

The Broadsheet

Broadway URC



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Guiding God, you put us into places of opportunity - we pray for grace to recognise and respond. Give us courage to welcome, to nurture and build relationships as we journey together in our desire to live in your light, shining as a beacon of hope. Amen

Praying for our community

'If the Lord does not build the house, the work of the builders is useless' (Psalm 127: 1)

'Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart.'

(Philippians 4: 6)

How well do we know our community? Every Sunday in the LYCIG Prayer we pray for our church to grow 'in service to our local community'. What do we understand by 'our local community'? Broadway URC is a gathered church, with many members not living in Broadway village. When giving a brief to the researcher recently engaged to investigate mission opportunities for our church, we specified our catchment area as extending for

ten miles around Broadway. This area covers multiple communities of varying sizes, each with their own particular issues but sharing some common concerns as well. Members of our church form part of these communities.

The starting point for all Christian mission is prayer. Only through prayer can we align our plans with the will of God. If we want the church to be of service to our local community or communities, then we need to begin by praying for our community. Following up a suggestion made at a recent meeting of our Mission and Manse Group, I would therefore like to propose setting a regular time of prayer aside to pray for our mission to the local community.

As a first step, it would be helpful to have a list of all the organisations we are aware of in our local communities and some idea of what their particular needs might be. For example, if you know your local school is struggling to recruit teaching staff, then that is something we could pray about. We don't need to have the answer. We bring the concern to God and let him do the rest.

Over the next couple of months, I therefore invite you to contact me with names of groups in your communities of which you are aware with a couple of lines to describe what they are and what their current needs are. They might be schools, care homes, parish councils or voluntary organisations. I will use this information to prepare a table of prayer pointers for the next 'Broadsheet'.

Rev Iain McLaren

Celebration

On Sunday 19 July we were treated to an organ concert by our organist Marion to celebrate her 40 years playing the organ in our church. Marion had chosen a varied programme to demonstrate how versatile the organ is and with the wonders of modern technology the keyboard and her hands were projected onto the screen. Her daughter Alison also sang for us and assisted with all the organ stops.

Prior to this we had enjoyed a bring and share lunch and Marion was presented with an engraved glass vase.

Latest update from the Leprosy Mission about the hospital we've been supporting. The nursing students look very happy!

Blessings and a future thanks to you!

The power of faith



The campus, renovated and equipped through your love, was alive with activity. The second cohort of students had just started their studies. They're already gaining the critical skills needed to care for people with leprosy. And when they graduate, they'll bring their knowledge and compassion to hospitals across India.

Some of the students at Salur are affected by the disease themselves. They've seen the power of a nurse's love, and been inspired to make a difference too. What an amazing opportunity you've given them. Because of you, the future of leprosy care in India will be in safe hands!

Thank you for your incredible support for the team and students at Salur Nursing College. We know that God will continue to move here, as your kindness changes lives for years to come!

Tools with a Mission

It's now time to start sorting your tools out. Bruce and I are intending to have our yearly trip to TWAM in September and are hoping for tools!

Yes please: Gardening tools: forks, spades, hoes, rakes, hand forks and trowels, loppers, secateurs, shears, cultivators, sickles, shovels, axes, bow saws, trimmers and strimmers, ladders/step-ladders, wheelbarrows, pressure washers, and lawnmowers (all types)

Builders' tools: spirit levels, sledgehammers, bolsters, cold chisels, all types of hammers and trowels, pin and lines, and tape measures.

Carpenters' tools: sliding bevels, braces, clamps, hand drills and bits, rasps, all types of hammers, all types of planes and saws, rules, screwdrivers, carpenter's squares, vices, oil stones, screws, nails, bolts, and Workmate benches (in good condition).

Electricians' tools: hand drills and bits, all types of electrical pliers and hacksaws, electrical screwdrivers, soldering irons, volt meters and multimeters, wire strippers, utility knives and blades, and plastic toolboxes.

Mechanics' tools: allen keys, files, vices, feeler gauges, wheel wrenches, all types of hammers and pliers, drifts, metric socket sets, spanners, adjustable spanners, cantilever toolboxes, hacksaws and blades, and oil cans.

Plumbers' tools: basin or tap wrenches, Stilson wrenches, wire brushes, breast drills and bits, various grips, and holesaws.

Power tools: hand and bench drills, sanders, planers, jigsaws, circular saws, bandsaws, chop saws, lathes, rotavators, welding machines, generators, bench and angle grinders, and routers.

Garage workshop: hydraulic jacks, axle stands, battery chargers, large engineering vices, and crowbars.

Sewing machines: manual, electric, treadle, industrial, overlockers, accessories, patterns, and instructions.

Knitting machines: manual and electric, all types of knitting wool, knitting needles, accessories, patterns, and instructions.

Haberdashery: needles, cottons, all kinds of fabric or material, buttons, zips, tape measures, spinning wheels, and embroidery equipment.

Fully working IT equipment: desktop computers and laptops running a minimum of Microsoft Windows 7, computer cable

Bible Study Advance notice:

I am hoping to run a 4 week Bible study course in the Jubilee Room 11.00 to 12.30 on the following dates studying parts of the books/ letters within the bible.

Wed 30th Sept - Ephesians

Wed 14th Oct. - James

Wed 28th Oct. - Ruth

Wed 11th Nov. - Hebrews

More details from Marilyn Watts . Please leave a note in the pigeon hole or ring 07747186282 or email mwatts33@btinternet.com

Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week

The Church collection raised £440 of which over £300 was gift aided.

The Emergency Fund

At the end of June, the Congregation agreed that £300 from the Emergency Fund be sent to Christian Aid for Earthquake Relief work. This has now been done for which we thank Ian.

There remains £312 in the fund. Please don't forget to top this up in the box, on the right-hand side of the Church, is checked each Sunday. Hopefully this way we can always have cash in hand to react to any future emergency.

Thank You Cards

The Committee felt the excellent contribution to the care of the Church and garden made by specific individuals should be recognised with a thank you card and note. The Church meeting agreed and with Julie's help this is in now in hand.

Our Mini Market

The postponed Mini Market for Christian Aid will now be held at the front of the Church and Manse (with permission) and in the hall on Saturday morning, 29th August 10.30 am to 1pm. All inside if it is wet. NB This is a Bank Holiday Weekend!!

We will need help on the day, setting up, manning stalls, serving teas and clearing up. If you feel you can assist please speak to Ann Walters or sign a list at the back of the Church. The more the merrier ...

Also please, we'll need things to sell!!



Please submit articles for the next Broadsheet by 19th October to the church secretary

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