



The Broadsheet

United Reformed Church,
77 High Street, Broadway
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Hidcote Gardens 2013

To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends,

Springtime and summer is a good time to sit out in the garden and have a good read.

I am reading a very good book at the moment. It is full of true war stories with great information on historical battles, along with great escapes from the jaws of defeat. There are also true crime stories of which murder plays a big part and the justice system of the day has more than a cameo part in some of its pages. While reading this book you would almost think that it condones slavery until you get into what it really says, how the slave is to be treated which is with kindness and respect, ending with assurance that one day they all should be set free. The rise and fall of some of the great empires of history are included in its pages. Like all good books it is full of romance and there is even the story about a young couple who got married even though the wife had conceived out of wedlock and the baby was not her new husbands. While reading it I got some sound advice on diets and why certain foods were bad for me. But what got my attention most was the story of how a great King gave His life for His enemies and to my horror I discovered that it pointed out that I was one of those. I would fully recommend this fantastic book to all, it's called the Bible.

Easter by now has come and gone and some of us are suffering from the chocolate affect where as at Christmas it is pudding, the result is still the same, diet.

Please keep in your prayers our Church Families who are ill at this time and those who have lost loved ones recently, the Pilots' Officers team and all the Pilots as they meet on Friday nights and planned Summer Camps. Don't let us forget the Youth Club that meet on Thursday night, although not part of our Church they do fantastic work and are a very big part of village life.

Together we are a family, a living, loving body, working making Christ known and may our desire be to continue to get to know Him better.

Your friend

Ken

Our Community Outreach Activities

Our outreach activity is an initiative that the whole of our church and our friends can support. It is focused on identifying and helping to address the needs of people in our local community in a Christian way.

All of us can play our special part yet with a united and common purpose as Paul explained in comparing the church to a human body (1 Cor. 12: 12-31). The motivation behind our outreach is the Greatest Commandment which Jesus said was to love God and to love our neighbours (Mt. 22:37-39), this is combined with His instruction to go out, meet people, and help them find out how good life can be like with God in it (Mt. 28:19-20).

It is summarised in our church mission "To know Jesus better and make him better known".

This means ***both*** developing the church as it is ***and*** finding new ways of being church, or fresh expressions of church as it has become known. Fresh expressions could include things like our recent initiatives: Threads, Open the Book in schools, Games Afternoons, Neighbours on line computer sessions and Pilots. These can be developed and extended and also new ideas launched where we discover there is a local need perhaps in addressing loneliness, stress, or health.

Advice we have received, based on the experiences of other churches and organisations, is that it can take up to a year to really get outreach activities going.

Although, therefore, it is very early days for Broadway URC we have already started to build working relationships with other local organisations including Roof-top and Signpost so that we can identify local need and how best we can work together to help people in our community.

To ensure the whole church can support outreach please let me know if you have any areas of need in the community that you have spotted or ideas you have of what we could do to help. All proposed initiatives will go through our usual process of Elders Meetings and Church Meeting, since we will need to choose carefully, enable everyone to get involved as they would like to, and be sure to give full attention to what we start and not overstretch ourselves.

Yours in Christ

Mark

War tears lives apart

Love can help piece them back together

‘The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer... in whom I take refuge.’

2 Samuel 22:2-3

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life.

Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise.

It stands at 42 million people – an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can’t turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that your church can make a real difference.

Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week (11–17 May 2014) we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved – whether by giving, acting or praying.

Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We’re with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace.

Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God’s love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week.

Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

£15 could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.

£40 could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.

£150 could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they’ve witnessed or experienced.

Be an instrument of God’s peace.

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.

caweek.org

Contributed by Sheila Payne

Services in May

All services start at 10.30 am and are followed by refreshments in the Church Hall

Sunday 4th May Communion Rev. Ken Martin

Sunday 11th May Christian Aid Week Commissioning

Service led by Rev. Tim Huc

Sunday 18th May PILOTS service

Sunday 25th May Rev. Ken Martin

Elders meeting 8th May

Church Meeting 18th May

Birthday Celebrations

4th May Chris walters

14th May Dorothy valentine

15th May Bill Nelson

19th May Emily Hughes

21st may Jennifer Hughes

28th May Margaret Rubidge

29th May Moira Battersby

30th May Rev. Susan Nuttall



M4C meets on alternate Mondays at 10am in Tisanes Coffee shop for men to share coffee and chat. Next dates are 12th May, 26th May, 16th June, 30th June and 14th July.

