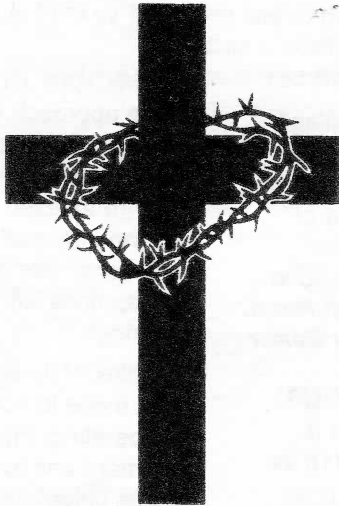
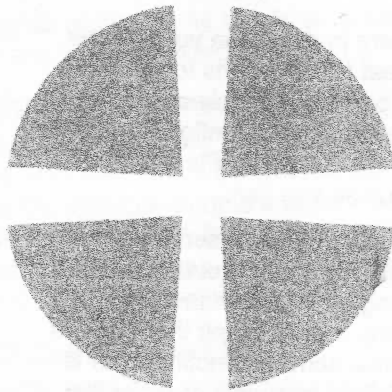


Broadwell mail

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April & May 2017

Easter Edition



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: The Rev'd Charity Madenyika – 01455 203546

(Day off: Friday. Study day: Monday)

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From the Editor

Lots of news items this issue... which is just what Broadwell Mail is all about. It is your newsletter – so do please send us any news that you have.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see an appeal for donations towards the cost of printing, the only cost involved in what is a voluntary effort to provide a service to readers. Please be as generous as you can.

Talking of providing a service, you will see that Rugby Probus Club is extending an invitation to new members. I must admit that I had to think twice about promoting what is essentially a men-only organisation... After all, if Muirfield Golf Club can now admit women, why not Probus Clubs? And instead of claiming to be 'non-religious', why not be 'multi-faith'? (I do approve of 'non-political').

Anyway, in deference to any village men who might want to become a member, I decided to print the invitation from Mr John Spence of Probus. But I certainly won't be joining Rugby Probus any day soon...

Keith Read.

Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

April: 2nd, Ezekial 37 vv 1-14 & John 11 vv 1-45; **9th**, Psalm 118 vv 1-2 & 19-29 & Matthew 21 vv 1-11; **16th**, Acts 10 vv 34-43 & Matthew 28 vv 1-10; **23rd**, Acts 2 vv 14a & 22-32 & John 20 vv 19-31; **30th**, Acts 2 vv 36-41 & Luke 24 vv 13-35.

May 7th, Acts 2 vv 42-47 & John 10 vv 1-10; **14th**, Acts 7 vv 55-60 & John 14 vv 1-14; **21st**, Acts 17

Your news for the June/July edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by Friday 19th May at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 27th May.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions at any time. Early copy always gets a good showing! His e-mail address is:

keithrread@aol.com (Take care to get two Rs in the middle!) Or jot down your contribution and drop it in at Hawthorn Cottage.

Many thanks.

vv 22-31 & John 14 vv 15-21; **28th**, Acts 1 vv 6-14 & John 17 vv 1-11.

Remember in Prayer:

As we approach Christian Aid Week in May, our thoughts turn to all the ordinary people around the world who are affected by poverty, strife and the aftermath of extreme weather conditions. We pray that our small contributions will help to relieve their sufferings.

We think of those receiving medical care; those in hospital and those now recuperating; those undergoing treatment and for whom the future seems uncertain.

We are pleased to report that Elizabeth Murray is back home and recovering well following surgery at the end of February.

We pray for all who have recently lost loved ones and remember the family

of Monica Sensecall. (See p 5 for our tribute to Monica).

When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

Lord, In Your Mercy – Hear our Prayers.

Coffee mornings:

In place of our next coffee morning on April 12th we will be holding a Lent Lunch, with proceeds going to Christian Aid.

Our May Coffee morning will be on the 10th at the usual time of 10.30am until 12-noon.

It is now 17 years since we held our first monthly coffee morning, on February 9th 2000. We are delighted to see anyone who cares to join us at Broadwell Methodist Schoolroom on the second Wednesday of the month between 10.30am and 12-noon, if only for a short time, for coffee/tea and light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

Thank you to all who support our coffee mornings and to those who kindly provide the food. You have enabled us to donate £150 towards the mowing of the churchyard and £50 to missions.

