

The



Broadsheet

September 2018



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

It only takes a few to make a bigger harvest!

“The workers are few but the harvest is plentiful...” Matthew 9: 37

It only takes a few to transform a community. It only took ONE to start a movement that continues to change the world. Our church can be the meeting of the few or you, yes YOU, can be the one that gives new life to at least one corner of the world.

We can pray for more workers to go into the field to gather the harvest, but don't stop work to do the praying because then nothing will get done. Prayer is the heartbeat of our faith because it is a conversation with God which can be shared at anytime, anywhere, in busy times or quiet times and there is NO time that isn't a prayer time!

It only takes a few, or even one, to build a church and transform a community that will produce a rich harvest in this corner of the world. Just a few workers who are praying as they do God's work rather than many who pray for others to do the work!

We might be few at the harvest service on September 30th but we can do great things and the ONE you invite might be the one with a great vision that refreshes our mission. It only takes a few and our church might be small, but we can do great things and inspire the many.

I was reminded of this on holiday at Polzeath in Cornwall when attending a church service with about 200 people on a slope overlooking the bay. We were outside a building called the Tubestation which ten years before had been a Methodist Church with a declining congregation and with plans to sell the building.

From a congregation of six in 2002 emerged a vision to do something more exciting and they looked at the surrounding community, the surf culture and creative arts potential and the site was developed in a radical way to meet as many needs as possible, as creatively as possible.

From the vision of a few — just six — has grown a church that has reinvigorated the local community church which is now packed with a real mix of people of all ages, from all walks of life, enjoying their spiritual journey.

Then, while on holiday, I saw a small plane fly over the beach with a banner which simply said “Jesus loves each one of you!” It was a message

in the sky which many people looked up and saw and was the vision of one woman who raised the funds to make it happen at different events through the summer. One person's vision reaching many!

When I was in Reading in the build up for the 2012 Olympics we supported the Praise Bus project which followed the route of the Torch Relay. Thousands of people were lining the streets when the Praise Bus drove past with a powerful christian witness through praise and worship.

That had been the vision of one small church and because they dared to work and pray they raised the money for the bus to travel the country sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

We might be few, we might be small, but that needn't stop big visions and dreams from becoming reality if we are in conversation with God as we work. That means talking with God as we work for God because that conversation is the heartbeat of our mission.

Don't stop work to pray, but pray that more people will come and join us in the harvest field!

God Bless Richard

Prayer for the Month

'Make us Christ-like, O God,

not merely people who name the name of Jesus.

Give us your Holy Spirit

so that we, too, may take up our cross,

bear within ourselves the cost of sin and

allow new relationships and a new world to be born -

By forgiving others, even as we ask them and you to forgive us.

Amen'

(Taken from URC Daily Devotions 7 August 2018)

ACTIVITIES WEEK

The theme for the week was 'Journeys', so the youngest group looked at journeys in nature. We started with the journey of the salmon, producing a short playlet which the children and audience seemed to enjoy greatly. Then we looked at migrating birds, butterflies and finally honey bees. We were fortunate to persuade Michael to bring in some live bees to explain their life cycle to the children - they particularly enjoyed tasting the honey!

The middle group took a much wider view and discovered life on earth in the Arctic, under the seas, and even went into space. Lots of talent was discovered with the making of planets, polar bears and jellyfish to mention just some of the wonderful craft work that leaders and children produced.



The older group kept things more local and went into the village to undertake a traffic survey, talking to pedestrians and doing a census on the motorised vehicles. They particularly enjoyed talking to tourists and discovering what part of the world they were from. They finished their week with a session at the Bowling Club and found a new hobby - several children liked it so much they may well join the junior group there.

Our day's outing took us to Mary Arden's Farm in Stratford - a journey through time - as it is run as a Tudor farm from Shakespeare's time. A total of 50 children, parents and helpers enjoyed the day there. The children really loved learning how to herd geese, feed goats and sheep by hand and watch the Falconer with the owl and the Archer show off his prowess.

There was certainly enough to fill a whole day's visit.



Thanks must go to Richard and his actor friend, Delroy who delighted us with stories and acting each day, again on the theme of journeys; we would love a repeat for next year!

Final thanks to Mark for his impeccable administration, to all leaders and helpers without whose generosity of time and effort this event could not take place.

Wyn Whitten

Shared during the Youth Activities Week:

"The biggest journey you will travel is measured by the years you live, not the miles you walk. So may your journey be one of many years as you walk an extra mile with everyone you meet on the road of life..."

