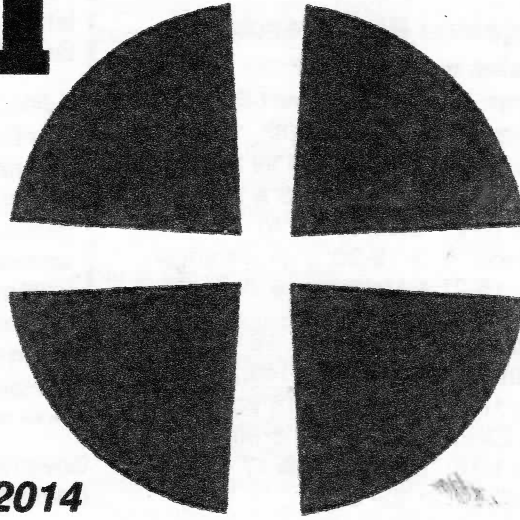


Broadwell mail

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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor's chair

With plenty of news and views for you this time, I'm not going to waste any space on my comments!

Keith Read,

Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings

(For week beginning):

August: 3rd, Isaiah 55 vv 1-5 & Matthew 14 vv 13-20; 10th, 1 Kings 19 vv 9-18 & Matthew 14 vv 22-33; 17th, Isaiah 58 vv 1 & 6-8 & Matthew 15 vv 10-29; 24th, Isaiah 51 vv 1-6 & Matthew 16 vv 13-20; 31st, Jeremiah 15 vv 15-21 & Matthew 16 vv 21-28.

September: 7th, Exodus 12 vv 1-14 & Matthew 18 vv 15-20; 14th, Exodus 14 vv 19-31 & Matthew 18 vv 21-35; 21st, Exodus 16 vv 2-15 & Matthew 20 vv 1-16; 28th, Exodus 17 vv 1-7 & Matthew 21 23- 32.

Remember in Prayer:

We remember in our prayers all who are finding life difficult. thinking especially of Gordon and Evelyn Royans, Gordon and Irene Woodward, Joe and Ellen Byerley and Mavis Randle. We also remember their families and others who care for them.

We think of Sam Deeming, after his emergency surgery and subsequent skin-graft in Coventry following a serious infection in his leg, which developed while he was on holiday.

As we celebrate the gathering of our harvest let us remember those in other parts of the world whose crops have failed and now face hunger and starvation. We pray that their

Your news for August and September, 2014, for Broadwell Mail:

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

Editions are published every two months. But please 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 at Hawthorn Cottage. Thank you!

Governments will find a means of distributing food more fairly.

We pray for peace in the world and remember the relief agencies who work so tirelessly in areas suffering from conflict, famine, drought and other natural disasters. We think especially of happenings in the Ukraine, Israel, Syria and Palestine.

As we begin the new Methodist year we pray that there will be growth in our Churches and that they will be able to reach out to those in need.

Coffee Mornings:

Our Next Coffee Mornings will be on August 13th and September 10th from 10.30am until 12-noon.

If you are free on these mornings we invite you to join us. Our Coffee

Mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Chapel Schoolroom, when all are welcome, please join us for coffee/tea and light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

Over Sixties' Club:

On August 27th we look forward to a return visit by Ruth Styles, who will be telling us about her visit to Ethiopia.

At our September meeting, on the 24th, we will be entertained by our old friends 'The Claremont Singers'

Both meetings are at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall and begin at 2.30pm. New members and visitors are, as always, welcome to join us.

Broadwell Book Exchange:

The Book Exchange Evenings are held in Broadwell Victory Hall on the second Wednesday of each month 7.30- 9.30pm.

This is not a club and there is no joining/membership fee – Just pay £1.50 on the night to help cover expenses; choose a book or two (there are many to choose from), enjoy a cup of tea or coffee or a glass of wine with nibbles and good company.

The next two meetings will be on August 13th, and September 10th. All are welcome.

100 Club:

The winning ticket for the May draw was number 59, held by Helen Banning. The ticket drawn in June

was number 4, held by Thomas Furness, one of our new neighbours in the village.

Flower Show Committee:

The last event held by the Flower Show Committee was a quiz night on Midsummer's Night. I would like to thank all of you who helped run it and those who turned up to take part, although the numbers were well down on what we usually have.