These informal gatherings provide an opportunity to meet and get to know one another a little better.

Over Sixties' Club:

The April Meeting of the Over 60s' Club will be on the 26th, at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall,

when Pam Miller will entertain us with her poems. The meeting begins at 2.30pm.

On May 31st we will be meeting for tea, details of venue and time will be circulated. New members and friends are welcome to join us at this or any of our meetings.

Change to Flower Rota;

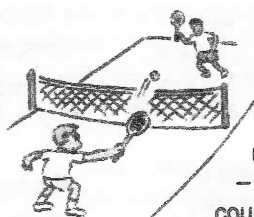
From May 28th until September 24th we will revert to a weekly flower rota for the summer months and then fortnightly through the winter/spring months. Thank you to all who supply flowers to brighten our chapel.

Christmas post box:

A little late... But 'better late than never' is the old saying and it is true in this instance. So, with apologies, we say thank you to all who posted their Christmas cards in the Chapel post box and to those who made donations in lieu of postage enabling us to send £50 to Action for Children.

LH Parish Hall Tennis Court:

The tennis court is available for hire.



There is an annual fee (less than £50) for each subscriber who may play as often as they like and have as many guests as they like – as long as they are on court with the guests.

There's a set of basic conditions (ie., footwear) and the court may be booked in advance via a diary located on court. Each subscriber is provided with a key to the tennis court.

For more information call Adrian Allen on 01926 632263 or Pat Toole on 01926 632874.

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

Dear All,

I am delighted that we are in Lent season once again to remember and recall the person and works of Christ. As I write we are in the third week of Lent and, as churches together, we are studying a five-session series of receiving Christ.

In John 1:12 we read, 'To all who received him... he gave power to become children of God.' A big question was raised, 'Aren't we all children of God anyway?' Just how can we receive Christ? And what does it mean to have 'a relationship' with God? The writer provokes us to search out from the New Testament different other ways in which we received Christ.

I am delighted that many people have been able to attend and that others will join us in the remaining sessions and lent lunches.

Myself, I am being blessed to hear your stories and journey of faith. I will continue to pray for you and your families in this season and all the time.

May the Almighty's Shalom be for you always.

Shalom,

Rev'd. Charity.

Lent & Easter events:

There will be a Lent Lunch on April 12th at Broadwell Methodist Church from 12-noon until 1.30pm when you can choose and enjoy a selection of homemade soups. You are invited to give a voluntary contribution, which will be donated to Christian Aid's East Africa Crisis Appeal.

On Tuesday 4th April the final **Ecumenical Lent Discussion**, led by The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, will be at Broadwell Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Tea and biscuits will be served and all are welcome.

Our final **Lent Lunch** will be held on Wednesday 12th April at Broadwell Methodist Church, starting at 12-noon. Do join us if you can.

Everyone is also invited to join the **Good Friday Walk of Witness**, which starts from Broadwell Methodist Church at 1.30pm and makes its way to All Saint's Church, Leamington Hastings, for a service at 2pm.

On **Easter Day**, Sunday April 16th, our

service – with communion – is at 11am and will be conducted by The Rev'd Michael Highton.

Church Council:

Broadwell Methodist Church Council will meet on May 16th at 7.30pm when arrangements will be made for a Strawberry Tea to be held in the Chapel grounds on Sunday July 16th.

Please note both dates in your diary. More details in the June/July edition.

Many thanks:

The family of Monica Sensecall would like to thank all friends and relations for their kind words, letters and the very generous donations following her death.

Your thoughts and kindness at this time have been comforting and very much appreciated.

Monica Evelyn Sensecall – November 6th 1921–January 21st 2017

The Chapel and Schoolroom were full when relatives, friends and neighbours said farewell to Monica Sensecall, who was Broadwell's oldest resident. She had lived in the village for 89 years, most recently at Stoney Cottage, having moved with her parents, William and Evelyn Olorenshaw, sisters Joan and Edna and brother Charles, to Home Farm when she was seven.



Monica went to school at Hill and then at Leamington, travelling there and back by train from Stockton. She left school, aged 14, to work with her father on the farm. When she was 16 she was a founder member of Leamington Hastings Young Farmers Club. A year later she met John, her husband-to-be, when he came to Broadwell to play tennis with a college friend who lived here.

