

The Broadsheet



August / September 2021



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

BE ENCOURAGED BY DREAMS AND VISIONS....

Dear Friends,

I found the statement I made at my Induction Service in May 2018 and although I did not fulfil it I do pray we made some progress toward achieving it. Thank you for inviting us to join your Church Family for the last three years to walk a little of the way with Jesus.

I write my farewell letter with a reminder of that statement in case it helps your continued dreams and visions for the future:

“I have a very simple statement which is a Pentecost promise to encourage the voices of all people to be heard so they can share their dreams and visions. If the Lord is pouring out His Spirit on all people we are surely disabling the Church if we ignore the prophecies of our sons and daughters; dismiss the visions of the young and neglect the dreams of the old.

Visions are not statements created through meetings, but are given to people who are inspired by the Holy Spirit. Dreams are not of our selfish ambitions, but messages from God with warnings and new directions to travel. Through the dreams and the visions the voices of prophets can be heard and we need to hear them, from all people not just a few.

My role as a leader is not to provide the vision for our mission or deliver the dream which can make the church change direction, but to release the Spirit from her cage so all voices can be heard singing a new song for the glory of God.

We are all someone's son or someone's daughter so let us encourage each other to be prophets of hope and be inspired by the dreams and visions which give us a great story to tell of a Kingdom to come. My role is to encourage all people to recognise that the Spirit of God has been poured out on them because it is only with a shared wisdom and commitment to change direction when warned to do so that we will fulfil our mission.

So I want to help build on a foundation already laid for the mission and ministry as we get to know Jesus better and can then make him better known in our communities. My first vision, my friends, is that this beautiful Cotswold village will become a city on heaven's hill as our light's shine together for the glory of God. “

At my Induction Service I concluded with the blessing that I also repeat and pray that we will continue to bless each other with our prayers:

*God bless your dreams
and may they be a blessing which changes lives
God bless your visions
and may they be a blessing to find new horizons
God bless your stories
and may they be a blessing of hope for the future
So go, be Pentecost people:
Be dreamers;
Be visionaries;
Be prophets.
Go! With the blessing
of the Father, Son and the Spirit
go and be a blessing
through your faith in love
which tells a story of hope! Amen.*

God Bless, Richard and Virginia

As you know, **Richard's final service** at Broadway URC will be on **Sunday 19th September**.

Following the service, we shall share lunch together on the church premises. Andy from the Mug & Muffin is going to provide the lunch.

If you would like to join the lunch, please let Margaret Harrington, Wyn Whitten or any of the Elders know.

It may be that we have to limit numbers in order to maintain a 'safe distance', but that decision will be made nearer the time.

Marion.

TWAM collection

I will be collecting tools for TWAM from the end of August with the intention to deliver them to Coventry mid September. Please look at the list below from their website which gives you an idea of the amount of goods that they are looking for.

Pat

TWAM wanted tools

Sewing machines: manual, electric and treadle

Agricultural tools: Fork, spade, hoe, garden rake, hand fork and trowel, lopper, secateurs and hand shears

Builders' tools: Spade, shovel, 3ft spirit level, Axe, crowbar, fork, sledge hammer, bow saw, bolsters, chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, tape measures hacksaws and blades etc

Carpenters' tools: Bevel, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, all types of files and hammers, Stanley knife, all types of planes and saws, pliers, rules, all types of saws and screwdrivers, squares etc. Screws, nails and bolts.

Electricians' tools: Allen keys, hand drills and bits, all types of pliers and hacksaws, screwdrivers, spanners, soldering iron, voltmeter etc

Motor mechanics' tools: Allen keys, cold chisels, breast drill and bits, all types of hammers and pliers, punches, metric socket set and spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolbox, tyre pressure gauge etc

Plumbers' tools: Basin or tap wrench, wire brush, breast drill and bits, various grips and saws, screwdriver, oil can etc

Garage workshop tools: Hydraulic jack, axle stands, battery charger, ramps and large vice etc

Power tools: Hand and bench drill, sander, planer, jigsaw, circular, band and chop saw, lathe, cultivator, rotavator etc

Knitting machines: machine wool and needles

Haberdashery: needles, cottons, large material pieces/rolls, buttons, zips etc

Fully working IT equipment: Desktop computers and laptops running a minimum of Windows 7, tablets, networking switch routers and cables

We do have requests for big items such as Welding machines, Generators, Compressors and Industrial sewing machines. If you have any of these or similar items please do get in touch and ask us if we can use them.