As I type we have not yet held our committee meeting, so the accounts for the event have not been presented. I will let you all know how the event did in the next edition.

The September Flower Show is now pretty well planned, and as usual the show takes place on the first Saturday in September, the 6th this year. We are trying to change the show slightly to keep it interesting. There will be a display of agricultural machinery, a larger number of stalls from local artisans and also, back by popular demand, an evening event, which Kate Thomas is arranging. I am sure she will be contacting you all nearer the time to find out how many tickets you would like.

Like other events, we are finding it difficult to get volunteers to help setup and run things. To date we have three volunteers for setting up and one for taking down. If you are reading this and think you could spare a little time please let us know by emailing: flowershow@broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk
Hope to see you all at the show.

Martin Wibberley

MINISTER'S LETTER: FROM DEACON JANET THOMAS

Dear friends,

The weather was uncharacteristically cool and wet for early August although the forecast was for better weather. Kate and Vic were a young married couple. They had a small daughter of four and a baby aged just four months. Vic enjoyed his job as a commercial artist and Kate had built a comfortable home for the family. Life was good – except for the rain – but they looked forward to brighter days.

In the weeks that followed the sun may have shone but the days were most certainly not brighter. On the fifth day of the month, families awoke to the news that at 11pm the previous evening Great Britain had declared war on Germany. It was 1914 and life was never to be the same again.

The following years saw great changes. Men went to war, women took over some of the jobs done by men and, most significantly of all, well over one million service men and women were killed during the time of conflict. Also of note, although perhaps not so readily remembered, was that an equal (or perhaps even higher) number of people lost their lives to the pandemic of influenza which swept across the country two years later.

By 1918 it is probably true to say that not a single extended family had escaped a loss of some kind. Vic went to war and, unlike many, thankfully came home again. He was my grandfather. His younger daughter was my mother but his elder daughter, Gladys, was one of those many who succumbed to the influenza and died aged just six years.

This was a time when men who were too frightened or traumatised to 'go over the top' were shot as cowards, a time when soldiers suffered from trench foot and dysentery – not to mention of course the injuries sustained in battle. It was a time when battle could cease for a few hours on Christmas Day to facilitate a game of football because the men on both sides saw it as right and proper to stop fighting for the day which is given to celebrating Jesus Christ's birth. Of course both sides prayed in earnest, both believing that God was on their side.

That has always struck me. Did the victors' faith increase because they won the war? Did the faith of the defeated decrease because they felt deserted by God? I think the only way to answer this one is to say that God was on the side of right – but perhaps that is easy for a Brit to say.

What it goes to illustrate is that God answers prayers in his own way and in his own time. We do not always seem to get what we want from our prayers, and perhaps not as quickly as we would like! If we look back at our lives it is easy to see the bigger picture, a perspective never afforded us in the present. When we look back we can often see that things have worked out as we thought right but perhaps not following the path which we may have predicted or wanted, and often too not in the time scale we would have thought appropriate.

It is a lesson, then, to never give up on prayer but to be patient and to wait on God for his solutions to our problems; which will be sometimes strange in our opinion and often not as quick as the many 'instant' aspects of life in the 21st century lead us to expect today.

Sincerely,

Janet

JUST BEFORE THE LAST BROADWELL MAIL WAS PRINTED I RECEIVED A LONG LETTER FROM THE REV'D MICHAEL JACKSON, ONE OF OUR FORMER MINISTERS, WHO HAS MOTOR NEURON DISEASE. IT WAS SUCH AN INSPIRING NOTE THAT I ASKED MICHAEL IF EXTRACTS COULD BE PUBLISHED IN THIS ISSUE. HE KINDLY AGREED – EDITOR.

We are sending this letter to as many friends and family as we can. Many of you have written to us and we are grateful for your thoughtful support. We did not know how fast, or slow, the MND would develop. We have received lots of support and advice from healthcare professionals and almost suffered information overload!

