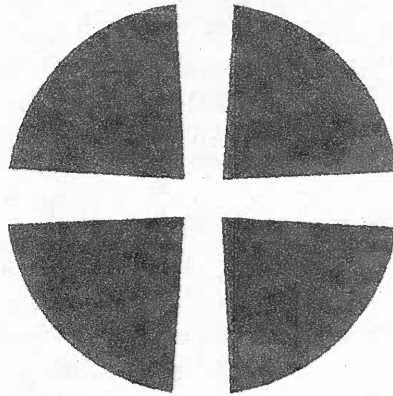


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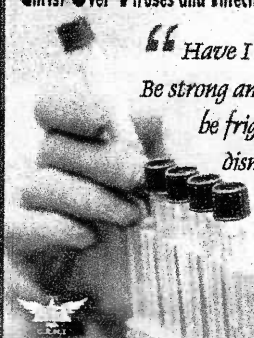
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**April & May
2020**



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Christ Over Viruses and Infectious Diseases - Joshua 1:9

*“Have I not commanded you?
Be strong and courageous. Do not
be frightened, and do not be
dismayed, for the LORD
your God is with
you wherever
you go.”*



**A message from our Minister,
The Rev'd Charity Madenyika
(See page 4)**

BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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(Day off: Friday)

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From the Editor

As the last issue of *Broadwell Mail* was being printed we were saddened to learn of the death of Peter Morgan, a former long-time Broadwell resident, occasional organist at the Chapel and Trustee of The Green and Victory Hall.

Peter had been admitted to Coventry University Hospital for emergency surgery. However, despite surviving the operation to be able to talk to his family, he died the following day. We offer our sincere condolence to Annegret and her family.

A tribute to Peter appears on page 5.

And as we started to prepare this edition we learned of the death of another former Broadwell resident, Gerald (Gerry) Wood. Gerry's funeral service was due to have taken place at Rainsbrook Crematorium on Monday 30th March. We offer our sincere condolence to Olive and her family. A tribute appears on page 8.

It has been a difficult few weeks with the death of Thelma Kimberly who, like Gerry, also lived in the Swedish Cottages at Hill. Thelma's funeral service was at Rainsbrook Crematorium on Friday 13th March with a wake at LH Parish Hall – a building that meant a huge amount to Thelma. We offer our sincere condolence to the family.

Many will know Mrs Irene Williamson, from Kites Hardwick, who died on 28th February. Her funeral was due to have taken place at 11am on Thursday 26th March at All Saints, Leamington Hastings. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families

Your news for the June/July edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by noon on **Friday 22nd May** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 30th May.

But please do send Keith any news or other contributions at any time. Early copy always gets a good show! 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.

and with others in the village who have also recently lost loved ones...

COVID-19 (Coronavirus):

Readers will appreciate that some of the contents of this issue have been produced in advance of emergency legislation and developments designed to counter the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, many of the services and events for April are likely to have been cancelled. Do please check with Chapel Stewards.

Wherever possible we are giving details of events and gatherings that have been cancelled. We are also publicising the wonderful efforts of Martin Wibberley and his team of volunteers who have formed the Broadwell Community Group (BCG) designed to help those in need of help during the pandemic restrictions. (See page 10).

Keith Read.
Temporary Editor.

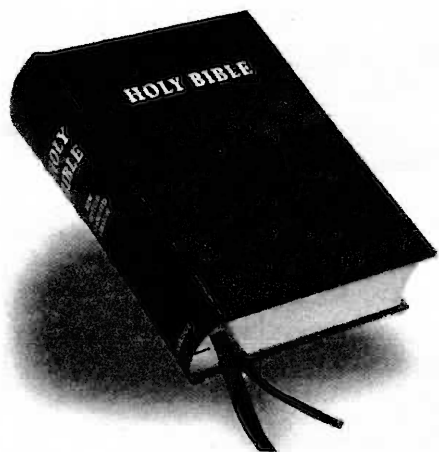
Suggested Bible Readings:

These may well bring extra comfort during the coming days...

