# **The Broadsheet**



# **Broadway URC**

February/March 2024



Snowdrops - often the first flower to emerge from the snow in winter are a symbol of hope and renewal

To know Jesus better and to make Him better known



Once again a nativity scene was set up in the vestibule and the outside trees were decorated by groups which use the halls and the local school.

There was also a central tree and a prayer tree inside the church.

Thanks to all those involved

#### A reminder that God knows the truth

A story about Charles Spurgeon and his wife who used to sell the eggs their chickens laid, refusing to give them away. Even close relatives were told "you may only have them if you pay for them". As a result some people considered the Spurgeons to be greedy and grasping, criticisms they accepted without defending their actions. After Mrs Spurgeon died, the full story became clear. All the profits from the sale of the eggs went to support two elderly widows. Because the Spurgeons were "unwilling to let their left hand know what their right hand was doing" (Matt 6.3) they had endured the attacks in silence. But God knew the truth.

A member

#### **Newsletters**

In case you were not at the January church meeting Kathryn explained that the Bulletin is a weekly newsletter produced by the other 3 churches in the Cheltenham group. It contains a letter from the minister, plus the service times and preachers in the four churches and news of other activities. If you would like to receive a copy of this please sign the list in the hall.

We were asked to consider whether it is necessary to continue with both the Link and the Broadsheet here in Broadway. I have only received one item over the last two months for inclusion in this edition so please will you think carefully about the purpose of the Broadsheet and if you decide you want it to continue send me articles by the next closing date – details at the end.

Christine

#### **Church Meetings**

It was agreed at the January meeting that the frequency would be reduced to one meeting every two months with a special meeting called for anything urgent. The meetings will be in March, May, July, September, November and January.

### **Hall Bookings**

From 1<sup>st</sup> February Samantha Walker will be taking over the bookings for the halls. If you hear of anyone wanting to hire the halls please refer them to her. Her contact details are 07394 178187 <a href="mailto:samanthawalker09@yahoo.co.uk">samanthawalker09@yahoo.co.uk</a>

#### **Amendments to Church Directory**

There are some amendments required to the directory but I will send these in a separate email as the Broadsheet can be seen by those outside the church. Please check your emails and amend your copy of the directory.

## **Services for February and March**

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

February		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Revd David Haslam	HC
11 <sup>th</sup>	Colin Hollies	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Ian McLaren	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Femi Oni	
March		
3rd	Revd Eric Massey	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Revd John Sutcliffe	Mothering Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Payne	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Revd Ian McLaren	Palm Sunday
31 <sup>st</sup>	Revd Kathryn Louch	Easter Sunday HC

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Please send articles for the next Broadsheet by 22 March to Christine at wta@cawyld.co.uk