The arrival of spring and lighter evenings began to make a difference. We have travelled through Bournville roads lined with cherry blossom trees (for which it is known locally as well as for Cadburys) down to the yachting pool where my father used to take me as a five-year-old boy to sail my bright-red wooden yacht with its white sails. Breathlessness and weakened muscles prevent me from walking so it has been springtime from a wheelchair – interesting!

I thank God that ministry is still possible. I have been writing monthly reflections on living with terminal illness for the local church magazine as well as other topics including HS2, WW1 (and all war), hospitality and politics.

For several weeks I have been attending the hospice day centre on Tuesdays to give Mary a break. In May I stayed in for six nights respite care, which Mary both deserved and needed. One of the physiotherapists at the hospice asked me how I keep my spirits up. Like anyone I have my moments when they are more 'down' than 'up', especially when I become aware that I can't do something as well as I could... I used to type on the laptop but now I use an on-screen keyboard and mouse and am exploring speech recognition.

However my immediate answer to her was that three things that keep me going. Firstly, Mary and I pray together every evening. To that I would add that we also worship with others on Sundays. Secondly, we receive e-mails, cards and letters, phone calls and visits from both local friends and from friends scattered all over the UK. Thirdly, although I can no longer hold any printed matter, I have discovered the world of e-books, which I read on my laptop. It is amazing what is available (as well as what isn't!).

On reflection, I would include a fourth thing that keeps me going – the opportunity for ministry through writing. **ALL** of these make a huge difference. However, I unforgivably omitted mentioning Mary's daily care which, of course, makes all the others possible... Our wider family is very supportive and has made special occasions even more special.

We value enormously your prayers, thoughts and contact (whatever form that may take).

With our grateful thanks,

Michael and Mary.

Anglican Church News...

Big clean-up at LH churchyards:

Help is needed to clean-up both churchyards at Leamington Hastings Church.

The main churchyard clean-up will be on Saturday 4th October and the extension churchyard clean-up will be on Saturday 18th October.

Please bring gloves, secateurs and rakes and join us from 10am onwards on either – or both! We appreciate any support given.

Healing services:

Please note that there will be no healing service in August.

The date for the next healing service is Tuesday, 16th September, at 7.30pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell. All are welcome.

Bible study group:

A new monthly 10am-to-11.30am Wednesday-morning bible study group started in June.

If you are interested, and want to explore the bible and have fellowship with others, do please come along.

The next meeting will be on (Wednesday, of course!) 17th September at The Vicarage, Willoughby.

Please note that there is no bible study meeting in August.

Jane.

Anglican services & events:

(All services are at All saints, Leamington Hastings unless otherwise indicated).

August:

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| 3rd | Grandborough, 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion |
| 10th | Willoughby, 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion |
| 17th | LH, 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion |
| 22nd | 10.30am, Broadwell Babytime at the Church of the Good Shepherd |
| 24th | 9am, Flecknoe, Benefice Holy Communion |
| 31st | 10.30am, Willoughby, Benefice Holy Communion |

September:

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| 7th | 10.30am, Ecumenical Service on The Green, Broadwell |
| 12th | 10.30am, Broadwell Babytime at the Church of the Good Shepherd |
| 13th | 10am, Broadwell, 'Messy Church' in the Church of the Good Shepherd |
| 16th | 7.30pm, Healing Service at Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell |
| 17th | 10am, Bible Study Group at The Vicarage, Willoughby |
| 21st | 5pm, Harvest Service and Supper |
| 26th | 10.30am, Broadwell Babytime at the Church of the Good Shepherd |
| 28th | 6.30pm, joining Broadwell Methodists for Harvest Thanksgiving Service |

October:

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| 4th | LH Churchyard clean-up |
| 5th | 11am, LH, Holy Communion |

Broadwell 'babytime':

A new Mum's and babies coffee morning started last month. It has been held twice in The Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell.

The next date is Friday 22nd August, from 10.30am until 12-noon. And, from September, we will meet

fortnightly on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Come and meet other mums and babies/toddlers and enjoy the coffee, the chat, the cake and the play.

For more information phone Rev Jane on: 01788 899226.

Willoughby Challenge Victory for Broadwell!

Broadwell's under 11s football team secured two great victories at this year's Willoughby Challenge* on Sunday 29th June 2014. Coached by Ian Sixsmith, the only pre-dominantly girls team in the tournament showed the lads a trick or two when it came to taking penalties.