Weeks beginning:

April 5th: Isaiah 50 vv 4-8a & Matthew 27 vv 11-54; **12th,** Acts 10 vv 34-43 & John 20 vv 10-31; **19th,** Acts 2 vv 14a & 22-32 & John 20 vv 19-31; **26th,** Acts 2 vv 14a & 36-41 & Luke 24 vv 13-35.

May 3rd: Acts 2 vv 42-47 & John 10 vv 1-10; **10th,** Acts 7 vv 55-60 & John 14 vv 15-21; **24th,** Acts 1 vv 6-14 & John 17 vv 1-11; **31st,** Acts 2 vv 1-21 & John 20 vv 10-23.



Remember in Prayer:

We remember those who are ill at home, or in hospital, and those now on the way to recovery.

At this time we think of all whose lives have changed dramatically due to the Coronavirus and pray that they may be given courage, hope and peace to help them in their anxiety.

We remember those who have recently suffered the death of loved ones, thinking especially of the families and friends of Annegret Morgan, Thelma

Kimberley, Irene Williamson and Gerry Wood. May our prayers help to give them strength in the days ahead.

We pray for Christians serving at home and abroad in very difficult circumstances while supporting innocent folk caught up in conflict, the hungry, the homeless and those for whom life no longer has any meaning. We trust that our prayers may bring hope and comfort to those in need.

Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.

Over Sixties' Club:

We were sorry the Lunch Outing arranged for March 26th had to be cancelled. The meeting scheduled for April 29th is also cancelled due to the Coronavirus clampdown.

We will then review the situation. But it seems probable that further meetings will also have to be cancelled.

Members will be kept informed and we hope it won't be too long before we are able to meet again.

Coffee mornings:

Following Government advice, we are sorry we have had to cancel the coffee mornings scheduled for April 8th and May 13th at Broadwell Chapel. We thank those who come to our coffee mornings for your support and look forward to seeing you there again before too long.



MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

Dear Church Family,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are all aware of the events developing around the world and the worry that many of us are feeling at the moment. It is a time when we place into God's hands all that trouble us, including COVID-19.

I would like to encourage you to heed the instructions we've been given by government to social-distance yourself (or self-isolate if that is appropriate to your health) and take all the precautions that are being published. However, this is a time when each of us has to preach the gospel by showing love to our neighbour. How? By helping each other in practical ways. For example doing shopping for the neighbour who is not able to go out, making a phone call to check on each other and, of course, praying for each other. I was so pleased to learn about the Broadwell Community Group. So do please get in touch if you, or someone you know, needs help with groceries and other essentials.

The Methodist Church has produced worship resources for individuals to use at home. Please take a look on the Methodist Church website at what is available.

On a more personal note, few weeks ago I wrote how my family was looking forward to my youngest son's wedding. However, the current times have sadly forced us to put everything on hold... We read in **Proverb 16:9** "*People can plan what they want to do, but it is the LORD who guides their steps.*"

Regardless of all this, we continue to give thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for health workers and those caring for others. In the time we currently face, I leave you with this verse from **Joshua: 1:9**:

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Nothing is impossible with our God.

Yours in Christ

Rev'd Charity.

Peter William Morgan – 17th April 1945-30th January 2020

The funeral of Peter Morgan took place at St Peter's Church, Dunchurch, on Tuesday 18th February. The Church was full to capacity to mark the passing of the well-known local solicitor and long-time resident of Brookside Cottage, Broadwell, before he and Annegret downsized to Dunchurch.

Until his retirement, Peter frequently worked as prosecuting solicitor for the police. In his eulogy, Simon – Peter's elder son – spoke of his father's many qualities: "... *battling defence solicitors shows one side. But it's fair to say that Dad was the original Google before we had the Internet. You could ask him any question and he would know the answer. He was the master of the cryptic crossword and, in the end, we all gave up trying to play against him in Trivial Pursuits!*"



During his 45-year career as a solicitor, Peter was a partner at Hodson & Lines in Rugby. His legal and vast general knowledge was undoubtedly valued in his voluntary roles as a Trustee of Broadwell Victory Hall and Green, Vice-Chairman of the St Cross Hospital Trust and treasurer of the local Conservative Party. But, above all, he was loved and respected as a devoted family man and an intelligent, witty, charming and generous gentleman.