The sound of Africa....

Juliet Mukisa is a Christian singer/songwriter from Uganda but is also founding director of Project Shalom, a charity working with orphaned and neglected children in her country. When she visits the UK she raises awareness and funds for the work in Uganda through concerts, talks and sale of items made by women and children in local villages in Uganda. Juliet will be our guest and presenting a concert at Church on Saturday September 8th at 7pm having also sung at the Fete in the morning. Juliet will also contribute to the service on Sunday September 9th and visit the two Primary Schools with the Open the Book team on the Monday.

Elder's Meeting Monday 3rd September

Church Meeting Sunday 16th September in Church Hall following service .

Services in September

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

Sunday 2nd September	Revd Kathryn Louch
Sunday 9th September	Revd. Richard Becher
Sunday 16th September	Revd. Richard Becher
Sunday 23rd September	Revd. Mike Spencer
Sunday 30th September	Revd. Richard Becher Harvest Invitation Service
Sunday 7th October	Revd. Richard Becher

Birthday Celebrations

1 st September	Shirley Caddy
8 th September	Kathryn Louch
22 nd September	Roger Harrington
27 th September	Jenny Hemming
30 th September	Margaret Charlesworth



Duty Elder

Sunday 2nd September

Welcome	Pat Aberdein
Reading	Tony Williams
Coffee	Pat Wallace and Christine Kershaw
Flowers	Joanne Griffin

Sunday 9th September

Welcome	Christine Waller
Reading	Frank Waller
Coffee	Margaret and Roger Harrington
Flowers	Mavis Payne

Sunday 16th September

Welcome	Margaret Taylor
Reading	Julie Stickler
Coffee	Julie Stickler and Virginia Becher
Flowers	Nancy Rogers in memory of Bryan

Sunday 23rd September

Welcome	Judith Gibbons
Reading	Joanne Griffin
Coffee	Sue Jones and Joanne Griffin
Flowers	Sue Jones

Sunday 30th September

Welcome	Pat Aberdein	Harvest Invitation Service
Reading		
Coffee	Christine and Frank Waller	
Flowers	Marilyn and Eric Watts	

Duty Elder Laura Holt

Sunday 7th October

Welcome Judy Aiton

Reading Sheila Payne

Coffee Wyn Whitten and Jill Hedges

Flowers Margaret Taylor

Sunday 14th October

Welcome Roger Harrington

Reading Frank Waller

Coffee Margaret Harrington and Christine Waller

Flowers

Sunday 21st October

Welcome Margaret Taylor

Reading Noel Kershaw

Coffee Christine Kershaw and Laura Holt

Flowers Wyn Whitten

Sunday 28th October Service at Methodist Church

If you are unable to carry out the duty or have already swapped please let the Duty Elder or Judith know so that everything is covered in the service and the Duty Elder knows who to expect. Thank you for continuing to help.

What's On ?



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

What's On	September	October	November
Sunday Service 10.30—11.30 am	2,9,16,23,30	7,14,21	4,11,18,25
Tuesday			
Table Games Afternoon 2-4pm	4th	2nd	6th
Wednesday			
Neighbours on Line Computers and Internet Coaching 2-4pm	5,19	3,17,31	14,28
Threads 2-4pm	20th	18th	21st
Thursday			
Look After Yourself—Gentle Exercises 10.30 –12 noon	6,13,20,27	4,11,18,25	1,8,15,22,29
Today's Our Day Activities and Chat 2-4pm	6,13,20,27	4,11,18,25	1,8,15,22,29
Friday			
PILOTS Crafts, Games for all aged 4-18 6.30-8.00pm	14,21,28	5,12,19	2,9,16,23
Events			
Fete on Small Green	8th		
Juliet Mukisa—Concert 7pm Free	8th		
Beetle Drive		20th	
Remembrance Sunday			11th
Quiz 5.30pm			17th

Bring your visions and dreams to Church meeting....

Come prepared to share your dreams and visions for the Church in Broadway at our next church meeting on Sunday September 16th after the morning service. If you can't attend please write any comments and give to Richard, Joanne or one of the Elders because we want to hear everyone's voice as we look to the future. Your written comments will be shared with the meeting as we reflect on our experiences of yesterday, today and tomorrow....!

Save the Date

Worcester Male Voice Choir and Soloists at Pershore Abbey
Saturday 8th December 2018

Tickets Approx £15

Let Vicki know if you would like to join us. Transport provided on Nomads Community Bus

The Prayer line..

