

The



Broadsheet

United Reformed Church,
77 , High Street, Broadway

October 2016



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

'Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Luke 6:38 NIV)

Many years ago a Christian farmer was exercised about selling a calf that he owned and giving the money to the mission field. He hesitated for quite a while about it and as a result, felt very unhappy. One evening coming down the road, he saw an open-air meeting in progress and heard the singing in the distance. As he drew nearer, he thought surely that the people were singing: "The calf has never yet been sold!" Being concerned, he ran forward and shouted at the leader: "Alright, alright, I'll sell the calf and give the money to the mission field!" He found out later that the people had been singing the words of that lovely hymn: "The half has never yet been told."

The hymn writer put the challenge of giving back to the Lord:-

*"Bring your tithes into the storehouse,
Lay your best at Jesus feet;
Bring an offering to the altar,
Make your sacrifice complete
Though your all seems very little,
Cast it in God's treasury;
Jesus always recognises
What is given cheerfully"*
(Taken from 'The Journey by Noel Grant)

Most of all, the Lord wants you to give yourself back to Him. The hymn writer George Matheson 1842-1906 penned these beautiful words, "I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be." (R/S511)

"All the believers were together and had everything in common". Acts 2:3

Paul reminds us in 1Corinthians 13:13 that the greatest gift of all is love, *"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*

Let us show our love by giving of ourselves and sharing what we have

to the Glory of God and the work of His Church.
Your friend

Ken

In the community, for the community

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1

Winter and Spring planting seasons led to Harvest Celebrations, including our Family Barn Dance. Over 55 people from 13 local families joined in as we laughed and danced to our friends the Silver Bough Trio. It was a great night as people met for the first time and came to know each other better.

During our summer Youth Activities Week, the hall, church and Jubilee Room were full of young people enjoying different celebrations. Saint’s Days, birthdays, weddings, and Pentecost were celebrated with puppets, plays, games, crafts and trips to All Things Wild and Warwick Castle

Then the time arrived for the major refurbishment of the hall to be completed as the kitchen and toilets were re-modelled and re-equipped. An incredible amount of work to tight timescales but magnificently done to a very high standard, and available for bookings.

Then the doors were again open for all our regular and well established activities for everyone in the village. Table Games, Neighbours on line (internet/computing), Look After Yourself (gentle exercise) and Threads (needlecrafts). All of which are friendly and relaxed ways to get out of the house and **feel better, and enjoy life more**

“**Today’s Our Day**” is a new activity. It is crafts, games ,music, coffee and conversation particularly suitable for people who are living with Dementia and memory loss, and for the people who care for them. It starts on 27th October 2016 from 2-4pm.

If you know anyone who might like to come, or if you would like to volunteer to help with the activities please let me know and we can have a chat about it.

All the best for Autumn and Winter seasons,

Mark

Church Hall New Kitchen and Toilets Project

It's with considerable relief that I can announce that the project is largely finished! We completed within time and within budget. There are a few minor things to be sorted at the time of writing (10th September) but they will hopefully be completed by the time you read this.

As most of you know, the planning stages of the original concept for an enlarged kitchen were littered with problems in obtaining quotations which we could afford. In the end, we had to settle for reconditioning the existing kitchen and we then found that we had sufficient money in the New Buildings Fund to modernise the toilets as well.

I hope you'll all agree that the end results are stunning and that the Hall has been transformed. It's now up to us to put this wonderful facility to good use. I know that Mark has already obtained some interested organisations, so it'll be great to see our service to the local community expanded in line with the church's vision for the future.



I would like to thank the committee who worked tirelessly on your behalf with the planning discussions over more than a year – Les Griffin, Mark Pickering, Margaret Harrington, Kathy Hancock, Sue Jones, Joanne Griffin – and Ken, for his support. Kathy gave us valuable advice on the Toilet facilities for the Disabled.