The son of a Minister, Peter was born in Tredegar, Wales, and was passionate about all things Welsh – especially rugby. From the age of six, Peter had played the piano. As a 10-year-old he played the organ at services where his father was preaching and, aged 14, he was running his own Sunday School. It was his passion for music that led him to become Organist and Choirmaster at St Peter's, Dunchurch, in 1980 for nine years.

It had been in the mirror above the organ almost 52 years ago in the Church at Ampfield, near Romsey, that Peter saw a young au pair who was to become his wife. Ten months later they married and went on to be blessed with four children – Simon, Piers, Frances and Helen – and, later, nine grandchildren. In July last year, together with their family, Peter and Annegret celebrated their Golden Wedding.

In an emotional tribute to his friend of 40 years, former Rugby police officer, Geoff Mole, recalled: "*Peter was the man I turned to and trusted to represent cases in their initial stages through committal. Eventually we would brief Counsel together prior to trial at the Crown Court where our record was second to none. Of the many cases we saw through trial, no 'Not Guilty' verdicts were ever returned.*"

"*I believed that Peter, with his knowledge of the law and unique style, should have progressed much further in his chosen profession. But, having spent many hours with him over a few beers, it was patently obvious that he was more than happy with his 'lot'.*"

"*They surely threw away the mould when they made Peter...*"

*The editor extends sincere thanks to Annegret, Simon and Geoff for help in preparing this tribute.

Litter-pick beats COVID movement ban:

Broadwell's annual litter-pick went ahead as usual on Saturday 21st March when Bob Haynes, Linda Holmes and Chrissy and Keith Read donned their protective gloves and set off in search of rubbish.

Bob and Linda combed the road from the A426 near Millbank right through the village while Chrissy and Keith hunted down litter in Hayway Lane as far as Flecknoe Road.

The equivalent of three-and-a-half wheelbarrows full was collected and disposed off in the right way!

Interestingly, this was less than last year when the equivalent of five barrow-loads were picked up. Let's hope this means that folk passing through our village are becoming more responsible when it comes to dumping rubbish...!

LH Snowdrop Weekend:

A huge thank you on behalf of the Friends of All Saints Church to all who were involved in the planning, execution and running of the Snowdrop Weekend in February, and to all those who came to visit us and enjoy what we had to offer.

During what was one of the worst weekends for weather this year we were very glad to see so many enjoying what we had to offer here in LH and the happy atmosphere in the church.

For those brave enough to wander around the village and churchyard, the snowdrops were looking good too! Thank you also to all those who helped with feeding the four lambs in the church on the Sunday.

We raised the magnificent sum of £1239-85 for the church fabric. Thank you all again for your support!

Brian Cooke.

The Leamington Hastings School Trust

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 in 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 applicant 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 are available from:-

Mr A. Allen, Hill Farm, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, CV23 8DX
and should be returned by April 15th 2020

Family news:

Annegret Morgan has asked us to extend thanks for all the messages and kindness received following Peter's death.

She and family are extremely grateful. In her thank-you she writes: *"Your kind sympathy gave us great comfort in our time of grief."*

Lent Meetings:

Please note that the remaining Lent Meetings, which were to take place on March 18th & 25th and April 1st, have had to be cancelled.

You up for four ewes?

**From Carla Tucker
at The Malt
House:**

Does any one have a fenced paddock that they would consider renting for a few months to four very well behaved sheep so that I can rest my own grazing?

Please contact me (Carla Tucker) on 01926 810460. Thank you!



'Dig for Victory' suggests Rosemary Chapman...

How appropriate this year to plant vegetables and flowers – vegetables to feed us and flowers to cheer us up.

During this testing and difficult time of social isolation we will need to work together. I am sure our community will be brimming with volunteers helping those who can't go out. Remember, in order for some to give help, some of us will need to receive it. Remember too, the sun shines after the rain. We need to look out for rainbows!!!

I am the pastoral visitor for our Chapel. Unfortunately, due to my asthma, I will need to take extra care and I will be using the phone rather than visit.

