

The Broadsheet



Broadway URC

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To know Jesus better and to make Him better known

Dear Friends,

I do hope during this holiday season you will take advantage of good weather and get out and about into the lovely countryside we have to offer in our part of the world. There are some lovely villages to visit as well as National Trust Houses and Gardens which makes a change from our usual back garden.

I was lucky enough to have a few days in Cambridge recently and although the city was very busy, still full of students, although graduations were taking place, then they would be off into the wide world and a new future.

Starting out on a new journey is a biblical theme, we remember well the Israelites starting out on a journey to a new land and the themes of then are just the same for us now, escape, sacrifice, freedom, obedience and patience. Nothing happens overnight, relationships have to be built, homes found, work sought and none of this is easy, it is the same when you retire and move to a new area. Life is full of journeys and those journeys will only be exciting if we put the effort in and make it all that we want it to be.

Jesus was on a journey, from the day he was born, he journeyed to Egypt until it was safe to return, eventually he left Galilee and started his journey towards Jerusalem. He knew early on in his life that he was about his Father's business, but still he followed obediently until his last journey to the Cross.

We as a church are on a journey once again, we are seeking a new minister and as we walk in HOPE that a call will be made and answered we have to have patience and obedience to Gods' will for us. Looking forward is the Christians' watchword, living life to the full and living in the love and grace which God offers to us freely and without chains is a living HOPE and I know we have it in full and abundantly.

Revd Kathryn Louch

Report on a recent visit to Israel and the Occupied Territories

by Kevin Snyman of Commitment for Life.

In October I visited Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories (IOPT) on a trip with the Council for Christians and Jews. The group included bishops, rabbis, members of the Board of Deputies and Muslims. We were fortunate to meet with a politically diverse range of people. This included liberal, moderate and extreme Jewish voices. We also encountered a range of Palestinian Christian who expressed their views on and experience of the illegal Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

For most of my Jewish UK travel partners, it was the first time they had ever visited the West Bank. They had previously never met a Palestinian from the West Bank itself and attended carefully to the dire reality of the Palestinian daily struggle. I was moved to see how an encounter with the “enemy” impacted on the often unconscious perception of Palestinians as “terrorists”. Dialogue, when conducted in a safe space, can open us all to transformative questions about our carefully held and protected world views.

One British rabbi said afterwards that what he had witnessed was not consistent with the demand of the Torah that Israel be a light unto the nations. But like so many Israelis and indeed so many Jews around the world, he lived daily with the existential fear of attack, persecution, death and annihilation. I realised how deep fear shapes so much of the asymmetric conflict in Israel and Palestine.

Our Commitment for Life partners in IOPT work hard to bring together Jews and Palestinians who, by design, tend to be kept apart. Commitment for Life encourages these kinds of opportunities for encounter and dialogue with the “enemy”. How else can one find a path towards reconciliation, peace and justice.

If you are thinking about organising a pilgrimage to IOPT, contact us and we'll send you an ecumenical guide to organising pilgrimages to IOPT.

In the light of the recent Israeli government attack on the Jenin refugee camp in the IOPT we pray for all those involved.

Time to celebrate



This is a special year for our church and we are planning to celebrate this with a weekend of events on 18th and 19th November. To help with this we are looking for memories and photos you might have of previous activities involving the church and the local community and especially shared events with the Methodists. Please contact a member of the Communications group if you would like to share something - Megan, Julie, Marilyn and Christine B. We are happy to write down/record your words and copy photos.

You may also know former members of the church who you could approach for their memories and invite them to come over the weekend.

We will also be looking for help with setting up the exhibits and stewards so please try to keep these days free for such an important event.

Solo on Sundays

The next SOS lunch for those who live alone will take place on Sunday 30th. This is an opportunity to join together after worship for food and friendship. Please give your name to Sue or Joanne asap if you would like to attend.

Boardom Busters

The monthly afternoon of board games will be restarting on Tuesday 1st August 2 - 4pm. If you have friends or neighbours who would enjoy an afternoon of friendship, tea and cakes and even the opportunity to play some friendly games then please tell them about it. This is a community activity and is open to everyone not just those who attend church. We plan to meet the first Tuesday of every month.
Christine B

Services on August and September

All services start at 10.30 and everyone is invited to stay for refreshments in the hall after the service.

August	September
6 th Femi Oni	3 rd Kathryn Louch
13 th Songs of Praise	10 th Revd David Laurence
20 th Revd John Sutcliffe	17 th Requested
27 th Brenda Morton	24 th Harvest Revd Brian Clarke

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