

The Broadsheet

June 2022



To know Jesus better,
And to make Him better known

Dear Friends

I am writing this while the sun is shining brightly outside. The spring flowers and blossom are nearly over but the colour and beauty continues with new buds and blossom. Through the window I can see a yellow rose bush covered in buds and opening flowers and some flowering heather. Any of you who have been to our garden will know that there is summer and winter flowering heather but it flowers throughout the year! This always reminds me that although we have passed Easter, the time of new beginnings, there is always new life if we open our eyes to look and it may be in unexpected places.

By the time you read this Steve Faber, the Moderator, will have met with us. We may have a clearer idea of the way ahead but we will still be on a journey. The way ahead may be difficult or lengthy. Our fellow travellers are all around us. The words of a hymn say this clearly – ‘We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and share the load.’

About the time you read this we will also be in the midst of celebrating Pentecost and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. Once again we will be looking back as well as forward. Hopefully not tripping over as we swivel our heads around!

May we journey together through June learning from the past and moving forward in Christ.

Pat

SHELTERBOX

A huge “THANK YOU” to those who contributed in any way in raising £800 in our ShelterBox appeal.



The cost of a complete box is £590 – each box is tailored to the individual emergency but usually contains a family sized tent, thermal blankets and ground sheets, water purification and storage equipment, solar lamps, cooking utensils, basic tool kit, mosquito nets and children’s activity pack.

In addition to the box, we can now also fund some of the other items which include water filters, shelter kits, blankets, solar lights.

SHELTERBOX are committed to providing shelter for as many people as possible by immediate action when disaster strikes, providing customised solutions, delivering the essentials to begin rebuilding lives BUT ALSO community recovery in the provision of tools to self-recover keeping families and communities together.

Those of us who gathered together at Longlands were joined by family and neighbours and enjoyed a day of fellowship together.

THANK YOU AGAIN

Sue and Joanne

Birthday Celebrations

7th June Joanne Griffin

17th June Jill Hedges

19th June June Willn

20th June Michael Payne

23rd June Pat Aberdein

25th June Pam Peters

27th June Chrissie Elliot



Flowers in Church

Many thanks to everyone who provides the flowers every week. They beautify the Church and then bring joy to those who receive them.

There are still four dates that have no -one providing them. Could you take one please?

August 14th , August 21st ,
September 18th , October 2nd

Just tell Sue if you can help.

Thanks

Services in June

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

Sunday 5th June Thanksgiving Service on The Green

Sunday 12th June Revd. K Louch - Communion

Sunday 19th June Michael Payne

Sunday 26th June

Sunday 3rd July Revd. K Louch—Communion

Please check the Church website for an up to date schedule

THE THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF CELEBRATING HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 5TH JUNE AT 11AM ON THE GREEN IN BROADWAY.

All the Churches in Broadway will have a role to play in this service and in the middle THE PRIDE OF BROADWAY AWARDS will take place as well as the planting of a tree to commemorate the occasion.

The Service will take place on The Green and you are invited to bring along with you a folding chair if you wish to.

There will be NO service in Broadway URC on this Sunday.

Elder	Pat Wallace
Sunday 5th June	No service at URC Jubilee Celebration
Welcome	
Reading	
Coffee	
Flowers	
Sunday 12th June	
Welcome	Wyn Whitten
Reading	Maggie Youell
Coffee	Marilyn Watts and Judy Aiton
Flowers	
Sunday 19th June	
Welcome	Judith Gibbons
Reading	Laura Holt
Coffee	Christine Browne and Wyn Whitten
Flowers	June Willn
Sunday 26th June	
Welcome	Chrissie Elliot
Reading	Judy Aiton
Coffee	Judith Gibbons and Christine Kershaw
Flowers	Marilyn Watts

Elder

Sunday 3rd July

Welcome

Marilyn Watts

Reading

Joanne Griffin

Coffee

Judith Gibbons and Christine Kershaw

Flowers

Julie Stickler

Sunday 10th July

Welcome

Ann Walters

Reading

Margaret Harrington

Coffee

Maggie and Ian Tucker

Flowers

Laura Holt

Sunday 17th July

Welcome

Pat Wallace

Reading

Sheila Payne

Coffee

Joanne Griffin and Sue Jones

Flowers

Ann Walters

Sunday 24th July

Welcome

Pat Aberdein

Reading

Christine Browne

Coffee

Maggie and Nick Youell

Flowers

Sunday 31st July

Welcome

Chrissie Elliot

Reading

Sue Jones

Coffee

Wyn Whitten and Julie Stickler

Flowers

The Sabeel-Kairos United Reformed Church (URC) Action Group Urges members of the URC to take a stance against injustice.