As we face these difficult times, think of the positives... We can spring-clean, write down our memoirs, sort out and name photos or catch up with reading our favourite books etc.

Keep smiling! And if you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!

'Dry' Broadwell says a sincere thank-you:

It has been one of the wettest winters on record with serious flooding in many regions. Yet to our knowledge our village has not suffered from floods as it has in the past.

Several readers have asked us to say 'thank-you' to Parish Council Chairman Paul Fennell and his team who have worked tirelessly to get things done that have clearly prevented repeats of homes being flooded despite the many and prolonged downpours.

It is often a thankless task trying to get action from beauracracy. But it seems that Paul and his team have somehow managed to achieve the impossible!

So, on behalf of villagers, our thanks to all concerned.

Editor.



Gerald Anthony Wood – 12th October 1927 - 3rd March 2020

Gerry was born and brought up at Leamington Hastings and was very much the 'local boy'. He did his National Service in the RAF where he asked for an overseas posting. The RAF responded by sending him to RAF Wellesborne and RAF Long Lawford!! It did mean that he was able to cycle to and from both airfields and to live at home.

After leaving the RAF, Gerry worked at Armstrong Whitworth in Coventry where he and Olive met in 1950. "Gerry's station was next to mine," says Olive. "He had cut his hand and was placed on light duties 'assisting the girls'. Well, I was one of the girls... We started chatting and that was that! We got married in 1952."



Initially the couple lived in a property called Tin Top, in Broadwell, the only home located between Dr Alec Parker's bungalow and the old Broadwell Victory Hall, familiarly known as The Shant. After a brief period in Marton, they returned to Broadwell in 1954, moving into No 3 The Green. They lived there until 1961 when they undertook a house-exchange to the Swedish Cottages at Hill to help a family with specific housing needs. This remains Olive's home.

A skilled toolmaker, Gerry loved cricket. He was captain of Leamington Hastings Cricket Club and also played for Dunchurch. In later life he took every opportunity to watch televised cricket. And if Gerry loved cricket he was positively passionate about gardening, always maintaining immaculate grounds and growing superb produce.

Gerry's memory for local events was flawless and he had been interviewed for a video being produced to mark the Parish Hall's 90th anniversary celebrations in July. More recently his health had deteriorated and he was admitted to hospital four days before he died. Gerry is survived by his wife, Olive, their son and two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Many thanks to Olive for helping me prepare this tribute – Editor.

L H Bowls Club:

Indoor bowls have been cancelled for the remainder of this season. The club will review whether the opening-of-the-green match will take place at the end of April.

Last post for Steve:

Everyone will be sad to learn that we won't be seeing Steve Butler – better known to most of us as 'Steve-the-Post' – who

decided mid-way through March to implement his retirement. He had planned to end his career in May. However, because of the COVID-19 crisis he decided to put family first and call it a day. Steve's wife is highly-vulnerable following treatment for cancer...

We wish Steve and his wife a long and happy retirement. And when our Soup Lunches resume we hope to see both of them at the Victory Hall.

LH Parish Council:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 5th at 6.30pm. However, this will be subject to postponement, or cancellation, depending on the coronavirus advice at the time.

Broadwell soup lunches:

On the first Wednesday of February we had a very successful Soup Kitchen in the Victory Hall, **writes Martin Wibberley.**

This time we doubled the number of tables and chairs laid out and even with this we nearly ran out of space! As always a good selection of different soups was on offer and thanks go to all the cooks who prepared them.

Once costs for the bread and the Victory Hall were taken out of the donations we were left with £68-20. We have had discussions about where the surplus should go.

But as we were working that out, things suddenly changed. The COVID-19 virus came along and, following government guidelines, we have decided to cancel all further events.