John and Monica were married in the Chapel in August 1943 with the reception held at Home Farm. The couple went to live at Grandborough Fields Farm, where they kept livestock and where they had their children, Robert and Kathryn.

In 1952 the family moved to Stoney Cottage. The distinctive house – one of the first licensed religious meeting rooms – was to be Monica's home for almost 65 years – right up until she went to Galanos House Care Home at Southam just before Christmas.

When Robert and Kathryn were in their teens, Monica returned to school when she was invited to become a classroom helper – something she greatly enjoyed. Many local residents now in their 50s and 60s will remember the immensely popular Monica helping them with their schoolwork!

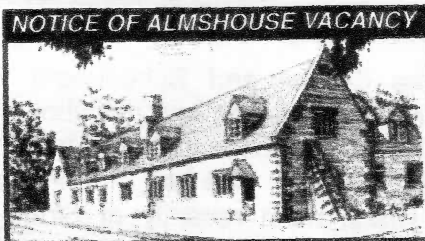
When John retired in 1980, he and Monica travelled extensively. Scotland and Exmoor were favourite destinations. They also combined their talents at Boddington Choir, where John played the organ and Monica sang. When John died in 2012, Monica devoted even more of her time to her family, including her six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, as well as playing an active part in Chapel affairs and other village activities and tending her garden at Stoney Cottage. Surplus apples from her bountiful trees were always carefully placed in a basket at her garden gate with a 'Please Help Yourself' notice and many a walker or cyclist passing by would take advantage of Monica's generosity.

Well into her 90s, Monica regularly attended services at the Chapel, walking with her familiar brisk and upright style and politely refusing any offers of a lift.

The editor is indebted to Robert Sensecall for help preparing this tribute.

Leamington Hastings Consolidated Charity

The Charity has a ground floor, one bedroom flat available at the Almshouses located in the village of Leamington Hastings. Our flats are intended for people of limited financial means and suit single persons or couples. Due to their size and communal layout the Flats are not suitable for children or larger pets such as cats and dogs.



Would this vacancy be of any interest to yourself, a relative or somebody else you know?

The Trustees are required to give priority to people who have a 'local connection' i.e., that they were either born in – or have lived in – the Parish of Leamington Hastings or surrounding areas; but Trustees have the power to consider other suitable applicants in certain circumstances.

A monthly payment is required towards the cost of providing maintenance and communal services including heating and hot water. This is not supported accommodation so the Charity cannot provide nor arrange care services – our residents are expected to be able to live independently or to make their own arrangements in order to do so.

Further details and Application Forms can be obtained from Mike Stevens, Clerk to the Trustees, telephone 07809 048734 or email: mstevens@msconsultancy.co.uk. LHCC is a Registered Charity (Registration No: 235662).

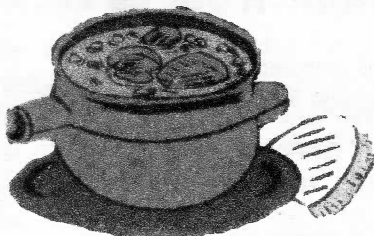
Village defibrillator – a heart-felt plea from Helen Hargeaves:

The flower show committee is considering buying an Automated External Defibrillator for the village as our charity contribution this year. It is estimated that approximately 30,000 people each year have cardiac arrests outside of hospital, with almost 4,000 of those taking place in the West Midlands Ambulance region... For every minute that basic life-support is not provided, the patient's chances of survival reduces by 10% and 85% of those suffering a cardiac arrest have the ability for their heart to be shocked back to a normal rhythm by defibrillation.

In order for us to install a defibrillator in our village we would need a bank of volunteers to train to use the device. It is very simple with the defibrillator literally talking you through the process. The more people we can train, the more likely it is that one of these volunteers will be in the village should the defibrillator ever be needed. If you feel you might be willing to volunteer (no firm commitment is required at this stage) please contact me on 01926 811296 or via hshargreaves68@gmail.com

For further information visit:

<http://www.wmas.nhs.uk/Pages/How-To-Mend-A-Broken-Heart.aspx>



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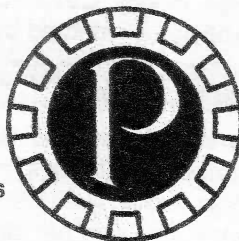
Christian Aid East Africa Crisis Appeal

Wednesday 12th April 12-noon – 1.30pm

All are Welcome

Men only (except when women are invited)

Rugby Probus Club, one of many similar through UK and overseas, is inviting new members. John Spence says the club is neither political nor religious and exist to provide a pleasant social setting where like minds can enjoy good company. Ten regular meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month, usually at a local hotel where a drink and a three-course lunch is enjoyed with the minimum of formality.



