



The Broadsheet

November 2019



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Is there more to Remembrance?



Please don't get me wrong, and that is easily done, but I'm not an advocate for forgetting Remembrance. I just want to do more than ever before to remember because what we do simply isn't enough!

It's not enough to be silent for a couple of minutes in remembrance of millions who have sacrificed their lives for our peace. I want to do more, so what can we do?

It's not enough to wear a red poppy for a few weeks of the year in remembrance of so many lives lost so we may enjoy our freedom. I want to do more, so what can we do?

It's not enough to attend a Church Service, singing Jerusalem with pride and raising the flag in remembrance for soldiers who died. I want to do more, so what can we do?

To be honest, I've had enough of not doing enough, so don't get me wrong, I don't want to forget remembrance, but I want to sing a new song. I want to remember today in a way that will be remembered tomorrow, but what I don't want is what I remember in November to be forgotten by December!

I don't remember what it was like to be a soldier in war or to live in a city besieged by war. Only the stories I hear can remind me why I don't want any more war. I want to do more, so what can we do to make sure our children won't experience a war?

Remembering in silence is not enough, unless when I speak my voice makes peace. Wearing a poppy is not enough, unless what I remember is also engraved on my heart. We don't believe we can break bread in Church and for a moment remember why Jesus died then forget the reasons for another week or a month: Do we?

When we remember the many people who died in war let's not forget the reason they fought the war and do more to learn the lessons from years before

so we can avoid another war. Don't just remember the soldier who went to war, but remember also the soldier who returned from war to bury a mother, wife or child!



When I break bread in Church it reminds me of what I must do to avoid causing such suffering to my brothers and sisters and I aspire to share the love, peace and hope of Jesus Christ in everything I do, every day of the year.

So, when I'm not wearing my poppy or pausing in silence will I be singing a new song of hope with the Spirit of peace deep in my heart every month of the year? Or, will I only remember the victims of war in November and forget the greatest tribute we can pay them is by learning the lessons and sharing our peace with the world!

When we break bread and pour wine at communion I am reminded of how I must live my life so I'm not an advocate for forgetting remembrance, but is what we do in November enough or can we do more?

God Bless, Richard

CLIMATE CHANGES EVERYTHING NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

One World week Service - Sunday 13th October
Led by Church in Society Group

Readings : Genesis 1 and 2 v1-4

Hymns: 39, 85, 309, 370 (Rejoice and Sing) and The Rape of the Land by Fred Kaan

I've been asked to give my reflection on this thought provoking service. We were invited to listen to the Creation story, consider how we relate to the earth, what we have done to harm it, and how we can take responsibility for this by taking action NOW.

As I'm thinking about the service, the last verse of Hymn 85, is still playing in my head, it rings so loud and true "Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it, ours, as his stewards, to farm and defend. From its pollution, misuse and destruction, good Lord, deliver us, world without end!".

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT- Why?:

Climate warming -CO2 emissions have increased since 1950, some possible outcomes were illustrated to us through a series of slides showing:

- ◆ melting polar icecaps and glaciers
- ◆ rising sea levels
- ◆ more extreme weather systems
- ◆ higher temperatures, heatwaves
- ◆ forest fires
- ◆ droughts and floods
- ◆ loss of animal habitat, species facing extinction
- ◆ areas becoming uninhabitable
- ◆ spread of disease

All of this led me to acknowledge there is a real sense of urgency to ACT NOW but that hopefully there is still time to change !

I'm committed to doing all I can to reduce, reuse and recycle but I'm sure there's so much more I can do. Its encouraging to see that our Church community is taking part in an Eco Church project. During the service ideas were presented to us as part of this project. In addition our comments and suggestions are welcomed by the Eco Church group (forms are available at church).

Finally, I wanted to share this One World Week prayer which I think sums up the whole service:

"Be generous in your gifts of wisdom, understanding and courage to help us see:

*The interconnectedness of climate, nature and our lifestyles,
our responsibility to secure a future for our children and the urgency to act now.*

Inspire us to change personally, in our local communities, as nations and at a global level for we are One World, climate changes everything and Now is the Time to Act."

