

The Broadsheet



United Reformed Church,
77 , High Street, Broadway

November 2015



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends,

“The thief comes only in order to steal, kill, and destroy. I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness. I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep.” (John 10: 10-11 GNB)

November is a month of remembrance. It is a time when those who are serving and have served in the Armed Forces, Civilians Services and those who suffered the Blitzes remember those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

Everyone who serves has to write a farewell letter in the event that they may be called upon to lay down their lives. It is a letter that they hope will never be sent and the family pray that it does not come through the letter box. Here is a copy of one such letter that was received by the family of 2nd Lieutenant Goodman who was killed in action during the last year of WW1:-

“Darling Mother & all,

If you ever receive this letter, I shall have passed away from the world. Please don't worry I have only died as so many others have died, for my country's cause. I honestly believe we are fighting in a righteous cause. Our deaths are steps to victory.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for all you have done for me during my life. I only regret to say that I have not lived longer to show my appreciation. I owe everything that I have been or done to you. Please don't mourn my death unnecessary, I have only passed to another world where troubles and pain are unknown. God give you all strength to live long and happy lives.

Goodbye. We shall meet again.

Yours with all my love

Walter.”

Kurt Wagner was Hitler's bodyguard and absolutely adored him, but, when his Fuhrer took his own life, Kurt's faith in him was shattered, so much so that he too wanted to end it all. One day as he was having what he thought would be his last cup of coffee he picked up a discarded Gospel booklet and read it with interest. He wondered what he should do and then he remembered the name of a Pastor and discovered that he was still alive. After talking with him and praying this one time worshipper of Hitler became a new creature in Christ.

Many of those who are fleeing from war torn countries are seeking peace and life, many are Christians who are running away from persecution in those lands that once were home.

Jesus laid down His life for us and the reason why, “That we might have life – life in all it’s fullness.”

Let us live life so that those who give theirs will not have done so in vain, let us open our arms and welcome those who are seeking life and may we all experience the new life that can only come through Christ who gave His life, no one took it from Him.

Those two young men loved their country and were willing to lay down their lives for it. Jesus did lay down His life, is it any wonder the hymn writer could pen these words and are we able to say them too.

“Take my love; my Lord I pour. At Thy feet its treasure- store; Take myself, and I will be ever only, all for Thee.

Your friend
Ken

In the community, for the community

Sharing a meal together

Something wonderful happened today.

Our Look After Yourself exercise session was followed by a talk on how lifestyle, including diet, can improve our eye health. It was an open invitation and we were delighted to be joined by people who don't come to the exercise sessions, raising our numbers to twenty - five.

When Joanne Griffin and I met to plan the session with Kim , the Wellbeing Coordinator for our partner Rooftop Housing Group, Joanne suggested we follow on with lunch.

Well. That was the wonderful thing and it got me thinking about why people enjoyed it so much. I wonder what you think?

A widespread feeling is that it is beneficial to eat together at a table rather than alone or in front of the television. Intuition is useful of course but I tried to dig a little deeper.

A healthy life has always benefited from a healthy balanced diet, and that required the community to share its food. Hunters brought the meat,

grows the vegetables, and gathers the fruit. They sat as a community and ate together from the communal pot. So it has been a feature of the development of our species. Yet can we be more scientific?

The Royal Society recently published research by Dr Wittig and his colleagues into the effect that sharing food had on mammals. They found that it increased production of oxytocin which is a hormone known to have a role in creating bonding between a mother and infant. The researchers propose that that could be why unfamiliar people sharing a meal can start to build more effective relationships.

So intuition, social commentary, and science all combined today in our church hall with real positive experience.

The parallel with the way the early church developed is clear as the disciples "shared meals together".

So if to show love to our neighbours means that we need to get to know them better, perhaps sharing meals could be a healthy ingredient?

Yours in Christ

Mark

Christmas Tree Festival



We shall be holding our Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 27th November and the weekend of 5th December. If you can help in any way, putting up the trees, manning the church during the festival or clearing away please speak to Kathy Hancock or Megan Thomas .

Services in November

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

Sunday 1st November	Revd. Ken Martin	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th November		Service at War Memorial
Sunday 15th November	Revd. Ken Martin	
Sunday 22nd November	Su Bailey	
Sunday 29th November	Revd. Ken Martin	

Birthday Celebrations

13th November Frank Waller



I would like to thank all my friends at URC so much for their kindness and support to me on returning home from hospital.

Again thank you.

Moira.

Duty Elder

Mark Pickering

November 1st

Welcome

Joanne and Les Griffin

Reading

Joanne Griffin

Coffee

Bev Churchill and Margaret Strange

Flowers

Sue Jones

November 8th

Remembrance Sunday

November 15th

Welcome

Wyn Whitten

Reading

Wyn Whitten

Coffee

Margaret and Roger Harrington

Flowers

Muriel Nelson

November 22nd

Welcome

Pat Aberdein

Reading

Sheila Payne

Coffee

Judith Gibbons and Wyn Whitten

Flowers

Sheila Payne

November 29th

Welcome

Mark Pickering

Reading

Mark Pickering

Coffee

Joanne and Les Griffin

Flowers

Laura Holt arranged by Christine Waller

Duty Elder

Judith Gibbons

December 6th

Welcome

Michael Eden

Reading

Michael Eden

Coffee

Pat Wallace and Mora Battersby

Flowers

Joanne Griffin

December 13th

Welcome

Julie Stickler

Reading

Julie Stickler

Coffee

Christine and Frank Waller

Flowers

Moira Battersby

December 20th

Welcome

Ann and Chris Walters

Reading

Ann Walters

Coffee

Judy Aiton and Pat Aberdein

Flowers

Flower Guild

An Afternoon of Entertainment

PUDDINGS and PARTY PIECES



Saturday 7th November 2015

2pm to 4pm

In the

United Reformed Church Hall.