"Every second meeting begins earlier to allow time for an invited guest speaker to give a short lecture before joining us for lunch," says Mr Spence. "Apart from some guest speakers these lunch meetings are essentially a male activity, but at these meetings we choose other activities to which wives, partners and other ladies are most welcome. Every year begins with a Ladies' Lunch and other activities for both sexes are spaced throughout the year.

"Club members are mainly either fully- or partially-retired from a sufficiently-wide range of occupations and attendant life experiences to make a very eclectic and stimulating social group. There are no formal qualifications for men to join."

For more information contact the secretary via: www.Rugbyprobus.co.uk

Leamington Hastings School Trust 2017

The Leamington Hastings School Trust is open for Financial Grants.
The Trust can provide financial assistance to encourage individuals or groups to develop interests and skills.

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:-

1. Under 25 years of age, resident in Leamington Hastings Parish.
2. At school or have been at school in maintained system for at least two years.
3. Must be for educational support. This includes social and physical training.
4. There is an emphasis on preparation for work in further education.

Grants will be awarded under the following categories:-

- a) To provide support for the young people of our parish who are on:
 - i) An instruction course.
 - ii) A recreational opportunity.
 - iii) An educational visit.
- b) Remainder to be used to support those who express a difficulty in meeting the expenses of their continuing education. Each application to be supported by a reference from a Tutor or Instructor and a statement of the expenses to be met on the form provided.

Application forms, which are available from Mr A. Allen, Hill Farm, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, CV23 8DX or Mrs S Toole, Old House Farm, Hill, Rugby, CV23 8DX should be returned by April 23rd 2017.

Congratulations:

Margaret Webster, who recently celebrated one of those 'land-mark' birthdays, would like to thank everyone who sent her cards and birthday wishes.

We hope that Margaret and her family had a wonderful time celebrating her BIG day!

Support for Syrians:

Just before Christmas two Syrian families were re-settled in Rugby and a welcoming group has been set up. In addition, a Refugee Fund has been established to provide moving-in

grants to families. Over the next few years more families will be arriving and it is hoped each family can receive a grant of £500 from the fund.

If anyone would like to make a donation to the fund, please send cheques to St Andrew's Church, Church Street, Rugby, CV21 3PT marking your envelope 'Refugee Fund'.

More information is available from the Rev'd Imogen Nay on 01788 568560 or via her e-mail address: rector@rugbychurch.org.uk

Broadwell Flower Show news: By Martin Wibberley.

As I type this the daffodils are swinging in the breeze and I have noticed a few honey bees on the crocus flowers that have popped up. It must mean it's time for the Broadwell Spring Show!

This edition of the *Broadwell Mail* will arrive after the Show, but I am typing this before it. So I'm afraid you will have to wait until next time for news of how we did. However, I can tell you that the Pancake Bingo held on the 3rd March was a great success, with virtually a full Victory Hall and a profit of nearly £48. It's always really good to see the hall packed when we put on events.

Each year we choose a charity to support and over the past few years this has tended to be a local children's charity. But this year the committee felt that they would like to put something back into the village and it was decided that we would use the money that we would normally have donated to a charity and put it towards a defibrillator. More news on this in the future. In the meantime, please see Helen Hargreaves' appeal on page 6.

LH Bowls Club:

Leamington Hastings Bowls Club is once again coming to the end of another successful short mat bowling season. But if you would like to come to Leamington Hastings Parish Hall to have a go, you still have a few weeks. So please join us every Wednesday at 7pm, any age or ability welcome!

We begin bowling outdoors on Saturday 22nd April, assuming the weather is kind! The first match of the season is Captain versus President, a traditional match involving all of the members of the club enjoying the opening of the green. (Have a good game everyone).

