

The Broadsheet



February 2019



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

I'm looking forward to Christmas....

No, I haven't forgotten that it has just gone, but there is no point in looking back at what is behind me. There is a warning in the bible about doing that and I don't want to turn into a pillar of salt. (Genesis 19: 26/Luke 17:32). So my new year resolution was to keep my hands on the plow and my eyes on the future as I prepare for a new harvest. (Luke 9: 62)

I could have listed some resolutions for 2019, but most of them would probably have been broken by the time you read this. I can write about my sacrifices for Lent, but God wants things that last not short-term commitments with lots of unfinished business.

So, I'm looking forward to Christmas because if we don't start laying the foundation NOW December will lose something this year, or next year, in addition to what was lost last year. Maybe you didn't notice, but Santa didn't have his usual grotto in Broadway in 2018.

Things have a habit of sneaking up on us and we don't notice how something, or someone, has gone, or changed, until it is too late. Santa was last seen by many in 2017 and will he ever return? It's not because the children have been naughty, or that Santa didn't want to come, but he needs help to do what needs to be done.

Santa doesn't do everything on his own and needs a team of wonderful elves who help pack presents, build a grotto and prepare for his arrival with mince pies and refreshment. Even little elves grow bigger and older and can't do as much as they once did so it was a sad Santa who walked up and down the High Street with no grotto to call home.

The helpers had been so busy preparing for the Christmas Tree Festival that they didn't have time, or energy, to build the grotto, pack the presents and be available to welcome everyone with mince pies and refreshments. So Santa came but couldn't find a room in which to sit and give presents. There was no room at the inn for Santa!

Next, of course, could be the sad demise of the Christmas Tree Festival and people will be reminiscing in a few years "on how special Christmas was once upon a time!" The elves get older and weary like everyone else!

So, I'm looking forward to Christmas, not with excited anticipation of the celebration, but with a simple vision to lay a foundation that will last. We get nine months warning when a mother is expecting a baby, so let's get ready to welcome the new life — NOW!

We need some new little elves to help prepare for Santa, or perhaps some angels who will come and be the helping hands that have made Christmas so special over the years. Santa wants to come back so thank you to the elves who have done so much, but they can't do the work for ever.

Surely, as Churches Together, and with the business community, the schools and other organisations we can encourage people to work together and give Santa a grotto in Broadway this year, with the Christmas Tree Festival and the amazing Spirit that makes the village so special.

So, yes, I'm looking forward to Christmas *now* because we know the baby is coming so why leave it too late to plan for the celebration?

I know, there is Lent and there is Easter, followed by Pentecost and Harvest, but they are all encouraging us to deliver something special to our community. All these celebrations encourage us — Methodist, Anglican, Catholic and United Reformed Church — to work together as servants to our community throughout the year, not just at Christmas.

Christ is born at Christmas, but we give him life and help him grow in all that we do through the year so I hope we can keep him alive by working together on the many projects that serve our community.

I'm looking forward to Christmas and the journey to get there, but unless we travel together we can lose much more than the Spirit of Christmas. We can lose all the good things that give life to Christ in the community!

God Bless, Richard

The beautiful Pershore Abbey was full to overflowing as we disembarked the Nomads Community Bus and sat together in reserved seats.



From our previous visits we have come to know Claire Lording, the Priest - in - Charge, who warmly welcomed the folk from Broadway URC in her opening address. There followed a wonderful repertoire by the Worcester Male Voice Choir and the

Worcester City Youth Brass.

We all joined in with the carols, finishing with a rousing "O Come All Ye Faithful".

Vicki has for a long time has been closely involved with the choir, for whom her husband Alex sang. We all want to say a massive thank you Vicki for your suggestion that we go, and for organising the tickets and special seating arrangements that enable us to enjoy our fellowship together even more.

Thanks too, Joanne, for bus buddying and counting us out and counting us back again.

Why not join in the fun and friendship on our Pilgrimage trips in the New Year?

And another thank you - this time to Mark for his inspiration, his enthusiasm and his encouragement; these new initiatives have their roots in faith!



Services in February

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

February 3rd	Revd Richard Becher
February 10th	Revd Jo Williamson
February 17th	Revd Richard Becher
February 24th	Mark Pickering and Worship Team
March 3rd	Revd. Richard Becher
Elders' Meeting	February 4th
Church Meeting	February 17th

Birthday Celebrations

<i>February 3rd</i>	<i>Mark Pickering</i>
<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Tony Taylor</i>
<i>February 17th</i>	<i>Sue Jones</i>
<i>February 19th</i>	<i>Margaret Taylor</i>



Flower Rota

February 3rd	Christine Waller
February 10th	Pat Aberdein
February 17th	Sheila Payne
February 24th	Pat Davies
March 3rd	
March 10th	Margaret Harrington
March 17th	Laura Holt - arranged by C. Waller
March 24th	Joanne Griffin
March 31st	Christine Waller—Mothering Sunday

Before Christmas the large, knitted squares blanket comprising of almost 100 squares was donated to Austen House where it was eagerly received. Since then two knee blankets have been given also.

