan Thomas

10th April Judy Aiton



12th April Wyn Whitten

13th April Mary Acheson

19th April Edna Hodges

29th April Pat Wallace

Duty Elder

Shared

Sunday 1st April

Easter Day

Welcome

Reading

Tony Williams

Coffee

Wyn Whitten and Judith Gibbons

Flowers

Flower Guild

Sunday 8th April

Service at Methodist Church

Sunday 15th April

Welcome

Pat Aberdein

Reading

Chris Walters

Coffee

Ann Walters and Vicki Packman

Flowers

Christine Kershaw

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

Flowers

Margaret Harrington

Duty Elder

Judith Gibbons

Sunday 6th May

Welcome

Margaret Taylor

Reading

Judy Aiton

Coffee

Joanne Griffin and Sue Jones

Flowers

Laura Holt

Sunday 13th May

Welcome

Ann Walters

Reading

Chris Walters

Coffee

Margaret Harrington and Noel Kershaw

Flowers

Margaret Taylor

Sunday 20th May

Welcome

Roger Harrington

Reading

Margaret Harrington

Coffee

Pat and Bruce Wallace

Flowers

Sue Jones

Sunday 27th May

Welcome

Frank Waller

Reading

Christine Waller

Coffee

Sheila Payne and Wyn Whitten

Flowers

Margaret Rubridge

What's On ?

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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		14th	
Easter Activities Morning 9.30am	31st		
Messy Good Shepherd at Pilots		27th	
Fete on Small Green			12th

More information

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Peggy Freeman, a tribute to a gracious lady.

Peggy, as she was known, was born on the 20th June 1923 and left us on the 23rd December 2017, aged 94. I realise that most of you will never have met Peggy, but she was for many years an active and important member of this church. She moved to Mickleton in the mid 1970's with her husband Frank after he retired and they soon became active members. Regrettably Frank passed on far too soon, leaving her a widow for approaching 30 years. Her contribution to church life was very varied and included cake making, sewing, flowers, distributing bible study notes and junior church. She never seemed flustered or self-important, she just got on with what she had to do. One memory I have of her was when she played Mrs. Bucket (of Keeping up Appearances fame) in a nativity play with the children, ensuring the little angels did a thorough cleaning of the stable, only to be told by the Revd. Richard Collins in his role from the pulpit as angel Gabriel, that God wanted everything as it was.

I got to know her really well when I started to look after her garden and would spend more time chatting over a cup of tea than working. It was a surprise to see a Steinway grand piano in the lounge as she was an accomplished pianist, but unfortunately did not have the confidence to play in public. Peggy and Frank and I think their two sons, Peter and David, travelled throughout the country, with Scotland and the Lakes being particular favourites. They must have had every copy of the OS maps for the country and I was always told to take whatever I needed when I went on my travels.

We don't have the word, 'gentlewoman' in our vocabulary, but if we did that would describe her, together with 'gracious', 'unassuming' 'caring' and 'private'. A demonstration of the esteem in which she was held can be demonstrated in her final days. When it became apparent that she was not to be among us for much longer, the staff at the residential home insisted she return to them and they would look after her. At her Service of Remembrance not only were many care staff present, some off-duty at the time, but other residents too, and people from the church. An indication of the respect in which she was held.

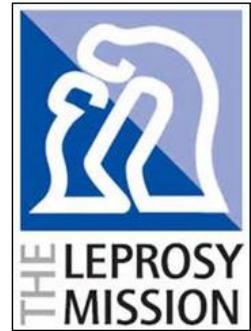
A PS. Her name was not Peggy, it was Marguerite Julia! Not many people knew that.

Michael Eden.

The Leprosy Mission

Please bring your Mission Boxes to Church on Easter Sunday or let me know and I will arrange to collect it from you.

Pat Wallace



The Church Prayer Corner .

It is being refreshed on a regular basis, thank you Val Taylor of Look After Yourself for providing crosses and “ The Cross in My Pocket ” prayers for people to take away.



Please speak to Joanne if you would like to contribute to this new project.

Change of date due to snow

Quiz Night with Supper

will now be held on

Saturday 14th April

5.30pm for food at 6pm

United Reformed Church Hall

Adult £8 Child £5

Booking essential

Contact Wyn 01386 300756 or Kathy 07912 945868

The beetle drive evening has been
postponed until later in the year

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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 9th April 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