Broadwell under 11s

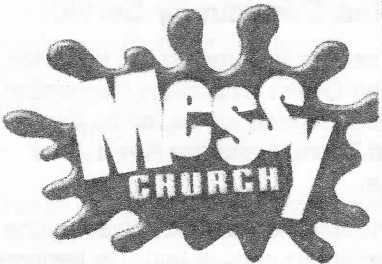
Broadwell
'Winner of the
Penalty Shoot Out'
and 'Player of
the Tournament'



Emma Allroggen -
Player of the Tournament

Messy Church:

Thanks to everyone who came to the last session. In June, at our 'Fruits of the Spirit' session, we thought about the role of patience and self control in our lives as we made spinning tops from CDs, crafted paper flowers and had great fun playing with our handmade cup and ball games.



In July, we made loom bracelets for Jesus, sowed seeds and made bird food. We had fresh fruit for our snack.

Our next two Messy Church sessions in The Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell, are on Saturday 13th September and Saturday 11th October. Both are from 10am until 11.30am. The cost is 50p. All children are welcome.

For more details contact Rev Jane on: 01788 899226.

Notice on behalf of Leamington Hastings Consolidated Charity

The Charity has a ground-floor flat available at its Almshouses in the village. Our flats are intended primarily for people of limited means and can accommodate single persons or couples. Due to the layout and communal nature of the Almshouses, the flats are not suitable for children.

All flats have one bedroom plus bathroom, shower and toilet, kitchen and living room. There is also a communal laundry facility, together with a row of individual storage rooms for residents' use.

Would this vacancy be of interest to yourself or anyone you know? Perhaps you have a relative or friend who wants to come and live nearer to you? Residents must normally have a local connection with Leamington Hastings and/or the local area; but we can offer accommodation to people from further away, provided the Charity's other criteria are satisfied.

Residents are required to pay a Maintenance Service Contribution to cover the cost of their heating and hot water, together with the cost of the communal services and facilities provided. Additionally, residents are responsible for their own electricity consumption, telephone bills and council tax.

Care and nursing support services are not provided by the Charity, so our residents must be able to live independently and to manage their own affairs.

If you are interested in the current vacancy, or would like to be included on our waiting list for future vacancies, details can be obtained from Mike Stevens, Clerk to the Trustees, by calling either 07809 048734 or 01926 832440 or by e-mailing mstevens@msconsultancy.co.uk

United Community Service:

The service this year in the marquee on The Green on Sunday September 7th at 10.30am, will be led by Deacon Janet Thomas and the Rev'd Jane Close.

An invitation is extended to everyone to join in this service that has become part of tradition at Broadwell, following the Flower Show.

This year the collection will be donated to Zoe's Place, Coventry, a baby hospice providing respite and end-of-life care for children, from birth to five years of age, suffering from life threatening illnesses

Happy birthday Bruce!

Congratulations to Bruce Morgan, former editor of *Broadwell Mail* and occasional contributor, on his reaching a significant birthday.

Disc-appearing tax...

We don't often carry reminders from government agencies... But the DVLA wants all motorists to know that from 1st October, the road tax disc we've known for 93 years will disappear, saving £7 million.

But you'll still have to tax your vehicles either online, by direct debit, by phone or at Post Offices.

LH Parish Council:

The next Parish Council meeting is on 1st Sept 2014 at 7pm in LH Parish Hall.

NHW works!

From PCSO Helena Steadman

I want to say a big thank you to Neighbourhood Watch. Following the circulation of a photo of a vehicle I sent out recently, a vigilant NHW member (you know who you are!) took down the registration of the vehicle and notified us.

This vital information resulted in an arrest. The offenders have been linked to two further crimes. So I would like to thank this individual very much and thank all NHW members who take the time to read the alerts and feed information to me. You are doing your community a great service in the fight against crime.

Keep up the good work! This is further evidence that the NHW scheme is very worth while.

Destination Tanzania!

From Amy Thomas and Harriet Smith

An enormous thank-you to everyone who has supported our fund-raising for our World Challenge Expedition to Tanzania in July next year. We will be out there for a month, helping to build schools in remote villages and teaching children English.