Prayer is our conversation with God and it is difficult to have a relationship without shared conversation — talking and listening. We will introduce different methods of prayer to enable our conversation with God and one is The Prayer Line to the left of church where you can “write a name or situation on the back of prayer hands and peg it to the line for God to collect...”

With an attitude of worship....

Worship is not an activity for a moment in time, but is an attitude at the heart of our life.

It is not an activity that lasts an hour in a morning, or a day in a week but is in every minute of a year. Places of worship are not buildings of wood and stone, but bodies of flesh and bone. We don't go to a Church building to meet with God, but the Church goes to people when our life is an expression of worship to God.

So how can we nurture an attitude of worship in our daily activities which becomes an expression of our love and praise for our Lord who gives us new life. It is not the responsibility of an individual, or a few worship leaders, because our worship of God is an attitude of life not an activity timed in a day.

So how can we inspire and encourage the attitude of worship into the hearts of people through the activities in Church?

Please come and help us explore this question in Church on Saturday October 6th from 10am. We will finish at mid-day with a shared lunch (so please bring a contribution to help feed 5,000!) and everyone is welcome because we are ALL worship leaders with different gifts.

Reaching out and sharing the peace!

The following was received via the Church email which illustrates just how much our new peace cards are valued by our visitors.

"We are the group of five people who visited you and attended your lovely service recently. It was great and we were so pleased to be welcomed and receive our special visitors 'peace card' as well - really appreciated.

We sincerely hope that the Churches in Broadway go from strength to strength as we all struggle to spread the Gospel"



HARVEST SUPPER

FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 6:30pm
at
ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BROADWAY

We are invited to attend, tickets £5.00 available from Julie Stickler :
01386 584711

My Grandchildren's Cornish Swim in Aid of Hospice

Abigail and Joseph Gisbourne from Evesham are celebrating after swimming the Cornish coastline in aid of St Richard's Hospice. They have raised £500 by swimming from Padstow to Rock.

Abigail, aged 33, said ; "We wanted to raise some money for the hospice in memory of our Mum's best friend who was cared for at St. Richard's. we both have such fond memories of family holidays in Cornwall and decided on the Padstow to Rock swim. Neither of us were prepared for just how incredibly difficult it was going to be ; with storms rolling in , waves crashing down and the need to dodge jelly fish , this was really quite the challenge. "

Glynis Benton , who died in February aged 68 years old , met Abigail and Joseph's mum , Lesley Gisbourne, at a chance meeting at a local bus stop in 1976 remaining firm friends for the next 42 years.

The brother and sister completed the swim in 25 and 27 minutes respectively.

Joe, aged 22, concluded ; “ This was without doubt the stupidest thing I have ever signed up for !. My training was rather sporadic as every time I was planning on training England were playing in the World Cup. However, it was a thoroughly amazing experience and we are both so proud of what we did and how much money we raised for the hospice who cared so lovingly for our late godmother and Auntie Glynis who really meant the world to our Mum . “

Jodi Brandwood , Fundraiser at St Richard’s Hospice said : “ We are extremely impressed with Abi and Joe’s swim and would like to thank them wholeheartedly for their support and dedication. Glynis continues to hold a very special place in their hearts which is wonderful; she would have been very proud of their achievements.”

Many thanks to all at Busy Bees for their support !

Margaret Taylor

Still useable items taken from the old PA system 'Free to a Good Home'.

Namely, one Denon CD player with associated electronics and a Denon Double Cassette deck.

There is no amplifier as it was retained for the new system. If anyone wants them the should contact me, Bruce Wallace by the 16th September. Otherwise the parts will be junked.

Bruce

Forgiveness

I wonder how many of us noted the quotation at the bottom of the Sunday Link on 26 August?

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a permanent attitude” (Martin Luther King Jr.)

It reminded me of another quotation I recently found in a notebook my Mother kept in the years before her marriage:

“The heart that forgives an injury is like the perforated shell of a mussel, which closes its wound with a pearl.”

(Jean Paul Richter)

Susan Nuttall

Toilet Twinning—The final Word

We have now received a letter of thanks for our donation. More importantly we also have five framed photographs of specific toilets in Guatemala to which our funds have directly contributed. It is good to have evidence that we have helped in actual situations.

A photograph will be displayed in each of our four toilets and the fifth in a location to be agreed.

Many thanks from Church in Society and Mark and to all who contributed.

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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 10th September 2018.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday	Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon 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