Services in August and September

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

Sunday 1st August Revd. Richard Becher

Sunday 8th August Revd. Brian Clarke

Sunday 15th August Eco and Society

Sunday 22nd August Michael Payne

Sunday 29th August

Sunday 5th September Revd Richard Becher

Sunday 12th September Revds. Richard Becher and Chris Collins

Sunday 19th September Revd Richard Becher

Sunday 26th September Worship Group - Harvest

Elder Marilyn Watts

Sunday 1st August

Welcome Virginia Becher

Reading Sheila Payne

Coffee Joanne Griffin and Sue Jones

Flowers Sue Jones

Sunday 8th August

Welcome Judith Gibbons

Reading Judy Aiton

Coffee Pat and Bruce Wallace

Flowers Wyn Whitten

Sunday 15th August

Welcome Wyn Whitten

Reading Christine Browne

Coffee Wyn Whitten and Judith Gibbons

Flowers Ann Walters

Sunday 22nd August

Welcome Sue Jones

Reading Joanne Griffin

Coffee Judy Aiton and Margaret Harrington

Flowers Christine Browne

Sunday 29th August

Welcome Bruce Wallace

Reading Judith Gibbons

Coffee Maggie and Nick Youell

Flowers Margaret Taylor

Elder Chris Walters

Sunday 5th September

Welcome Margaret Harrington

Reading Chris Walters

Coffee Judith Gibbons and Marilyn Watts

Flowers Margaret Harrington

Sunday 12th September

Welcome Ann Walters

Reading Virginia Becher

Coffee

Flowers Katherine Louch

Sunday 19th September

Welcome Judith Gibbons

Reading Julie Stickler

Coffee Chris and Ann Walters

Flowers Nancy Rogers

Sunday 26th September

Welcome Marilyn Watts

Reading Sue Jones

Coffee Wyn Whitten and Judith Gibbons

Flowers Sue Jones



Meet the Team

We at Commitment for Life were delighted to meet **Tafadzwa Muropa** during a recent “Zoom to Zimbabwe.” Tafadzwa takes a lead on the Social and Economic Justice Themes for the team in Zimbabwe. She plays a leading role in mainstreaming gender in Zimbabwe as well as fundraising and implementing projects in gender equality, transparency and accountability, human rights and peacebuilding. She has worked with local and international organisations in Eastern and Southern Africa for over 16 years.

Tafadzwa has a BA Degree in Economic History and Philosophy with University of Zimbabwe, has received post graduate training in public policy, human rights, gender equality, project management and macroeconomic policy with local, regional and international institutions. She is currently completing her dissertation in a Master’s in Public Policy and Governance with Africa University, Zimbabwe.

With dedicated workers like Tafadzwa, we know that our Commitment for Life partnership in Zimbabwe is in safe hands.



NICARAGUA

Angela’s coffee farm used to provide a good living for her family. But now she’s facing a crisis. The changing climate in Nicaragua means her coffee harvests are shrinking every year.

Too much rain and the coffee beans don’t ripen properly. Too much sun and the coffee

beans can suffer from diseases like chasparria, causing half the bean to ripen too soon. Coffee farmers used to lose only 5% of their crop. Now it is 30%.

Angela explained: 'With climate change, the coffee suffers from many diseases and pests. The sun has scorched the coffee beans; we cannot sell them and we're losing more every year because of climate change.'

Your ongoing support for Angela through Commitment for Life makes all the difference. Please continue to pray and work for justice as you have been doing for so many years.

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Prayer for Divestment from Fossil Fuels

Diana Paulding

The fuels that we dug from your earth drove revolution and let us build industries and create new things. Let us give thanks for the benefit they brought, but accept that it is time to let them go. And having given thanks, let us build a future where you guide us through wind, tide and sun to energy that does not exhaust your earth. We pray for renewed and renewable world, where politicians are willing to embrace new ways and we are prepared to let go of practices that do not serve your kingdom.

Amen

The Stained Glass Windows.

The United Reformed Church (URC) in Broadway, has two stained glass windows. One is called 'Charity', the other 'St. John (the Evangelist)'. Little is known about them and so this booklet seeks to provide some information about their origins. What is known raises more questions than answers as will be seen as the story unfolds. The starting point is taken from information published in a history of the church written by Mr. A.V. Freeman in 1992.

(Note, The URC was previously the Congregational Church, also referred to as the Chapel).

“For upwards of a hundred years a family, by name Careless, was connected with the Congregational Church here in Broadway and is still represented in the URC in this district by Mrs. Flexman of the Malvern Link Church.

One member of this family, Emma Careless, became the wife of Captain Owen Treherne, who settled in Broadway at Greylands, a property at the top end of the village.

Emma Treherne remained faithful to the Church of her family and continued to worship in the Congregational Chapel; her husband was an Anglican and worshipped in the Parish Church.

When Emma died her husband desired to erect a memorial window to her in his own place of worship. Some difficulty was experienced in the achievement of this objective, it being pointed out that the lady had not worshipped here, whereupon the gallant Captain remarked, “Damn you, I’ll put it in the chapel where she belonged”. Hence we have the rather beautiful window “Charity” depicting the giving of alms to the hungry poor at the Convent gate.

When, in due season, the Captain died, the family decided to erect a memorial window to him; it, too, was placed in the Chapel, facing that of his wife, so we have the St. John window.

The device at the top of the memorial plates is the crest of the Treherne family and is an amusing cant upon their name.”

Unfortunately Mrs. Flexman had passed away before the research started and we have not been able to fully understand what the 'amusing cant upon their name' means.

More to follow on The Trehernes...

Michael Eden

Mini Fete and Table Top Sale

Saturday 4th September

10am—2pm

Broadway United Reformed Church

A circular walk around the Church and grounds with Cake Stall, Books, Plants and Flowers ,Bric a Brac and refreshments.

Music from Gospel Bell 11.30am– 1.30pm

Please contact Wyn if you are able to help in any way regarding donations and helping to set up

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or can be placed in the folder at the back of the Church
Closing date for articles Friday 24th September 2021

Birthday Celebrations

9th August Margaret Harrington

25th August Kathy Hancock



1st September Di Rowlands

8th September Kathryn Louch

17th September Michael Davies

22nd September Roger Harrington

25th September Naomi Campbell

27th September Jenny Hemming

30th September Margaret Charlesworth