Ashlawn School is helping us to prepare for the expedition – but we have to raise our own funds... Most recently, at the Barn Dance at Home Farm, Broadwell, we each

raised £640 after all costs had been deducted. Huge thanks to everyone who came to the event and enormous thanks to Steve and Alison Deeming for letting us use their barn – without them we could not have had such a successful event!

In March we held a very successful Quiz Night in the Victory Hall and another one is planned for later in the year. We also competed in a 'Mud & Hog Run' (yes it was muddy!)

Not wanting to be outdone by their daughters, our Dads have decided to help to raise funds by cycling from London to Paris, starting on Friday 29th August and finishing in Paris (hopefully!) on Sunday 31st.

We're really grateful for their brave commitment. They've been on their bikes, practising at every possible moment... If you would like to spur them on by sponsoring Kevin or Chris – or both! – please call them on 01926 810745 for Chris or 01926 810025 for Kevin. Thank you!

PS: we each have about £2,000 still to raise before we leave for Africa!

Chapel Anniversary:

We celebrate our Chapel anniversary on October 19th, when our guest preacher will be the Rev'd Christine Dybdahl. All are welcome to join us at this service which begins at 11am.

Church Council:

The next meeting of the Church Council will take place in the Chapel schoolroom on Tuesday, 14th October, at 7.30pm.

Albert Malcolm Davenport Shaw, who died 2nd June, 2014

A tribute by Joyce Latham

We are sad that Malcolm is no longer with us. We greatly miss his presence at our morning services. Malcolm, and his wife Margaret (who was the daughter of a Methodist Minister) were almost always there, worshipping with us – two of our most regular and faithful attenders.

Since Margaret's death in February 2011, Malcolm's attendance on his own has been no less regular. But, over the past year or more, we have observed, with growing concern, his declining health and capabilities. In spite of this, he always appeared immaculately and smartly turned out.

Kind and considerate, he was always the perfect gentleman. He worshipped with us on the morning of June 1st, only a matter of hours before he died.

Malcolm was a farmer all his life, not locally, but in Alvechurch, where his father had farmed before him. With his brother, Colin, Malcolm ultimately took over the family farm business. However, in 1987, Malcolm and Margaret left Alvechurch and began a new farming life in Claybrooke Magna. From that time they became members of Rugby Methodist Church Centre, where their membership remained until Malcolm retired in 1999 and they left Claybrooke Magna to live in Leamington Hastings. Their church membership transferred to Broadwell.

We very much appreciated their support and their gentle presence in our midst and we greatly regret their passing. To their daughters, Libby and Catherine and their respective husbands – Chris and Andy – we offer our sincere condolence in their loss.

Cheryl Lynn Waller – 18th November 1952-2nd June 2014

Posies of herbs were handed to everyone in a full All Saints' Church, Leamington Hastings, on Monday 23rd June for the funeral service for Cheryl Waller who, after many years living with cancer, died in Myton Hospice on 2nd June. After her love for her family, Cheryl's passion was for her garden – flowers, vegetables, shrubs and, especially, herbs.

She was a tireless worker for the Herb Society, where she was a Council Member and Shows Co-ordinator. With her husband Richard, who died in hospital in April last year while Cheryl was in the same hospital for more cancer treatment, she designed and built a number of award-winning Chelsea Flower Show gardens for the Herb Society. Her proudest achievement was a Silver Medal, won in the face of competition from gardens for which no expense was spared.

To her daughter Nicola, son-in-law Christian and Cheryl's mum, Jean Bates, we offer our sincere condolence and sympathy for their second loss in less than 18 months.

Harvest Thanksgiving:

We hope many of you will be able to join us, as we celebrate God's goodness to us, at our Harvest Thanksgiving Services on Sunday, September. 28th.

We'll welcome the Rev'd Barbara Clutton to conduct our 11am morning worship, and our Deacon, Janet Thomas, who will leading our 6.30pm evening service when we hope friends from Leamington Hastings Parish Church will join with us.

A warm welcome is extended to all at these services.