If you would like to find out more contact
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Duty Elder

Michael Payne

Sunday 4th May

Welcome

Pam and Alex Peters

Reading

Pam Peters

Coffee

Julie Stickler and Megan Thomas

Flowers

Sunday 11th May

Welcome

John Tunwell

Reading

John Tunwell

Coffee

Judy Aiton and Pat Aberdein

Flowers

Dorothy Valentine

Sunday 18th May

Welcome

Ann Walters

Reading

Ann Walters

Coffee

Marion and John Tunwell

Flowers

Sue Jones

Sunday 25th May

Welcome

Brenda Taylor

Reading

Audrey Harrison

Coffee

Muriel and Bill Nelson

Flowers

Michael Eden

Duty Elder

Bill Nelson

Sunday 1st June

Welcome

Michael Payne

Reading

Michael Payne

Coffee

Sheila Payne and Margaret Strange

Flowers

Mary Acheson arranged by Muriel Nelson

Sunday 8th June

Welcome

Noel Kershaw

Reading

Noel Kershaw

Coffee

Margaret and Roger Harrington

Flowers

June Willn

Sunday 15th June

Welcome

Pat Wallace

Reading

Pat Wallace

Coffee

Joanne and Les Griffin

Flowers

Edna Hodges

Sunday 22nd June

Welcome

Megan Thomas

Reading

Megan Thomas

Coffee

Moira Battersby and Pat Wallace

Flowers

Sunday 29th June

Welcome

Judith Gibbons

Reading

Judith Gibbons

Coffee

Sue and Robin Jones

Flowers

Christine Waller

SUMMER FAYRE

Our summer fayre is to be held on the Village Green on Saturday 28th June. The Fun and Fundraising group need your help in a variety of ways to help make this a successful event.

Help is needed before the fayre starts erecting gazebos and tables from 8am. Then we need stall holders—you don't need to do all day, just an hour or two! And after the fayre around 3pm help is needed to put away.

Michael and Christine will be asking for your help soon so please help if you are able.

Concert at Church on 22nd March.

Thank you to all who came to Musical Pot Pourri Concert in March....you were a lovely audience!

Excluding gift aid tax rebate and after deducting nominal expenses, we were able to send £363.60 to the Britain Nepal Medical Trust (the majority of which was in cheques made out to this charity) and £150 to the Church Emergency Fund.

Chris and Ann Walters

Open the Book Easter Assembly. Michael Eden.

About 200 children from both schools and their teachers squeezed into St. Saviour's Church for their Easter Assembly. We told the story of Easter as seen through the eyes of John, who read what he had written, not as in the bible, but in child friendly form, with the rest of the team acting it out in mime. The singing was left to the schools to organise, did not go quite as planned. However the children love singing and coped very well, I never imagined I would lead them singing, 'This is the day' without any music! We were helped by Mark Pickering who is joining the team and a teacher and pupil.

I met the new Priest, Father Christopher, who had come from Evesham to open the Church and ensure we had everything we needed. The new head-mistress at Broadway 1st, Mrs. Tessa Browning, has instigated meetings of staff and pupils of both schools. We have been doing this for about 5 years, but there is now a potential for further joint activities.

SHAWL MINISTRY

A few years ago I read an article in REFORM about a gathering at the Windermere Centre led by Anna Briggs (who is now part of the Iona Community) entitled “KNIT ONE, PRAY ONE” since then I have been hoping for an opportunity to slowly introduce the Ministry here in Broadway.

This Ministry was started in America but has now stretched around the world – there are several URC Churches involved in this country. Shawls, accompanied by prayer tags, have been donated to recipients in cases of illness, bereavement, comfort in difficult times including to those affected by high-profile situations like the murder of a child, the shootings some time ago in Cumbria, those affected by flooding – the list is endless.

