



# The Broadsheet

United Reformed Church,  
77 , High Street, Broadway

**April 2016**



To know Jesus better,  
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends,

An atheist complained to a Pastor “You Christians have Christmas and Easter as special days and we don’t have any.” “But you do,” said the Pastor, “You have April 1<sup>st</sup>, for it says in Psalm 14:1 Fools say to themselves, “There is no God.”

A wealthy lady had a nurse who waited upon her for many years, often sitting by her bedside for hours, comforting her in her last days on earth. In her Will, it was found that she had only left the nurse an old wooden cross which had been hanging over her bed for years. The entire estate was distributed among the family circle. It didn’t seem much, but the nurse commented: “Well, I shall always cherish it for the great love that she and I shared all these years. It is enough for me.” Later, when the nurse climbed up on the bed to lift the cross from off the wall, her fingers accidentally touched a small latch which opened up the bottom of the cross. What a surprise, when out tumbled a mass of jewels- more than the value of the whole estate! With them was a note, in the handwriting of the old lady, who was in the Glory: “Always remember, the Cross is worth more than anything else.” Galatians 6:14, “As for me, however, I will boast only about the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

Many years ago, while visiting an old ferryman who was dying in hospital in Jamaica, he made me promise that I would always wear my cross, I asked why, he said, that mine was an empty cross and it reminded him that his Saviour lives.” The Cross like the Garden Tomb is empty for our Saviour lives. Let us ‘cherish the old rugged Cross’.

Your friend

Ken

## **In the community, for the community**

“Walk for an hour in his shoes”.

The other day I was wrestling with the lessons of the Sermon on the Mount. The time when Jesus gave eight pointers on how to live. It brought to mind a time in my career when I came into contact with family businesses in different parts of the world who were selling our products.

It was a fascinating and enjoyable time. It emphasised how cultures can be different, and how people can be different. On one trip the first port of call was Hong Kong with its frenetic pace followed by Japan where the customs were ponderous, formal and very precise. Next stop, New Zealand. As the local owner drove us from the airport to the hotel I enquired about the dress code for the office the following day. Wayne thoughtfully declared that “It’s probably best if you wear a shirt!” More formal than just a vest but no need to overdo it with a jacket.

Everyone with whom I worked was a knowledgeable, hard-working, professional. They were my local guides and as trust developed they became valued advisors. To learn and understand I asked many questions about our shared clients and their needs, which were always answered patiently and fulsomely. One Japanese client was behaving in what appeared to me to be an unusual and unpredictable way. Toshio explained at length, and with sensitivity, the person’s background, the business circumstance, and the pressures he was under. Then he said “Before we judge we should try and walk for an hour in his shoes”.

This visualisation has proved invaluable to me over the years in trying to appreciate how people feel and how best to work with them and alongside them. It was years later I came to read the Beatitudes.

Which Beatitude brought this experience to mind?

“Blessed are the Merciful”. Why? Maybe because mercy is born of empathy. The kind of empathy that Christ had by virtue of his life on earth, knowing what we feel like, feeling the pain and the joy. Empathy that led to the generous sacrifice on the Cross. Generosity that led to forgiveness.

Empathy that helps us reach out to people in our community in a way that means we try to understand , so that we can be helpful to them

Yours in Christ

Mark

## Emmaus

The first part of the Emmaus course has now finished and has been attended by ten people. Hopefully, they have found it helpful; there has certainly been no lack of discussion!

Part two – ‘How Christians grow’ and Part three – ‘Living the Christian Life’ are planned for the lighter nights. The dates are set out below, put them in your diary now.

The first session in Part two is largely a recap of what was considered in Part one so if you have been unable to attend so far, but would like to try the course, why not come to the meeting on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Part two – April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>.

Part three – June 7<sup>th</sup>, 14, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

There will be reminders on the Sunday Link.

Michael Payne



## Services in April

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

3rd April Holy Communion Revd. Ken Martin

10th April Revds. Bernie and Gwen Collins

17th April Revd. Ken Martin

24th April Revd. Mike Harrison

Church Meeting 24th April (not 17th)