Once you had voted to proceed with the project, Les, Margaret, Sue, Joanne and I followed through with the detailed work of finalising everything – floor colour, worktop colour and type, equipment, lighting, etc. Les and I planned the



day-by-day work schedule and then, sadly, as you all know, he died in hospital. Thankfully, the project proceeded almost according to plan.

The Tradesmen with whom we worked were, without exception, skilful, helpful and cheerful. Nothing was too much trouble and they were a delight to be with. I list below their names and telephone numbers should any of you need their services.

Bill Nelson

Carpenter/Kitchen Fitter	Tom Ford	07818 608 696
Groundworks	Owain Roberts	07814 008 591
Central Heating/Plumbing	Martin Vale	07843 019 204
Plumbing	Adam Rich	07793 047 757
Electrician	Paul Turpitt	07721 642 184
Electrician	Joe Godson	07792 111 815
Sliding Doors/Panelling	Dave Temple/Viv Veal (dv Interiors)	01242 227 222
Painter	Conrad Farmer	07970 249 807
Cooker and Double Sink	Vale Kitchens	01386 765 959
Kitchen Cupboards	Howdens	01386 48 763
Quartz Worktops	Hatherley Worktops	07970 190 965
Flooring	Barbers	01789 295 018

YOUR GIFTS FOR HARVEST

Many thanks for all the gifts that you have brought to our Harvest Celebration Service this year.

After the service we shall send everything to Caring Hands in the Vale where the helpers will use all of it either to provide proper lunches for people in need or to provide food for homeless and very poor people in the area around Evesham.

Everyone who is connected in any way with Caring Hands in the Vale including those who come to our Church is very, very grateful for what we do.



Val

ONE HUGE THANK YOU!

It is difficult for me to express just how much I appreciate our wonderful Church family. The number of cards, letters and telephone calls continue as these early weeks pass by.

Over the past 12 months life has been turned upside down for us but I feel extremely blessed to be part of you all. Broadway URC has been our Church home for 37 years – like any life, its had its up and downs but I hope we will have done our best to contribute in some small way to the Lord's work in this place.

Thank you all so much for your continued spiritual, emotional and practical support and may God's blessing guide us into the future.

Joanne

Bryan Rogers wishes to thank all of you in the church who sent cards and best wishes on his 95th birthday.

Barn Dance 2016

13 families ,58 people Yee Haa !!!!



Services in October

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

- Sunday 2nd October Harvest—Invite Sunday
Sunday 9th October Revd. Ken Martin—Holy Communion
Sunday 16th October Theresa Mansbridge—One World Week
Sunday 23rd October Revd. Michael Harrison
Sunday 30th October Julie Jefferies—Bible Sunday

Future notice: Sunday 9th October – everyone will be aware that we are gathering together for lunch immediately after the morning service, so coffee will NOT be served as our normal custom.

- Elders Meeting 6th October
Church Meeting 16th October

Birthday Celebrations

- 4th October John Payne
5th October Christine Kershaw
9th October Bruce Wallace
10th October Margaret Strange
21st October Judith Gibbons



Duty Elder

Judith Gibbons

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

Duty Elder

Michael Payne

6th November

Welcome

Wyn Whitten

Reading

Judy Aiton

Coffee

Pam and Alex Peters

Flowers

Sue Jones

13th November

Welcome

Megan Thomas

Reading

Megan Thomas

Coffee

Judith Gibbons and Sheila Payne

Flowers

20th November

Welcome

Sue Jones

Reading

Sue Jones

Coffee

Pat Aberdein and Laura Holt

Flowers

Muriel Nelson

27th November

Welcome

Julie Stickler

Reading

Julie Stickler

Coffee

Marion Tunwell and Judy Aiton

Flowers

Sheila Payne

What's On ?

