

# The



# Broadsheet

July/August 2017



To know Jesus better,  
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends,

One of the things I have enjoyed, over the past few months, has been to join Mark for several of his TLS tutorials with Revd. Maz Allen. As you know, he has been studying aspects of worship and its presentation in different ways. The discussions have been lively and challenging, and we may, at some point, bring some of the topics to Church Meeting.

Such are the exigencies of the publishing of the Broadsheet that I am writing this the day after Trinity Sunday, when we think about the three-fold nature of God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It stuck me that there is also a three-fold aspect to worship. There is the Word – the Bible readings, together with the sermon, or interpretation, of the Word. Then there is Prayer, when we speak and listen to God (and I guess we are much better at the former than the latter). Finally, there are the hymns which can be simply praise, or the Word in song or, as they frequently are, a prayer (reading the hymn book can be very rewarding). Getting the balance of all three elements of worship right is the task of effective preaching.

With the growing shortage of ministers we will, inevitably, have to take a greater role in leading worship for ourselves. We will shortly be trying to build up a group of people who are willing to help in leading services. If you are interested, even if you are unsure you could do it, please have a word with me or Mark.

At one of the final sessions in Mark's course we looked at the differences in congregations. Every church has its own personality and does things 'its way'. Anyone who has worshipped in another church will appreciate that. Visiting preachers face quite a challenge, even those who visit Broadway, until they get to know the congregation and how it 'ticks'.

With the Summer months ahead of us, church activities slow down and, in theory, we have a little more time to ourselves. So I thought I would suggest that, as you sit quietly in the garden, or looking out of the window at the rain, with a mug of tea, or a glass, in your hand, you might like to consider your own attitude to worship which can become, if we are not careful, a little routine.

Why not ask yourself:

**Why do I go to church?** - I want to go; I feel I ought to go; people expect me to go; I always have done; I am looking for a faith; I'm on the rota; other reasons.

**How do you prepare for worship?** Do you arrive at the last minute with your mind full of other things? Do you come early to chat to all your friends or do your 'duties'? Do you sit quietly to prepare your mind? (Note: the request on the Link to keep the five minutes before the service as a quiet time came out of Mark's TLS discussions. At Cheltenham even the organist stops playing.)

**Do you find the worship** uplifting; comforting; boring; challenging; helpful?

**The Bible** Do you read it daily or just occasionally? Do you use study notes to help you? Would you like further guidance?

**Prayer** How often do I pray – Daily, occasionally, on Sundays, when in trouble.

**How can I become** more involved in Church life; a better Christian?

As we all seek to build up the church during this time without a minister there are lots more questions you/we need to think about, like pastoral care, church meetings, developing our faith and so on, but I think I have given you enough to go on for the time being!

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

I travelled to France to work with a company that was having trouble growing its business. At the first meeting they told me of their ideas, in fact of *plenty* of ideas about what we could do to improve things. Naturally, I asked what it was that was stopping the ideas becoming a reality.

Jean Zannatachi, the General Manager had developed the art of capturing any situation in a succinct, often enigmatic, expression. Usually accompanied by a nonchalant wave of his the arm and rise of his eyebrow. Again, he did not disappoint. In French he asserted, “We have the ideas, we just don’t have enough petrol.”

I translated this to mean that we needed to find a way to prioritise our ideas. To discuss and agree what to do first and to be sure to have the resources to complete whatever we start.

Today at Broadway URC, it brings to mind a verse in the bible. “Which of you wishing to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, to see whether he has enough resources to complete it?” (Luke 14:28)

So, to continue our mission to know Jesus better and make him better known, we need to prayerfully listen for God to discern what we will focus on as a church, and as individuals.

Our current activities: Games Afternoons, Neighbours on line, Look After Yourself, Today’s our day, Pilots and Youth activities are well resourced to continue.

The Open the Book team are keen for people to join in this enjoyable and rewarding work on a Monday morning, particularly men. Drivers and bus-buddies are helping people get to church on Sundays, the more on the rota the easier for all.

Sunday Worship is where more people are welcome to contribute their gifts as part of a team. It has also been suggested that we could form a group to consider how to further develop the prayer life of the church.