Julie Stickler

Services in November

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

Sunday 3rd November	Revd. Richard Becher
Sunday 10th November	Remembrance Service at War Memorial
Sunday 17th November	Revd. Richard Becher
Sunday 24th November	Revd. Mike Harrison
Sunday 1st December	Revd. Richard Becher

May I say THANK YOU to all those who sent cards and expressed their good wishes when I moved into my new flat. My address is now University Farm, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 0DN and should anyone find themselves in Moreton do call in. However, if you are making a special trip perhaps it would be advisable to ring beforehand- you would be most welcome.

P.S. Tel No remains the same

Nancy

Birthday Celebrations

Frank Waller 13th November



Elder

Sunday 3rd November

Welcome Kathryn Louch

Reading Marilyn Watts

Coffee Margaret and Roger Harrington

Flowers Sue Jones

Sunday 10th November

Welcome Ian Tucker

Reading Frank Waller

Coffee Maggie Tucker and Christine Waller

Flowers Sue Jones

Sunday 17th November

Welcome Eric Watts

Reading Marion Tunwell

Coffee Marilyn Watts and Jill Hedges

Flowers Julie Stickler

Sunday 24th November

Welcome Jonny Evans

Reading Sheila Payne

Coffee Pat and Bruce Wallace

Flowers Sheila Payne

Elder

Sunday 1st December

Welcome	Joanne Griffin
Reading	Laura Holt
Coffee	Pat Aberdein and Sue Jones
Flowers	Wyn Whitten

Sunday 8th December

Welcome	Margaret Taylor
Reading	Chris Walters
Coffee	Ann Walters and Marilyn Watts
Flowers	Joanne Griffin

Sunday 15th December

Welcome	Megan Thomas
Reading	Margaret Harrington
Coffee	Pam and Alex Peters
Flowers	Flower Guild

Sunday 22nd December

Welcome	Virginia Becher
Reading	Noel Kershaw
Coffee	Christine Kershaw and Pat Wallace
Flowers	Flower Guild

Sunday 29th December

Welcome	Laura Holt
Reading	Michael Davis
Coffee	Pat Davis and Judith Gibbons
Flowers	Pam and Alex Peters

What's On ?

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What's On	November	December	January
Sunday Service 10.30—11.30 am	3,10,17,24	1,8,15,22, 25,29	5,12,26
Tuesday			
Table Games Afternoon 2-4pm	5th	3rd	7th
Wednesday			
Neighbours on Line Computers and Internet Coaching 2-4pm	13,27	11th	15th, 29th
Threads 2-4pm	20th	18th	
Thursday			
Look After Yourself—Gentle Exercises 10.30 –12 noon	7,14,21,28	5,12,19	9,16,23,30
Today's Our Day Activities and Chat 2-4pm	7,14,21,28	5,12,19	9,16,23,30
Friday			
PILOTS Crafts, Games for all aged 4-18 6.30-8.00pm			
Events			
Pilgrimage trips	15th	22nd	
Quiz Night with Supper	9th		

Peter's News

Here for your interest is another extract from the latest News -sheet from Peter Nuttall (Susan's grandson), Scripture Union Youth worker in South Africa, who visited us in January.. He lists some of the many challenges and encouragements he is facing and asks for our continuing prayers.

He then adds the following:

Personal and Practical

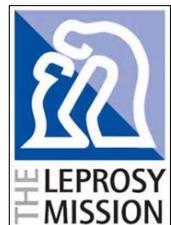
At the moment I am carrying the weight of 3 key responsibilities, doing and managing local ministry, developing my training ministry and some administrative responsibilities.

In the Training sense, our support committee would love to release me to be able to do more training in other areas, but we need to ensure that the local schools ministry continues as effectively as it does at the moment. We would also like the ministry to become more sustainable for the long term. Our vision is to be able to extend our ministry to reach more schools, through local teachers and Pastors, as well as staff. To enable this to be practical – as I am not superhuman – we are looking at a number of factors As a region we are considering merging our region with the other KZN Regions to remove some of the administrative responsibility. We would also like to be able to have another full-time field-worker and somebody to help with the administrative side of the region 1 or 2 days a week, in order to be able to not only maintain, but extend the ministry. However our financial situation locally has taken a dip recently. As a result we have needed to take action to reach out to new donors amongst people in our area with the target of raising R10,000 per month to enable this.