77, High Street, Broadway



Bring along a pudding and /or a party piece to share

a song, a short reading, or other entertainment, lasting no more than 5 minutes

Admission free, Donations to church funds at your discretion.

Speak to Val or Shirley for more information

Neighbours on line attendees make a century

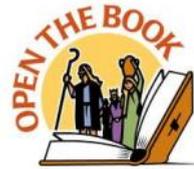
This week the number of people who have attended Neighbours on line, our computer and internet sessions, broke the 100 barrier. Also, Mark Pickering spent a busy week in Broadway Library helping people with their queries. Our partnership with Broadway Library and Rooftop Housing Group was recognised when Nigel Huddleston MP for Mid Worcestershire paid us a visit.

Here he is hearing from Audrey Harrison about how important it is to Get Online and the difficulties that can stand in a person's way.



Dear Michael,

I want to thank you and your wonderful team for making all the arrangements, you looked after us so well and made us feel so very welcome, it really did mean a lot to us both. We thoroughly enjoyed the assemblies and seeing how different the two schools were.



All the children really enjoyed the assembly, I always feel so blessed when I see those smiling faces and the children enjoying themselves, truly God at work in their lives and ours.

Charles went back to Ghana tired but very enthused with big ideas of getting 30 schools going by Christmas. We will see, but I know he will definitely be the driver to get OTB started in Ghana in the coming 12 months.

Please pass on my sincere thanks to all the team and thank you for all the wonderful work you are doing in the schools with the children in Broadway.

Blessings

Val Ralston OTB Promotion and Events Officer

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATES

THE BIRTH OF THE GOD OF MERCY;

Will you find the mercy to send a Christmas card to Tony – now facing his eleventh Christmas in solitary confinement on Death Row in Texas?

You must know by now that I am his penfriend. Each year I send him a Christmas card and enclose more from my friends. Will you send one this year?

Please do not choose one that is overtly Christian. The latest rule that I heard from there is that the authorities have removed all religious material from the inmates cells – Bibles, Prayer books, Korans, etc. so cards with religious pictures may be confiscated. I would imagine winter scenery and decorations will be acceptable. You may write a simple message and sign them with your Christian name only.

If you will give me the card or put it in my pigeon hole by the **first Sunday in December**, I will put them all in one envelope and I will pay the postage.

These will be the only symbol of Christmas he will get.

Thank you.

Shirley

Our daughter Amanda went to Royal Hospital Chelsea (home of the Chelsea Pensioners) . While there she started talking to one of the residents who said he was a born again Christian. This poem was written by him and he wants as many people as possible to see it.- Pam Peters

Is It Important ?

Is it really so important—just to know that Jesus died ?
Does it really make a difference knowing He was crucified?
Indeed it was for all my sin, He hung upon a tree,
So, it really is important- Through believing, I am free !
Free from all my sin and shame my conscience cleansed from guilt.
You too may know this blessing-Through believing if thou wilt.

Is it so important then , to know that Jesus rose ?
That the tomb was empty- mocking all the efforts of His foes.
Yes ! It proves his power—over sin , death and grave,
By His glorious resurrection , We know he came to save.
His disciples who had seen Him die were frightened and were sad ;
Until the day of resurrection -His appearing made them glad.

He ascended to the Father , there His precious blood to plead
For those who come believing; acknowledging their need -
He has sent His Holy Spirit (Guide and comforter is He)
He will teach me of His saviour, Who will come again for me.
Then , with all who love Him, 'we shall meet Him in the air'.
He will take us to His Father's house ,to praise Him ever there.

Frank Robbins April 1977



Feast for sore eyes.

Look After Yourself group share tasty lunch rich with natural food to keep eyes healthy

Thanks for all your effort folks
- a great day had by all

...and swing your partner in
Harvest Barn Dance success as
56 people hop and bop.



Broadway Music Makers

Christmas Concert

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th December 2015

7.30pm (doors open at 7.00pm)

at The Lifford Hall, Broadway

Tickets £7.00 each

(includes nibbles and a glass of wine or juice)

BYO other drinks -

Raffle

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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 8th November 2015

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
Girl Guides every week during term time 7pm—8.30.pm
(except the last Monday of the month when held at the Methodist Hall)
Gardening Club (Last Monday of month)

Tuesday Games Afternoon 1st Tuesday each month 2-4pm
Healing Service 2nd Tuesday each month 11am in URC Vestry
Tai Chi 6-8pm

Wednesday Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
Rhythm Time 9.30 am -11am in the Church
Neighbours on Line 2- 4pm every other week
Beaver Scouts 6- 7.15pm
Music Makers 7.30 - 9.00pm

Thursday Look After Yourself 10.30am—12noon
Cub Scouts 6- 7.15pm
Elders' Meeting 7.30pm URC Vestry
(2nd Thursday in month)

Friday PILOTS 6.30pm -8pm

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.

For everyone aged 4 - 18.