If you’d like to hear more, or to express your interest to join in; simply discuss with an Elder, or your Pastoral Visitor, or Mark.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Pickering

## Services in July

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

Sunday July 2nd	Holy Communion	Revd Kathryn Louch
Sunday July 9th	Stanley Taylor	
Sunday July 16th	Parable of the Sower	
	Worship Group &	Revd Tony Williams
Sunday July 23rd	Revd Andrew Mann	Ray
Sunday July 30th	Revd Mike Spencer	

## Birthday Celebrations

12th July	Gloria Spinks
15th July	Robert Kemp
21st July	Mavis Payne
26th July	Alex Peters



## **Duty Elder**

### **Sunday July 2nd**

Welcome

Reading

Coffee

Flowers

### **Sunday July 9th**

Welcome

Reading

Coffee

Flowers

### **Sunday July 16th**

Welcome

Coffee

Reading

Flowers

### **Sunday July 23rd**

Welcome

Reading

Coffee

Flowers

### **Sunday July 30th**

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Coffee

Flowers

## **Michael Payne**

Vicki Packman

Sue Jones

Pam and Alex Peters

Shirley Caddy arranged by C. Waller

Michael Eden

Michael Eden

Pat and Michael Davies

Laura Holt arranged by M Nelson

Marilyn Watts

Judith Gibbons

Muriel and Bill Nelson

Audrey Harrison

Ann Walters

Chris Walters

Judith Gibbons and Wyn Whitten

Vicki Packman

Noel Kershaw

Noel Kershaw

Christine Kershaw and Judy Aiton

Sue Jones

## **Duty Elder**

## **Beverley Churchill**

### **Sunday August 6th**

Welcome

Sue Jones

Reading

Sheila Payne

Coffee

Pat Aberdein and Vicki Packman

Flowers

Bev Churchill

### **Sunday August 13th**

Welcome

Michael Eden

Reading

Marion Tunwell

Coffee

Sue Jones and Joanne Griffin

Flowers

Margaret Rubridge arranged by C Waller

### **Sunday August 20th**

Welcome

Laura Holt

Reading

Bill Nelson

Coffee

Muriel and Bill Nelson

Flowers

Sheila Payne

### **Sunday August 27th**

Welcome

Sara Williams

Reading

Sara Williams

Coffee

Judith Gibbons and Wyn Whitten

Flowers

Julie Stickler

## Services in August

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Sunday August 6th Revd. Tim Huc Holy Communion

Sunday August 13th 70th Anniversary of Church of South India.

Service led by Revd. Israel Selvanayagam.

Sunday August 20th T.B. C

## Birthday Celebrations

9th August Margaret Harrington

20th August Sara Williams

25th August Kathy Hancock



### A Village in a Church

Our friends at St. Michael's are hosting a celebration of our community 1st – 8th July. Call in and see displays by groups in the village, including the Activities at Broadway URC and the Nomads Community Bus.

## The Big Day Out

On Saturday 20th May some forty Pilots, their families and a couple of Pilots' Officers went by coach to the URC Big Day Out at Warwick Castle. Although the weather was rather dismal, the day was a huge success. There were lots of groups from URC nationally. Pilots, Members, Moderators and Ministers all together in a large field with gazebos for art activities and small group discussions and a main stage for bands playing well known Christian songs and for addresses from leading URC figures. There were talks, games, music and lots of really good fellowship. Unfortunately the big picnic was rather spoiled by the weather as people chose to eat under cover. The castle was a huge success. It's a wonderful castle with turrets, dungeons and amazing state rooms. There is real armour, including pieces for young children. The display of Madame Tussaud's waxwork display as "The Weekend Party" was enjoyed by people of all ages. When the day ended everyone came back to the





coach with huge smiles on their faces. All said they had had a splendid day out. And no description of the Big Day Out would be complete without mention of the peacocks. Most of us had probably seen a peacock or two from time to time but never, I suspect, in great num-



## Church Fete on the Green

Provisional total raised was £530. Well done everyone who took part.



Chord-ites Ukulele Group entertained the Today's Our Day session and a great time was had by all.

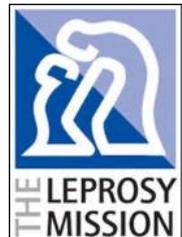
## Pilots Officers are Certified!!



Well done the Broadway Pilots team. Here they are with their hard earned First Aid certificates.

## Leprosy Mission

Apologies for the delay in giving you the results of our collection this year. We collected **£183.89**.



I have now taken over from Joanne and I would like to say a big thank you from all of us to her for doing it so well for many years. I know it is a charity close to her heart and mine.

If anyone would like to start collecting for the Leprosy Mission please speak to me and I will give you a box.

Pat (Wallace)