We would like to invite you to come along to the bowls green and try your hand. We think anyone can play and it's a lovely way to spend a few hours socialising and enjoying some gentle exercise while having fun and learning something new.

Practice is every Wednesday from 6pm at the bowls green next to the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome irrespective of age or ability, and children are always encouraged to come and play.

Just wear flat shoes and come along

and have a go. Don't be shy – you never know until you try!

If you have any questions please call Susan 01788 336913.

Is this black Tom Cat yours? (asks Helen Hargreaves):

Do you own an un-neutered black Tom Cat?

He is a very friendly chap, but unfortunately a little too friendly! He is coming into our house, making himself quite comfortable on our bed and, more annoyingly, he is spraying around my house. This is very unpleasant – and we are not alone in suffering from this problem.

I am a real cat lover. But as I already have a very timid cat – who has been terrorized by this Tom – I need to stop him coming into my house. The only way I can see of doing this (after many failed attempts) is to take him to Cats Protection. Obviously I don't want to do this until I have confirmed that he definitely is a stray. So if you think he does belong to you, please can I ask that you contact me on 01926 811296. Also, please get him neutered ASAP.

Please help to support *Broadwell Mail*:

Ever since *Broadwell Mail* first appeared, several years ago, it has been delivered, free of charge, to villagers and elsewhere in the Parish. Although the contributors, editor and distributors volunteer their time, there is a charge for paper and printing. This cost is met by Broadwell Methodist Chapel as part of its out-reach and, every couple of years or so, by donations from an appeal to readers.

This month we are again asking for your support. An envelope has been attached to this issue in which you may place your donation. It is entirely up to you what you give – and whether you do so anonymously or whether you identify yourself.

Envelopes can be given to Glenys Caunter, Sylvia Toole, Geoffrey Slater, Keith Read or left in the collection plate.

Everyone associated with producing *Broadwell Mail* hopes you enjoy the news it brings and thank you, in advance, for whatever you are able to donate.

Trustees of the Victory Hall and Green:

On Saturday 20th May we are holding our annual Plant Sale at the Victory Hall commencing at 11am. As usual there will be a large selection of low-priced plants (flower and vegetable) and perennials. These will be outside, weather permitting, while bedding plants will be in the hall.

Please come early for the best selection. We usually start packing up about 12-noon so don't leave it too late.

We hope to hold a coffee morning later in the year. More details soon.

Please support us to help maintain your village hall.

Stuart Barrie.

Quiz night for all the family:

On Saturday 29th April at 7.30pm in Broadwell Victory Hall there will be a Family Quiz Night in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind and Alzheimer's Research UK. Entry will be £6 for adults and £2 for children with those under-six free of charge. So get your

team of six people organised and reserve the date for a fun evening that includes refreshments at half time. (Please bring your own drinks).

To help with catering, Kate Thomas would appreciate a call on 01926 810025 to let her know that you will be there.

Blackheart – new date:

Friday 7th April, 7.30pm is the new time and date for the Blackheart Concert at the Victory Hall.

The planned date of 24th April had to be cancelled at the last minute when the band were trapped on the M6 for several hours following an incident involving a bridge over the motorway.

Anglican services & events.

(Services at All Saints, unless otherwise stated).

All Saints Church Leamington Hastings is holding the Annual Parochial Church

Meeting at 7.30pm at the church on Thursday 27th April, followed by refreshments.

All lay persons whose names are entered on the roll of the parish shall be entitled to attend the annual meeting and to take part in its proceedings. No other lay person shall be so entitled.

If you are not on the Church Electoral Roll but would like to be, please contact either Karen Hatch, Church Warden, on 01926 812363 or 07837108946 or Rachael Astley, Electoral Roll Officer, on 01926 812994.

April:

- 2nd 9am, Grandborough, Holy Communion.
11am Holy Communion, :LH.
- 6th 4.30pm, Messy Church, Grandborough.
- 9th 10.30am, Palm Sunday, Flecknoe Benefice Service, Holy Communion.
- 13th 7.30pm, Maundy Thursday Willoughby Benefice Service.
- 14th 1pm Good Friday Walk. Meet at Broadwell Methodist Chapel.
- 16th Easter Sunday. Holy Communion at:
9am, Flecknoe
10.30am, Grandborough
10.30am L'ton Hastings
10.30am, Willoughby
- 18th 7.30pm, Healing Service, CoGS, Broadwell.
- 23rd 9am, Breakfast Service, Flecknoe
11am, Holy Communion, Willoughby.
4pm, Afternoon Worship, LH.
- 30th 10.30am, Grandborough Benefice Holy Communion.