We will, in due course, make sure the donations we have received go to a good cause; and for the moment we would like to thank everyone who

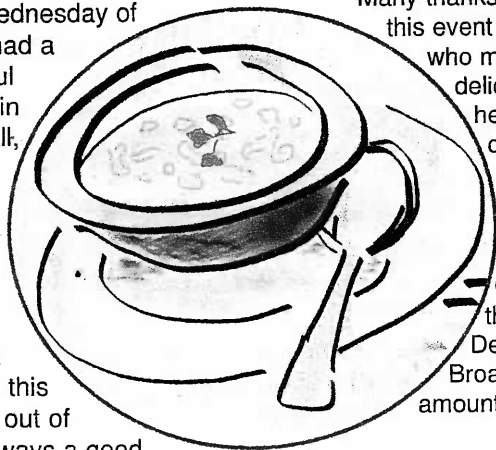
supported us and we **will** be back when things start returning to normal.

Lent Lunch:

We were delighted that so many of you were able to join us at the Lent Lunch held at Broadwell Chapel Schoolroom on March 11th.

Many thanks to all who helped to make this event such a success – those who made and donated the delicious soups, everyone who helped on the day and, of course those who came along and enjoyed a good meal with good company.

Donations in aid of 'All We Can' (formerly known as the Methodist Relief and Development fund) and Broadwell Methodist Church amounted to £125.



Flower Show:

The arrival of the COVID-19 virus is having a terrible effect on everyday life for all of us and our thoughts must go out to those who have lost loved ones.

Unfortunately the Flower Show committee has decided, following the recent government advice, to cancel all further meetings.

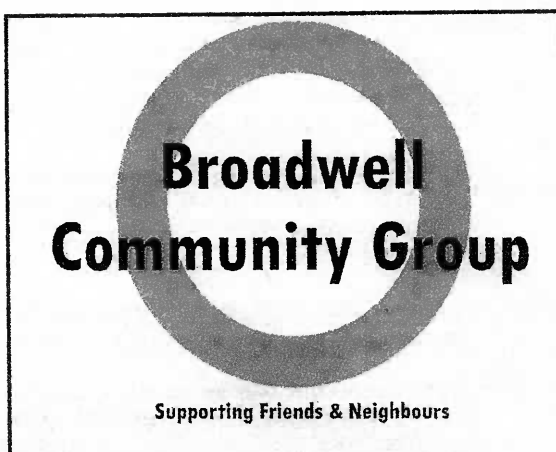
We also feel it would impossible to hold the Spring Show under the current circumstances: so this has also been cancelled.

We will let you know when we will be holding our next event, but I fear it may be some way off.

Martin Wibberley

Broadwell Community Group

Congratulations to Martin Wibberley and his small team – Rosemary Chapman, Nicola Fairburn, Helen Hargreaves, Joe Twinn and Lucy Woodrow – for quickly establishing our community's own support group several days before this was recommended by government...



Others, including, Carla and Andrew Tucker, have offered to help, although it is possible that Dr Andrew will be dusting off his stethoscope and returning to the NHS. Here are Martin's words for Broadwell Mail – [Editor].

By now you should have received an information pack from the 'Broadwell Community Group'. The group has been set up by volunteers to help residents in Broadwell who find themselves isolated during the current covid-19 crisis.

Our aim is to provide simple, but essential, services such as picking up emergency shopping, getting urgent supplies, fetching a prescription or similar tasks.

We also have someone on hand who can have a chat over the phone if you are feeling lonely or anxious. There is a dedicated phone number with an answering service running 24-hours a day, every day, and an e-mail you can use to ask for help.

The group are looking for more volunteers to help, so if you can spare a little time now and then you will be helping us to help someone in need.

All the volunteers are residents of Broadwell, so you may know them and they will probably know you. If you can't volunteer, but can offer something else (things, contacts, paper, printing) we would also love to hear from you.

Email: bcbg@broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk

Tel: 01926-674084

Twitter: @broadwellhall

Trustees of Broadwell Green and Hall

The committee have cancelled all their meetings in the hall for the present time. However our members have been busy growing plants for our annual sale. But as it is unlikely to take place on the normal basis we are considering various options to enable everyone to buy their plants.

Please be assured that the plants will be available and we will notify everyone once safe arrangements are settled.

We look forward to your continued support during this difficult time.

Stay Safe!

Stuart Barrie.