In January a Palestinian family was evicted from their home in Sheilh Jarrah, a neighbourhood of East Jerusalem, by Israeli police and stood helplessly as it was then demolished. Israeli forces claim such houses are illegal as they were built without planning permission.

Although the event had drawn international attention, with the UK Consulate in Jerusalem tweeting “that such evictions were against international law and fuelled tensions on the ground”, the Sabeel-Kairos URC Action Group says more needs to be done and is encouraging members of the denomination to write to their MPs. The call to action is in line with [ten significant resolutions](#), pertaining to the situation in Israel and Palestine, which passed at General Assembly in July 2021. A primary focus of these resolutions deals with the way in which Israeli settlements and forced land acquisitions represent a de facto annexation of the occupied Palestinian territories. As Resolution 31 states: “General Assembly requests local churches and members to contact their constituency MPs to express concerns about the actions of the Israeli government with respect to settlement expansion and house demolitions, and to ask what the UK is doing in response.” The group said ‘If the Israeli authorities continue on this track, more Palestinians will face eviction from their homes, as the settlement expansion continues apace, with the consequent

appropriation of Palestinians' land, demolition of houses and loss of farming land." It should be important to us as Christians to bear witness to injustice when we see it. The recent Christian Aid report 'Where is Palestine? A story of loss, inequality and failure' makes very significant comments about the situation on the ground. It also notes that we 'hold both Palestinians and Israelis as equals.' We must comment on the situation which needs to be rectified for the ultimate good of both (indeed all) groups."

If you would like advice and information about writing to your MP, please contact the Sabeel-Kairos URC Action Group by e-mail at Sabeelkairos.urc@gmail.com

50trees : Opportunities to Play Your Part

Hi Folks,

Julie, Laura and Mark, invited, and are grateful for all of the comments, ideas, and concerns shared about Broadway URC finding ways to help regenerate God's Creation by arranging the planting of 50 trees this year.

It marks the 50 Year Golden Anniversary since a number of different church denominations joined together to form the United Reformed Church (URC) in October 1972 .

We are always open for more suggestions as we further investigate and develop our options to achieve our objective together.

Here are some opportunities for how you might like to play a part.

1. Would you like a tree to plant in your garden?
2. Would you like to donate a seedling for us to plant in someone else's garden?
3. Would you like to make a donation towards paying for trees to be planted in the Heart of England Forest?

If so let Mark know and he'll include your contribution in the approach that the church decides to take.
(07949 296 738)

It will then go to the elders and a church meeting to decide collectively what we will do, and how we will do it.

In the meantime we also continue to investigate how we might have a tree in the grounds of our church, how we might support planting initiatives in Broadway Village and elsewhere.



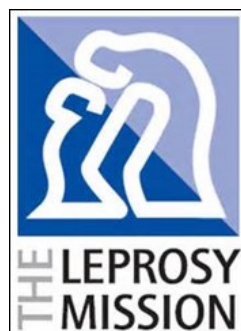
Hardy Geranium and Tree Bumble Bee

Thank you and God Bless, from the
50Trees core team.

The Easter collection for the Leprosy Mission
raised £172.42. This with the sum raised
when Guy Willcock came in March means
that we have raised a total of £388.42.

A big thank you to everyone.

Pat



Prayer for Central America: Nicaragua,
Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras
Aftab Alexander Mughal (Westbury
Gardens URC, Blackburn)



Gracious God, we pray for a prosperous life for all people in Central American countries. Creator of life, your people suffer due to poverty, inequality, environmental destruction, drug trafficking, corruption, natural disasters, and gang power. Due to the challenging situation, the people of that region face a migration crisis as well. Many look for help even for their basic needs: food, water, and shelter. The Covid pandemic has multiplied their pain and anguish.

Creator of the world, your children look to you. You are their hope and strength, and they believe in you as you walk with them in all their sufferings. And they know you love them. Give them strength to seek an end to their miseries.

We are thankful for all those individuals, organisations and churches that have been helping your people towards a sustained life. Please, God, bless them abundantly. We pray that the people should live in peace with their families and communities without the threats which they face now. We pray in the name of Jesus Chris, our saviour. Amen.

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the back of the Church

Closing date for articles Monday 20th June 2022

Note from Broadsheet Editor.

There will be no Broadsheet for the month of September. If there is anything you would like to put in for that month please let me have it for the August issue.

Thank you