Peter

Leprosy Mission

Our Church has received a thank you from the Leprosy Mission for our contribution towards the Heal Nepal World Leprosy Sunday 2019 campaign. The money has helped train 1,200 new outreach workers to travel to remote and hard to reach communities. I have attached the letter to the noticeboard in Church.



I would like to remind you that we collect used stamps for the Leprosy Mission. The box is available in the vestibule. It would be good if we could fill the box up by the end of the Christmas period!

Pat Wallace

Moving Stories July 2019

“Food doesn’t grow here anymore”



Ana Jorge lives in west Guatemala in the hillside village of Canquintic, near the town of Nentón. Constant drought has devastated her community. “Food doesn’t grow here anymore,” she said. “That’s why I would send my son north.”

Her husband borrowed thousands to migrate north to the United States. He found work cutting flowers but then caught an infection and died. He left behind his hungry family.

Two of their sons, aged 7 and 14, soon died through malnutrition-related illnesses. Ana was forced to pull her son Juan out of school in the second grade. He had to work in the fields to help pay off the debt.

Another Guatemalan, Julio Mateo Mateo, 42, also sent his children to the US. “There’s no rain. There’s nothing for us here.”

The evidence is very clear that aid programmes are effective in enabling small farmers to deal with some of the worst effects of climate disruption. The US policy of cutting aid to Central America simply exacerbates migration, while US carbon emissions continue to worsen the suffering of farmers in the global south.

Commitment for Life, in partnership with Christian Aid, works in four countries in Central America - Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. We work with around 30 partner organisations. These range from community-based groups to larger organisations operating across the region and beyond.

Partners include indigenous communities, small farmers’ associations, development organisations, research institutions and faith-based organisations.

Please continue to pray for and advocate for these poorer countries. Let us work towards an economy of life that brings fullness of life to all.

Pilots Barn Dance Friday 4th October

On Friday 4th October, Pilots held their annual Barn Dance in the Church Hall. In former times it was held in the Lifford Hall but numbers have declined and all had agreed last year that it was better in the Church Hall.

In view of fluctuating numbers of late we all worried whether enough people would come but there was no cause for concern; about 40 children and adults came. We had our usual live band led by Don McCombie who is popular with adults and children alike. He sings, dances and tells stories. He is ably assisted by his wife Jackie and a guitar player .. And so we danced - anyone from 2 to 70+. They did their best to follow the caller and leaders and managed the dances admirably. They stopped for a story - "Rooty-Toot isn't he cute?". The children were probably unaware that it told a moral story of looking after the lonely and the old but they took it on board. Then it was time for the food. We officers felt there was far too much and were planning for "doggy bags". Forget that!. The table ended looking as though the legendary plague of locusts had been across it - not a crumb remained. And the evening ended with another dance with nearly everyone joining in.

It really was a huge success and we believe that it was enjoyed by all whatever age they are. A special "Thank you" to Don and his band, to officers and parents and most of all to the children.

Judith & Wyn

In the community. For the community.

Broadway URC is a founder member of Nomads Community Bus. In September it was prominent at the highly successful Broadway Horticultural and Craft show. It's purpose is to help people in our community to get out of the house and enjoy life more, by meeting other people, and having fun on trips and going to club activities. Monthly it supports our popular Pilgrimage Trips and every two months it enables people of all mobilities to enjoy the CTIB Good Lunch Club. Our Church in Society group used it so that refugees could enjoy Broadway. Our Today's our Day group have been to celebrations including Christmas and VE Day, and Pilots have been to attractions far and wide. In October it was off to the NEC so that church members can join with hundreds of fellow Christians. Can you think of any other opportunities for our church or community to make the most of this fantastic community asset?

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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 4th November 2019.

REGULAR MEETINGS

Monday	Broadway and Towerview Playschool 9am -12noon Elders Meeting (first Monday in the month)
Tuesday	Table 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 Threads 2pm -4pm 3rd Wednesday of month
Thursday	Look After Yourself 10.30am—12noon Today's Our Day 2-4pm
Friday	PILOTS 6.30pm -8pm Fun and activities in a Christian environment during term time for everyone aged 4-18