

# The Broadsheet

Broadway URC

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In the church garden

*To know Jesus better and to make Him better known*

## **Talking about Faith**

Enjoy a relaxed afternoon with the church family talking about how to tell our faith stories to our friends and neighbours if they ask about it. To book your place please contact Mark 07949 269738

## **Christian Aid week**

Our fundraising mini market at the front of the church and on the manse lawn raised around £700, considerably higher than previous years. The sun shone down and there was brisk trade at the stalls selling books, cakes, plants etc with refreshments in the hall and garden.

A huge thank you to all who contributed and helped in any way.

Ann Walters

## **Commitment for Life**

We are delighted that Muriel Squibb has agreed to be the new representative.

This is a message I have received from Kevin Snyman who is Programme Officer for Global Justice and Partnerships.

“Commitment for Life is working with Wheatley URC on a project to provide a Zimbabwean school with computer lab equipment. At present, the lab at Falcon Junior School in Harare has no computers. If you have an old laptop collecting dust but with a working battery life of about two-three hours, and not reliant on a constant power source, please consider donating it. The equipment will support young learners aged six-years-old upwards. Data on laptops can be removed by resetting the devices to factory settings. If you would like to donate an old laptop, please let me know.

The school in Harare serves the children of some of the poorest labourers in that part of the city and was started by a colleague minister currently serving the URC in Bournemouth, Revd Wilbert Sayimani.

You can share this link of a video I made about that school below.

<https://youtu.be/Kr-rvk-XXMs>

Essentially, we are looking for any condition older laptops for the young ones to begin learning how to type, basic internet searches etc. so no worries if they are a bit dated.

These can be collected and sent (somehow?) to Church House c/o Commitment for Life, or we can arrange for a pick-up (possibly)”.

Muriel Squibb

## **Leprosy Mission**

The Afternoon tea raised £169, thanks to all who helped and attended.

Pat Wallace

## **Leading Your Church into Growth (LYCIG)**

### **Who is it for?**

Local churches who want to help their church grow in:

1. Numbers of people who attend.
2. Spiritual commitment to God.
3. Service to their local community.

**What is it?** It is a programme of activity that guides disciples to ...

1. Decide if they want their church to grow. And to determine whether or not they are prepared to invest the time, energy, and money to help God to make the growth happen.
2. Provide the Eldership with a series of steps to include all of the disciples in the journey to growth.
3. It enables everyone in the church to agree and enact a coordinated action plan and to work, both collectively and individually, to help growth happen.
4. It can be customised to the different needs and preferences of a local church. It is run at the local church.
5. It is made up of 7 sessions, one run each month or 2 months, 1 ½ hours each time, with activities carried out in between them, so it could take a year or less to complete.
6. The 7 steps are 1. Creating a prayerful culture for growth, 2. Implementing an annual rhythm for growth, 3. Practicing fruitful evangelism, 4. Developing engaging worship, 5. Becoming an inviting and welcoming church, 6. Make a pathway for seekers to become disciples, 7. Begin a planned journey for growth.
- 7 It is flexible. So, for example, it allows a local church to select additional courses to complement it. Like courses for enquirers, courses to help current disciples deepen their faith, how to invite people to church, how to share our faith.

### **Who leads the programme?**

The local church sends at least one person to a national, 3-day conference, in Derby, Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th November 2024.

That person then leads a team made up of elders and congregation members to implement the programme at the local church.

They inform the Elders meetings, Church Meetings, and the whole congregation so that decisions, involvement, and support can be coordinated.

What is the next step?

There is a great opportunity for anyone from Broadway URC in conjunction with the other 3 churches in our group who would like to hear more to come to taster session on Saturday 17th August 2024 from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm with lunch afterwards.

If you have any questions, please ask an Elder.

## **Christian books and Resources**

The last few years we have witnessed the decline in the High Street of independent Christian bookshops. Searching leads us to Amazon or other commercial enterprises. If you are someone who browses through the Internet and wishes there was more choice from which to buy, then perhaps I can recommend Bridge Books in Exeter. This bookshop is run by Gary and Mary who treat their customers like friends – the service is refreshingly generous! PLUS there is more to their Christian witness – this is a précis of an email recently received:

Recently 10 of us were on the streets of Exeter talking to a wide range of ages, sharing, asking questions, listening. Most have never read the Bible or know about Jesus. The continual decline of Christian input at home and schools assists many of our young to feel they have no use for Christianity.

However, all is not lost. God continues to open many doors for us at Bridge Books to place boxes of good Christian books into libraries, hospitals, prisons, Marine camps. Last month we took a bookstall to a regional Headteachers' conference – 26 boxes were ordered, each will contain 30-40 books (value £250) to go into their school libraries.

The final PS: If you know of any school or other libraries that would like a box of books, do let us know – this country or abroad OR perhaps your Church would like to sponsor putting a Library box into your local school, just give us a call!

Gary and Mary ask for prayer support that they will be able to continue to be tools in the Lord's hands to assure people that He is real.

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