

The



Broadsheet

United Reformed Church,
77 , High Street, Broadway
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To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Then He said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but workers are few”. Matthew 9:37 (NIV)

The last Saturday and Sunday in August 1977 changed my life for all time. It was the weekend I was introduced to my future in-laws who were farmers. Coincidentally my mother was also brought up on a farm. Doreen’s mother, Lily and stepfather, Sam worked very hard on their small farm with the help of a Massey Ferguson tractor. They had some cows, pigs and hens, altogether it was a 24/7, 365 days a year job.

Then there Aunt Doreen and Uncle Victor who’s bigger farm was mainly dairy and beef. Every morning they were up early bringing the cows in to be milked. Aunt Doreen like mum, Lily, never seemed to stop, a typical farmer’s wife, baking bread, cakes, and working tirelessly round the farm. In the summer months there was the hay to bring in and silage to get ready to feed the cows in the winter months. Bringing in the harvest was a time shared with friends and neighbours. Lilly, Sam, Victor or Doreen never retired, the Lord just took them home to rest from their labours.

Last time I saw Uncle Victor’s farm, the buildings had long since fallen in into disrepair, the byre no longer was full of cows being milked and the fields were empty of cattle and hay. The sound of both the tractor and banter has long since stopped. For them the harvest is passed.

The Bible has this to say about the passing of the harvest and with it gives a warning in Jeremiah 8:20, **“The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved.”**

As I drive down the country roads I see fields ripe and ready for harvest and the farmers working hard to bring it in. During Activities Week when we have the local children in our Church for a week of Christian music, Bible stories, Crafts and a day’s outing I had the privilege to work alongside very gifted reapers, as they sought to point young lives to Jesus. Their dedication to such a field ripe for harvest spoke volumes to me. Let us uphold all who labour in Pilots,

on the Eldership and for Mark our Community and Development Worker. In 'Back to Church Sunday', it is our opportunity to help bring in the harvest by inviting friends and neighbours to come back to Church and meet with the Lord of the Harvest. We can all be reapers in the harvest which is ripe all around us. Jesus said, **"Four months more and then the harvest? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the Sower and reaper may be glad together."** John 4:35-36
Let us give praise to the Lord of the Harvest Who again has fulfilled His Promise to Noah in Genesis 8:22
Your friend
Ken

In the community, for the community

How fortunate are we to live in such a beautiful and bountiful part of the world?

Being closer to nature than people living in large cities we can perhaps see more clearly the gradual change in the landscape as fields transform from brown to green to gold, then gradually yield their crops that are harvested for our food. A fulfilment of basic human need that we all too often take for granted.

Celebrating Harvest is therefore a marvellous opportunity for everyone to pause, reflect and be thankful.

Harvest Time is, along with Christmas, an occasion when people sense that there is something to celebrate. It is one of the days when people who would not usually go to church are inclined to do so. Often, all they need is for someone like you or me to ask them.

Shall we invite people to join in celebrating this year's harvest?

When it comes to inviting someone, success is the very act of asking

someone to join you. It is not whether or not they happen to come on this occasion. In fact, the research shows that most people when invited to a church event say "yes" on the 5th time of asking, rather than any of the previous four occasions. So we mustn't be downhearted if they decline this particular invitation.

It's an opportunity for every Christian to be a witness of Christ as part of our own expression of discipleship.

It's all about sow, sow, sow and trust in God.

Perhaps this year you would like to invite a friend, neighbour, or family member to accompany you to our Harvest Celebration service on 2nd October at 10.30 am, or to join you at our Carol Service on 18th December at 3pm?

There are some invitation cards at the back of the church if you would like to give one to your friend, neighbour, or family member as a special invitation or as a memory jogger.

Yours in Christ

Mark

Fancy a light lunch and Dementia Information Session Sunday 11th September?

Would you like to join us after church service on Sunday 11th September for a light lunch and an informative talk about living with Dementia? If so please let Joanne Griffin, Vicki Packman or Mark Pickering know so that we can ensure we cater for enough people. Everyone welcome, bring your friends. Transport can be provided.