We will decorate the chapel for Harvest Thanksgiving on Saturday, September 27th from 2pm and would be grateful for gifts of flowers, fruit, vegetables etc. Non-perishable gifts will again be donated to Rugby Foodbank for local people in crisis. The Trussell Trust Foodbank network works in partnership with local churches and organisations to bring foodbanks to communities across the UK. It is part of the work of Hope4.

Food is only given to clients with a valid voucher from frontline care professionals. All tinned and packet food will be gratefully accepted. Big or small, every gift you give helps to transform lives. More information can be found on:

www.rugbyfoodbank.org.uk

Gifts of flowers fruit and vegetables will be sold after the harvest supper and proceeds given to CAP debt help. The chapel will be open, to enable you to deliver gifts prior to 2pm on Saturday Sept. 27th

The Harvest Supper will be held in the Chapel on Monday, September

29th at 7pm followed by the sale of perishable gifts. Profit from the supper will be for Church funds. If you wish to join us at our Harvest Supper please give your name to Sylvia Toole, Rosemary Chapman or Glenys Caunter.

Dates for your diary:

August:

- 13th 10.30-noon, Coffee morning Methodist Chapel schoolroom.
- 13th 7.30pm, Book Exchange meet at Victory Hall.
- 13th 10am, Messy Church, Church of the Good Shepherd.
- 27th 2.30pm, Over 60s' Club, LH Parish Hall.

September:

- 6th Broadwell Flower Show
- 7th 10.30am, Community Service on The Green.
- 10th 10.30-noon, Coffee morning Methodist Chapel schoolroom.
- 10th 7.30pm, Book Exchange meet at Victory Hall.
- 11th 10am, Messy Church, Church of the Good Shepherd.
- 19th **Deadline for Oct/Nov edition, Broadwell Mail.**
- 24th 2.30pm, Over 60s' Club, LH Parish Hall.
- 27th From 2pm, decorating Chapel for Harvest celebrations
- 28th Harvest Thanksgiving Services, 11am and 6.30pm
- 29th 7pm, Harvest Supper

October:

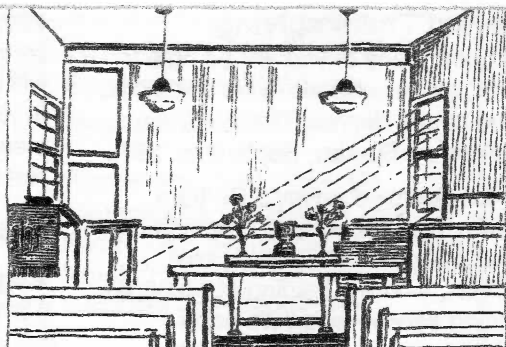
- 12th Concert by Omnium Gatherum in Chapel at 3.30pm followed by tea in the Victory Hall

November:

- 14th 7.30pm, Rugby Male Voice Choir concert at LH Parish Hall

Preachers at the Chapel in August & September

*All services start at 11am
unless otherwise indicated.*



- Aug 3rd Deacon Janet Thomas – **Holy Communion**
 Aug 10th **NO SERVICE AT BROADWELL** – United Service at
 Grandborough at 6.30pm.
 Aug 17th Mr John Kay
 Aug 24th The Rev'd Michael Haighton
 Aug 31st Mr Brian Baker
 Sept 7th **Community Service** on The Green at 10.30am with
 Deacon Janet Thomas and The Rev'd Jane Close.
 Sept 14th *To Be Advised*
 Sept 21st *To Be Advised*
 Sept 28th **Harvest Thanksgiving: 11am**, the Rev'd Barbara Clutton
 and at 6.30pm, Deacon Janet Thomas.

Flower rota

August:

- 3rd Valerie Bostock
 10th **No Service**
 17th Rosemary Chapman
 24th Freda Slater
 31st Mavis Randle

September:

- 7th Annegret Morgan
 14th Angela Woolliscroft
 28th Wendy Williamson
 28th **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Cleaning rota

August:

- 2nd Rosemary Chapman
 9th Sheila Olorenshaw
 16th Sylvia Toole
 23rd Freda Slater
 30th Valerie Bostock

September:

- 6th Wendy Williamson
 13th Sharon Barnes
 20th Alison Deeming
 27th Angela Woolliscroft

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