5 Knee Blankets have been given to St Richards Hospice, received with many thanks.

6 Baby blankets have been sent to South Africa and two more are almost finished.

12 Twiddle Mitts were rapturously received by Cheltenham Hospital with a request for as many as we like to make! A further 6 are on their way.

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A new recipient is a school in Uganda, which my grand-daughter has been visiting, which is very short of single bedding for the children. We have one single blanket completed, except for the crochet, and one more well under way. My daughter-in-law has agreed to pay the postage!

This is all in addition to the sterling work that Margaret Taylor and her group do to send Layettes for premature babies in Africa. At Christmas she posted 20 complete outfits.

Many thanks

Wyn Whitten

“We’ve got rhythm”

PILOTS—Friday 18th January 2019



What's On ?

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



What's On	January	February	March
Sunday Service 10.30—11.30 am	6,13,27	3,17,24	3,10,17,24,
Tuesday			
Table Games Afternoon 2-4pm	None		
Wednesday			
Neighbours on Line Computers and Internet Coaching 2-4pm	2,16,30	13,27	13,27
Threads 2-4pm			
Thursday			
Look After Yourself—Gentle Exercises 10.30 –12 noon	3,10,17,24, 31	7,14,21,28	7,14,21,28
Today's Our Day Activities and Chat 2-4pm	3,10,17,24, 31	7,14,21,28	7,14,21,28
Friday			
PILOTS Crafts, Games for all aged 4-18 6.30-8.00pm	11,18,25		
Events			
Pilgrimage Trip to Bourton On the	29th		

More information about the Stained Glass Windows.

Michael Eden.

Margaret Harrington has been helping in the research about the windows. She put information into a genealogy website and received the following emails.

Hello Margaret. I am not sure what you already know, but I will give you some information. Owen William TREHERNE (formerly Lloyd) was born and baptized in Llanfihangel Penbedw, Pembrokeshire in 1829 or 30 (there is some discrepancy in the dates in the records I have). He was the son of Thomas LLOYD, Esq, High Sheriff and Deputy Lieutenant of Dyfed. His mother was Anne Davies THOMAS (my relation - the daughter of my 5G aunt). He attended Rugby School and Trinity College Cambridge, and was called to the Bar. On Nov 28, 1890 he changed his name to Treherne. He married firstly Elizabeth Caroline Ann MITCHELL on 17 Sept 1863, the daughter of Commander Thomas MITCHELL. After her death he married secondly Emma CARELESS daughter of Septimus CARELESS. Emma died 3 June 1902 in Bath, Somerset and Owen died 14 March 1907 at 4 Oxford Parade, Cheltenham. As far as I am aware there were no children from either marriage. Let me know if you have any questions. I would love to have a photo of the windows if that is possible. Regards, Judith

Dear Michael

Thank you for your email. It makes interesting reading.

It must have been interesting for his second wife Emma and him, being of different religious branches. Owen was brought up in church of England schools and the

Davies family of which he was a member was filled with Church of England ministers.

Thank you again for sending me this information.

Judith Margaret and I both wondered where Judith lived, here is the reply.

Dear Michael

Not in England! I live on Vancouver Island in Canada. At the moment I am in New Zealand.

Owen William Treherne, formerly Lloyd, was the son of Anne Davies Thomas and the grandson of Anne Davies whose parents were Arthur Davies and Anne Morgan of Llandovery Wales whom were my 5x great grandparents.

Of course Davies is a very common name. Luckily my Davies line and Owen Treherne's were well known and it was quite easy to find information about them.

Kind regards

Judith

This is extremely useful information and is being followed up. The next stage is to find out more information about Emma.

Today's our Day at Fosseway

"A wonderful afternoon. Thank you so much, I don't get out like this with people very often nowadays."

Pretty well says everything about what this group is all about. Every week, and at special events like this afternoon tea organised by Sue Jones, supported by Signpost, transport by Nomads Community Bus, and two cars.



Christmas Special Collection for Worcestershire Young Carers.

A goodly sum of £306.94 was raised and Jonathan Cawdron, the Charity's Senior Project Co-ordinator has written thanking every one.

Many thanks,

Ann

Photos of the Christmas Trees ,December 2018 taken by Tony Skellett



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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 11th February 2019.

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