Dates for your diary:

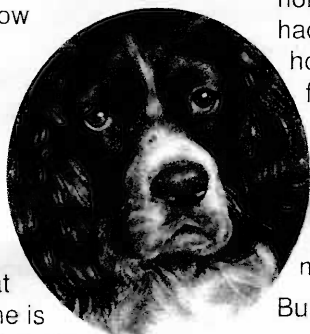
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Just one:

22nd Deadline for copy for
June/July Broadwell Mail.

'Tail' piece: Timothy's Tales...

Hello everyone, my name is Timothy. When you get to know me better I may let you call me Timmy. You may see me most days taking 'The Boss' for a walk around Broadwell.



I gave The Boss that name as he thinks he is in charge and it makes him feel good. But between you and me it is me who rules the roost!

The Boss has recently retired which is a real nuisance because I now need to take him for longer walks and my

peaceful afternoon snooze gets seriously disturbed.

I am writing this after watching Crufts on TV. Some of those dogs are really full of themselves and I am sure would run a mile if they saw a lovely muddy field or dirty puddle (unlike me!). Did you see the 'Best in Show' dog? A beautiful dog but he did a poop on his lap of honour – no manners!

I took The Boss for a long walk over nearby Shuckburgh Hill a couple of weeks ago. Although he likes to think he is reasonably fit (that's a joke – I am much fitter than him!) he found the muddy bits very hard work. He fell over at one point. I tried not to laugh too much when I saw how muddy he was! The Boss did not find it funny. No sense of humour some people.

Sometimes The Boss goes walkabout. Like the other day when he wandered off on his morning walk. I looked everywhere and ran around the whole village searching for him. I couldn't find him anywhere. But when I got home, guess what? He was there! I had very strong words with him and, hopefully, he will be better behaved in future.

Anyway must dash, time to sort out The Boss (yet again) and get back to my afternoon snooze.

Say 'good day Timothy' if you see me in the village.

Bushy tails!

Timothy.

With thanks to Clive Harridge – Editor.

FINAL NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

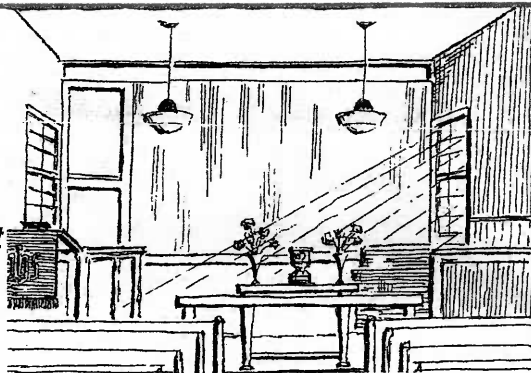
Apologies for such an unusual issue... It's not been easy keeping pace with the rapidly-changing COVID-19 scenario!

PREACHERS FOR

April & May

Please note:

Services are unlikely to take place during this period. But if they do, they will start at 11am unless otherwise indicated.



April	5th	Miss Gillian Glenn
April	12th	The Rev'd Rob Anning
April	19th	Mrs Connie Jeffery
April	26th	Mr Jeff Wells
May	3rd	Mr Adrian Price
May	10th	Ms Janet Hinds
May	17th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Holy Communion
May	24th	The Rev'd David Collinson
May	31st	Mr John Kay, Pentecost Picnic at Daventry

Flower rota

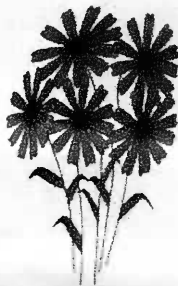
NB: *It is possible that services will be cancelled. Therefore flowers not be necessary.*

April:

5th Glenys Caunter
19th Alison Deeming

May:

3rd Sheila Olorenshaw
17th Daphne Morgan
31st Sharon Barnes



Cleaning rota

NB: *If services are cancelled, please liaise with Steward regarding cleaning.*

April:

4th Angela Woolliscroft
11th Rosemary Chapman
18th Freda Slater
25th Valerie Bostock

May:

2nd Wendy Williamson
9th Sharon Barnes
16th Rachel Sensecall
23rd Alison Deeming
30th Angela Woolliscroft

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