Services in September

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

4th September Revd. Ken Martin Holy Communion

11th September Revd. Tim Huc

18th September Revd. Ken Martin

25th September Revd. Steve Faber. Moderator of
West Midland Synod

Elders Meeting 1st September

Church Meeting 18th September

Birthday Celebrations



1st September Shirley Caddy

5th September Audrey Harrison

20th September Bryan Rogers

22nd September Roger Harrington

27th September Jenny Hemming

30th September Margaret Charelesworth

Duty Elder

Joanne Griffin

September 4th

Welcome

Noel Kershaw

Reading

Noel Kershaw

Coffee

Bev Churchill and Christine Kershaw

Flowers

September 11th

Welcome

Reading

Coffee

Flowers

Mavis Payne

September 18th

Welcome

Megan Thomas

Reading

Megan Thomas

Coffee

Pat Aberdein and Wyn Whitten

Flowers

Brenda Taylor

September 25th

Welcome

Bill Nelson

Reading

Bill Nelson

Coffee

Pat and Bruce Wallace

Flowers

Sue Jones

Duty Elder

Judith Gibbon

October 2nd

Welcome

Christine Waller

Reading

Christine Waller

Coffee

Marion Tunwell and Judy Aiton

Flowers

Flower Guild—Harvest

October 9th

Welcome

Chris Walters

Reading

Anne Walters

Coffee

Megan Thomas and Laura Holt

Flowers

Nancy Rogers

October 16th

Welcome and Reading

Church in Society

Coffee

Pat Wallace and Margaret Strange

Flowers

Dorothy Cox arranged by Val Williams

October 23rd

Welcome

Kathy Hancock

Reading

Vicki Packman

Coffee

Christine and Frank Waller

Flowers

Michael Eden

October 30th

Welcome

Joanne Griffin

Reading

Joanne Griffin

Coffee

Margaret and Roger Harrington

Flowers

Margaret Strange

WORLD WEEK FOR PEACE
IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

18th to 24th September 2016

This prayer, based on Ephesians 2 v 14 is for you to use during this week for a much needed peace.

God, loving Parent of all humankind, you are our Peace. In Jesus Christ you embodied peace with justice – and you still do – peace at its most down-to-earth, peace which can still prevail in the face of all the walls we build.

We confess our helpless anger, confronted by concrete cutting across the daily lives of your children; limits imposed on travel, study, healthcare, work, worship, family connections, celebrations. We confess our complicity in maintaining barriers of ignorance, fear, privilege, prejudice, 'us' and 'them'.

Our world is crossed by razor wire that tears at flesh and draws blood. But you are our peace, with power to cut this wire for good, to break down all our walls.

Help us all to share in this work. Amen.

We hope that our service for One World Week, which we will be holding on October 16th, will be taken by Theresa Mansbridge, from Rodburgh, near Stroud. Last year she spent three months as Ecumenical Accompanier in the West Bank near Hebron. She will tell us about her experience there.

Dear Friends,

I am offering this piece of embroidery to the church , in the hopes that you will feel it as an asset to our worship.

I originally intended it to be used at the front of the pulpit, but having regard to the size it has become , and the wooden furniture in that part of the church, it might be better to find another place for it.

Every stitch was sewn in Broadway and the flowers are all depictions of those that grow in Broadway.

The picture illustrates an Easter Legend , the story of which is embroidered on the back.

“When Jesus was crucified at Golgotha on the first Good Friday, all nature that lived there died also.



When he rose from the dead on Easter Sunday , all the plants there sprang into glorious bloom. “

I offer this in the hope that it will provide some joy to worshippers in this church, especially in the spring and in times of great sorrow and perhaps draw visitors to the church to share in our worship.

Yours in Christ

Shirley Caddy.

The embroidery created by Shirley will be blessed at our church on Sunday 9th October 2016.

Come on Let's Celebrate!!

The Broadway Youth Activities Week theme this year was Celebrations.

Our three different age groups created, explored and enjoyed Patron Saint's days, birthdays, weddings, Pentecost, and much, much more. With trips to All Things Wild and Warwick Castle, making bunting, cards, gifts and masks, and constructing a full-size red dragon.



We heard bible stories about giving presents and using our gifts and talents to help other people. Every day the young folk retold the stories in a modern day way through plays, puppet shows and sharing cakes they had made, and even pancakes too.



They told how small gifts and acts of kindness can multiply up in unexpected ways (five loaves and two fishes), of being brave enough to use our gifts to best effect (Story of the servants using the money the boss gave them when he went away), of being a good giver and a good host, and what gifts really mean like showing love at Christmas.



This was the theme of the hilarious and meaningful play performed for the parents on Friday night. An Owl gave encouragement, Sheeeeep gaaave woool, hens gave eggs and a funny walk, cows gave milk (in a 2litre bottle), and the mice blocked a drafty hole in the stable with their bottoms to prevent Baby Jesus catching a cold.



After singing songs that had formed such a fun part of our celebrations throughout the week we had burgers and hot dogs to round the week off.

Over 50 young people came, along with 20 parents who came on the trip and to the party.

A colossal thank you goes to every one of the 27 people who gave their time and creativity and made the week such a success, giving so much pleasure to the young



people and their families. A massive thank you goes to the organisations who supported the activities financially to make it such a good experience including The Misses Barrie Trust, Broadway United Charities, Broadway Youth Trust and Broadway Parish Council.



If you'd like to be part of Broadway Christmas Activities on Saturday 10th December 2016 from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm at The Broadway URC Hall then please let Judith Gibbons and Wyn Whitten know.



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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 10th September 2016

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday	Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
Tuesday	Games Afternoon 1st Tuesday each month 2-4pm 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