At Broadway URC , 77, High Street, Broadway . WR12 7AL



What's On	October	November	December
Tuesday			
Games Afternoon 2-4pm	4th	1st	6th
Wednesday			
Neighbours on Line 2-4pm	5,19	2,16,30	14th
Threads 2-4pm	19th	16th	14th
Thursday			
Look After Yourself 10.30 –12 noon	6,13,20,27	3,10,17,24	1,8,15
Well being talk and light lunch 12-1.30pm	20th		
Today's Our Day 2-4pm	27th	3,10,17,24	1,8,15
Friday			
PILOTS 6.30-8.00pm	7,14,21	4,11,18	9,16
Sunday Service 10.30-11.30am			
Events			
Remembrance Sunday at War Memorial on the Green 10.45am		13th	
Christmas Tree Festival		25,26	2, 3rd
Carols by Candlelight 3-4pm			18th
Christmas activities 4-18years 9.30-12.30			10th
Poems and Puddings 2-4pm		12th	

[More information](#)

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Hey Chaps, Fancy a coffee and Chat?

To find ways of engaging with more men from the local community we are seeking to set up a session to try out the "Table Talk" approach perhaps at a session over coffee in the Way. Any chaps who would like to find out more or give it a whirl please let Mark Pickering know. 07949 296738



The last Church in Society meeting was held on 19th July.

In August £150 from the Emergency fund was sent to Save the Children for their Syrian Crisis appeal in the Middle East. There now remains just over £150 in the fund.

Theresa Mansbridge, who has been an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine, has confirmed that she will be able to speak at our One World Week Service on 16th October
Ann



Traidcraft News



Change of dates :

We will be selling Traidcraft on the 3rd Sundays of October and November rather than the 2nd – That is **October 16th** and **November 20th**

Christmas Orders:

Once again we will be taking orders for Traidcraft items from their catalogue. We will have catalogues shortly. Last year we took a whopping £765.

Let's see if we can equal that.

THE REV'D DR ISRAEL SELVANAYAGAM

I was very happy to give the hand of welcome to new Minister for Evesham and Broadway Methodist Church on behalf of the Elders and Church Family of Broadway United Reformed Church on Tuesday the 6th September in Evesham Methodist Church.

The Rev'd Israel comes to us from the Church of South India where he has been serving since 2008 as firstly as Principal at the Theological College in Bangalore and then the Professor of Religions, at the Gurukul Theological College in Chennai. For the previous 12 years the Rev'd Israel served the Methodist Church in Britain in a variety of roles: as World Church Tutor, at our colleges in Bristol & Birmingham (this role included work in circuit) as Principal and Lecturer in the United College of Ascension, Birmingham (where our Mission Partners were prepared for overseas service); and as a Circuit Minister & District Interfaith Consultant, Birmingham.

The Rev'd Israel and Leela's daughters and their families live in Sally Oak where they attend the local Methodist Church. The couple arrived on the 11th August.

(Taken from Evesham Methodist Church magazine dated September 2016)

Ken



signpost

You are invited to attend the

Annual General Meeting

of

Signpost-Broadway

Monday 7th November 2016

7pm

United Reformed Church,

77, High Street, Broadway

The evening will commence with a short service, followed by the business meeting.

Please join us for refreshments following the meeting.

Leslie Griffin (1937 - 2016)

It was with great sadness that we heard of Les's death on 8th August. He'd been struggling with ill-health over the previous few months and, despite an operation and chemotherapy, his condition deteriorated rapidly over recent weeks. He died peacefully in his sleep at Worcester Hospital. To all his friends, this came as a great shock. Although we knew that he had major problems, the suddenness of his demise took us all by surprise.

Les was born and brought up in Redditch. He took up an apprenticeship at the age of 16 in the aluminium industry with what was to become Alcan and he went on to become a Mechanical/Electrical Engineer. He spent all of his working life with Alcan, where he was latterly Engineering Facilities Manager, an experience which was to prove invaluable for our church. Having retired, he did Health & Safety consultancy work for various small companies.

He and Joanne married in 1961 and had two much-loved sons, Simon and Ian. Through the years, they have lived in Inkberrow, Honeybourne and Broadway. Les and Joanne became members of Broadway URC in 1979. As you might expect, Les soon became involved with Premises matters, once his talents came to light.