### Birthday Celebrations

6th April Megan Thomas

9th April Brenda Taylor

10th April Judy Aiton

12th April Wyn Whitten

13th April Mary Acheson

17th April Dorothy Cox

19th April Edna Hodges

24th April Sally Huc

29th April Pat Wallace



**Duty Elder**

Judith Gibbons

**3rd April**

Welcome

Pat Aberdein

Reading

Chris Walters

Coffee

Sheila Payne and Wyn Whitten

Flowers

Shirley Caddy

**10th April**

Welcome

Church in Society Group

Reading

Coffee

Flowers

Joanne Griffin

**17th April**

Welcome

Julie Stickler

Reading

Julie Stickler

Coffee

Margaret and Roger Harrington

Flowers

Audrey Harrison

**24th April**

Welcome

Joanne Griffin

Reading

Joanne Griffin

Coffee

Pat and Bruce Wallace

Flowers

**Duty Elder**

Michael Payne

**1st May**

Welcome

Ann and Chris Walters

Reading

Ann Walters

Coffee

Christine and Frank Waller

Flowers

**8th May**

Welcome

Doreen Martin

Reading

Sheila Payne

Coffee

Judy Aiton and Pat Aberdein

Flowers

**15th May**

Welcome

Church in Society Group

Reading

Coffee

Julie Stickler and Megan Thomas

Flowers

Sue Jones

**22nd May**

Welcome

Bill Nelson

Reading

Bill Nelson

Coffee

Ann Walters and Christine Kershaw

Flowers

**29th May**

Welcome

Margaret and Roger Harrington

Reading

Margaret Harrington

Coffee

Bill and Muriel Nelson

Flowers

## Rev Bernie and Gwen Collins

will speak of their experiences working in

### Papua New Guinea

Sunday 10th April 2016

Broadway United Reformed Church

10.30am

Followed by coffee

and a bring and share lunch in the Church Hall

## HOW TO MEET PEOPLE AND MAKE FRIENDS

in three easy steps..



Have you shied away from the duty of welcoming people into church?

Is that because you never know what to say to them?

If so, please read this.

**First**, - note the wording I used- It is a **DUTY**, so, the sooner you learn how to do it, and make the effort, the sooner you can stop feeling guilty!

**Second** - REMEMBER - It takes two to make a conversation. All you need to do is start the conversation and someone else will pick up the cue and answer it.

**Third - BE PREPARED** - Plan a list of questions to open the conversation. Questions are better than statements because they require answers.

This is something that anyone who can stand can do. Remember that the first thing you notice about someone and the last thing you remember when you leave is A CHEERFUL SMILE.

### **Here are a few examples of greetings**

You could learn some off by heart and learn to quote five different ones without pause. Or maybe make a crib sheet to tuck in your cuff for surreptitious reference.

I'm / We are so glad you can join us today

Good Day, how nice to see you. How are you?

How's the family?

Did you have any problem getting here today?

What do you think of this weather?

Do you live locally?

How are you? Have you avoided this flu that is going round?

Did you go to the -fete- the village concert - village play?

Doesn't the village look nice with all the -daffodils, wisteria, Christmas lights ?

It is so nice to see you. Are you well?

Have you come far?

I don't remember where you live, did you have any job getting here?

Did you know that we have the youth group taking part in the service today?

Isn't it nice to see the trees coming into leaf?

Are you on your own?

Where do you come from?

Have you seen much of the Cotswolds?

Have you someone to sit with, or would you like me to introduce

you?

Do you know about the sort of service we have?

How nice your knitted jumper looks. Is it handmade?

What a lovely handbag. Did you get it locally?

Did somebody give you a lift today?

Do you know where to find a hymn book and Bible? Don't forget to take a hymn book.

Did you come on foot?

It is always nice to see your cheerful smile.

Did I hear that you have been ill? Are you feeling better now ?

Why not think of some more for yourself and perhaps give it a try.

Shirley Caddy

**Traidraft** took £987 last year plus £765 in Christmas orders. We were delighted with these figures. Can we equal them this year we wonder ?

Thank you all for your support on the second Sunday of each month.

Pat Wallace and Judith Gibbons.



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Fighting poverty through trade

## **Dates for your diary.**

Summer Fete on the Green 27th June

Manse Garden Tea 9th July

## Visit by Moderator of General Assembly to see outreach initiatives

The 'Feel Better, Enjoy Life More' project at Broadway URC has been shortlisted for the Community Project Awards sponsored by the Congregational & General and Reform.

The Revd David Grosch-Miller ( Moderator of General Assembly 2014-2016) will be visiting us to learn a little more about our work.

Here is a summary of the project.

We launched the **Feel Better, Enjoy Life More** project in 2014. People are made aware that the church is sponsoring the activities as part of the Christian ethos to help our neighbours.

Its aim is to tackle loneliness by inviting people out of their houses to activities that they are interested in, meet people, and enjoy themselves in a friendly, relaxed setting.

Activities are delivered in a friendly way which people can come to when they can.

We sought help and advice from qualified people; exercise sessions so that people can improve their balance and mobility; computer sessions so people can contact friends and family, access services and pursue hobbies.

We got a grant to equip computer sessions.

We involved volunteers to help set up and run the activities and contribute in ways that they enjoy, like baking cakes for the Table Games Afternoons.

Over 150 people have attended. Different participants have said: "It gets you out of the house" : " It's not just the exercise it's the social side as well". "It's so much easier and cheaper to get in touch with my family. I don't feel left out". " It is really enjoyable, and helps with my memory": "I've made new friends, I hate to miss it".

Also, it is an avenue for volunteers to contribute to their community, increasing *their* sense of well-being too.

Mark

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Articles for the next Broadsheet can be sent to [broadsheet.editor@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:broadsheet.editor@hotmail.co.uk)  
or can be placed in the folder at the back of the Church

Closing date for articles is 10th April 2016

### REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday	Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon Girl Guides every week during term time 7pm—8.30.pm
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 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.