Perhaps we can make a start! Anyone is welcome to participate by:

- . making a shawl, blanket, wrap or scarf
- . donating money or providing wool or other materials
- . suggesting the name of a potential recipient
- . praying for the makers and recipients of the prayer shawls
- . knitting/crocheting at home or with the THREADS group

In the words of Anna Briggs “we invite knitters/crocheters everywhere to join in and let hurting people know that they are loved and cared for when times are very sad”.

Any level of skill is acceptable – help and advice is available and there is much information on the internet to give new ideas.

Let me know if you are interested in helping to commence this Ministry here.



Joanne

The next Threads meetings are May 21st, June 18th and July 16th in the Jubilee Room at 2pm. You are very welcome to join us with your own needlecraft for coffee and discussion.

Pilots Enjoy Egg-cellent Eggstravaganza

Forty Pilots rounded off a brilliant term with an eggs-travaganza. Our theme was using our different talents in team. With a story straight from Paul in 1 Corinthian Ch12 V12 -31 we talked about making the most of our individual and different talents whilst still being a good team player, whether that's in a sport's team, a choir, our family or our church.



"Pilots Got Talent" showed some of those skills including piano, dance, building an ark, song and even playing the inflatable guitar! In teams we had a race to build beetle bodies out of their different parts.

Easter cards were created and Easter eggs and cake were shared. Well done everyone and a big thank you to all the Officers who make Pilots the success and fun it is.



Broadway Arts Festival - 30 May to 15th June 2014

The village churches are pulling together in the Broadway Arts Festival. The local community is organising the events that include Art Exhibitions and competitions, Gardens, Music and talks.

It is a wonderful opportunity for our church and its people to play our part in the community and to contribute in many different ways. Here are a few of the main ones:

The Church in the Village, the Village in the Church

Every day from 10am to 5pm visitors can see displays by local groups in St Michael and All Angels' Church including Pilots who will have on show Noah's Ark, a Window Story of Easter and much more.

Pentecost Picnic Open Air Service - Sunday 8th June 10.30 am

A marvellous opportunity for witness. Bring your chair and picnic and join in with this service on the village Green

Carnation Lily, Lily, Rose - Parade with schoolchildren - Saturday 14th June 3.00pm

Pilots will be helping with the marshalling and running a stall including hoop-la, hook-a-duck and roll-a-penny. Another picnic opportunity and chance to meet our neighbours too.



Family Barn Dance

Friday 9th May 2014

Lifford Hall, Broadway

6.30—10.00 pm

2 adults and 2 children £15

Extra accompanied child £1 each

Adult £7

Swing your partners and dance away the evening
to a live band and caller.

See Mark for details and tickets.

Broadway Music Makers

MAY CONCERT

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May 2014

7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

At The Lifford Hall, Broadway

Tickets £7.00 each (includes light refreshment)

Raffle and Bar

Tickets available from

Shopwright Post Office, Tourist Information Office, Any Choir member

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or can be placed in the folder at the back of the Church

REGULAR MEETINGS

- Monday** *Girl Guides every week during term time*
7pm—8.30pm
(except the last Monday of the month when held at the Methodist Hall)
Gardening Club (Last Monday of month)
- Tuesday** *Table Games Afternoon , 1st Tuesday each month 2-4pm*
Healing Service 2nd Tuesday each month 11am in URC Vestry
Tai Chi 6.30 -8pm
- Wednesday** *Threads 2-4pm , third Wednesday of each month*
Beaver Scouts 6- 7.15pm
Music Makers 7.30 - 9.00pm
- Thursday** *Cub Scouts 6- 7.15pm*
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm URC Vestry (2nd Thursday in month)
- Friday** *PILOTS 6.30pm -8pm during term time*
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.
- Sunday** *PILOTS extra! 10.30am -11.30am*
For everyone aged 4 - 18.
Starts in the Church then in the hall for games, stories , pop and biscuits.