He was a deep-thinking man with a simple, straightforward faith. He was straight and honest in his dealings with everyone, albeit a bit too blunt for some! He hated subterfuge and couldn't stand anything that smacked of scheming. He had the engineer's approach - just deal in the facts!

He was meticulous and conscientious in all his work. He gave sound, practical advice and was lavish with his gifts of his various talents. He was also very kind-hearted and helped many people, behind the scenes, in many different capacities, in a very unassuming way.

He was Premises Convenor for two years before handing over to me in 2001, promising his support thereafter. And what support and encouragement that was to be!

Despite being an Elder for some years and then Treasurer for eight years until the end of 2015, he also tackled the most daunting of premises tasks, giving

unstintingly of his many talents over long periods of time.

This congregation owes a huge debt of gratitude to Les for the massive contribution he made over many, many years.

I'd like to list a few of those projects for you all so that you can join me in shaking your heads in wonder at what this amazing man has done (and he's shaking his head now and saying, "What, me? Don't be daft! I was only doing my bit").

Since I've been involved with the church premises, he's served on the Vision Group for over ten years, as we looked at possible designs for new church buildings and then embarked on providing the Disabled Facilities and then removing the dangerous Wash House and building the Jubilee Hut.

He served on the Premises Committee (latterly combined with the Finance Committee) for many, many years. He had an extensive list of tradespeople to whom he could turn for advice and whom we usually employed to get things done.

He thought up the removal of the rotting Vestry Floor and its replacement with a 'concrete block and beam' solution (something I'd never heard of!) and then Project-managed its completion, together with the upgrading of the Flower Room.

He prepared the Manse for habitation on several occasions as succeeding Ministers have been called to serve here. He project-managed the more recent extensive Manse refurbishment, including the somewhat-unexpected last-minute necessary replacement of the complete kitchen floor (which he took in his stride, in a matter-of-fact way!).

A few years ago, he personally installed Worcester Bosch boilers in the Church and the Hall and I acted as his skivvy on several occasions and watched mesmerised as he put all the pipework and joints together (I call it 'engineering knitting', being a simple Chemical Engineer myself!). I was watching an artist at work, as he thought out each move and then made it all happen.

He master-minded the manufacture and installation of the new hymn boards and helped with the design of the book trolley and then stained the wood the correct colour. He drilled larger holes in all the metal anti-panic devices on the

100 or more church chairs to enable easier detachment and attachment of these. He researched the best type for, and then oversaw the installation of, the Church secondary glazing and the Halls double glazing, panel insulation and roof insulation.

Lastly, of course, he served on the committee charged with the task of designing the new kitchen and Hall storage and he played a full part in that and then he and Bruce designed the new Hall toilets. Even a couple of weeks before he went into hospital for what was to be the last time, he was helping and advising me with the Kitchen/Toilets Project planning.

My friends, you will never know the hundreds of hours that Les spent planning, researching, standing up on a ladder, on his knees, spread out on the floor with spanners and blowtorches and screwdrivers and hammers, and the rest, but I, and several of his 'mates' at this church, will hold treasured memories of his friendship, his expertise, his sense of humour and the inevitable cups of tea whilst carrying out these tasks!

In behind all of these great works, of course, there has been the constant, steadfast, good-humoured, long-suffering (!), self-sacrificing support of Joanne whose huge contribution I would also like to acknowledge with our grateful thanks.

We will all miss Les greatly and we thank God for his love, his friendship and his talents.

What a great servant of His Lord.

Bill Nelson

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or can be placed in the folder at the back of the Church
Closing date for articles is 10th October 2016

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday	Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon
Tuesday	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 Beaver Scouts 6- 7.15pm Music Makers 7.30 - 9.00pm
Thursday	Look After Yourself 10.30am—12noon Today's Our Day 2-4pm (starting 27th October 2016) Cub Scouts 6- 7.15pm Elders' Meeting 7.30pm URC Vestry (1st Thursday in month)
Friday	PILOTS 6.30pm -8pm Fun and activities in a Christian environment during term time for everyone aged 4-18