May:

- 4th 4.30pm. Messy Church, Grandborough.
- 7th 9am, Grandborough Holy Communion.
11am, Holy Communion, LH.
- 14th 9am, Holy Communion, Flecknoe.
11am, Family Service, Willoughby.
6pm, Evensong, Grandborough.

- 16th 7.30pm, Healing Service, CoGS, Broadwell.
- 21st 9am, Holy Communion, LH.
11am, Welcome To Worship at Grandborough.
6pm, Evensong, Willoughby.
- 28th 9am, Breakfast Service, Flecknoe.
11am, Holy Communion, Willoughby.
4pm, Afternoon Worship, LH.

Dates for your diary:

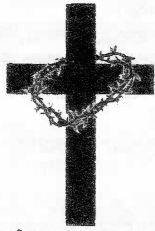
April:

- 4th 7.30pm Final ecumenical Lent Discussion, Broadwell Methodist Chapel.
- 7th **7.30pm, New date for the Blackheart Concert, Broadwell Victory Hall.**
- 12th 12-noon Lent Lunch, Broadwell Methodist Chapel.
- 14th 1.30pm. **Good Friday Walk of Witness** starting from Broadwell Methodist Chapel with a service at 2pm at All Saints, Leamington Hastings.
- 16th **11am. Easter Sunday Service, and Communion, Broadwell Methodist Church.**
- 22nd Outdoor bowls season at LH opens.
- 23rd Deadline for LH School Trust grant applications.
- 26th 2.30pm, Over 60s' Club, LH Parish Hall.
- 29th 7.30pm. Family Quiz Night, Broadwell Victory Hall.

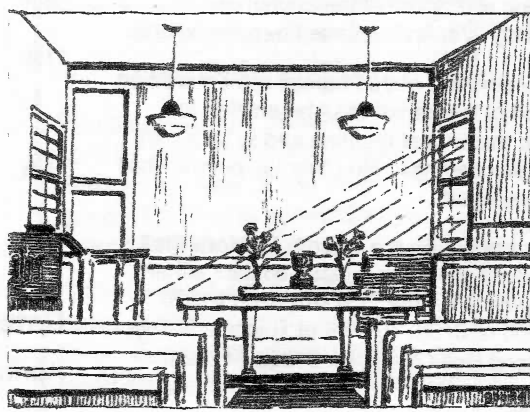
May:

- 10th 10.30-12-noon, Coffee Morning, Broadwell Methodist Chapel
- 16th 7.30pm, Church Council Meeting
- 19th **Deadline for copy for June/July Broadwell Mail.**
- 20th 11am Plant Sale at Broadwell Victory Hall.
- 31st Over 60s' Club tea. Details to be advised nearer the date.

PREACHERS FOR APRIL & MAY



**All services start at 11am
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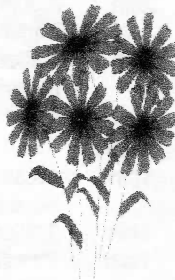
April	2nd	Mr Richard Brooks
April	9th	Palm Sunday , Mrs Margaret Geldart
April	16th	Easter Day , The Rev'd Michael Haighton, Holy Communion
April	23rd	The Rev'd Jane Gaffney
April	30th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika
May	7th	Mrs Dorn Margetts
May	14th	Mr John Wright
May	21st	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Holy Communion
May	28th	Mr Brian Baker

Flower Rota

Please note: fortnightly until June.

April	
2nd	Sylvia Toole
16th	Daphne Morgan
30th	Sharon Barnes

May:	
14th	Valerie Bostock
28th	Freda Slater



Cleaning Rote

April:	
1st	Wendy Willaimson
8th	Sharon Barnes
15th	Rachel Sensecall
22nd	Alison Deeming
29th	Angela Woolliscroft

May:	
6th	Rosemary Chapman
13th	Sylvia Toole
20th	Freda Slater
27th	Valerie Bostock

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