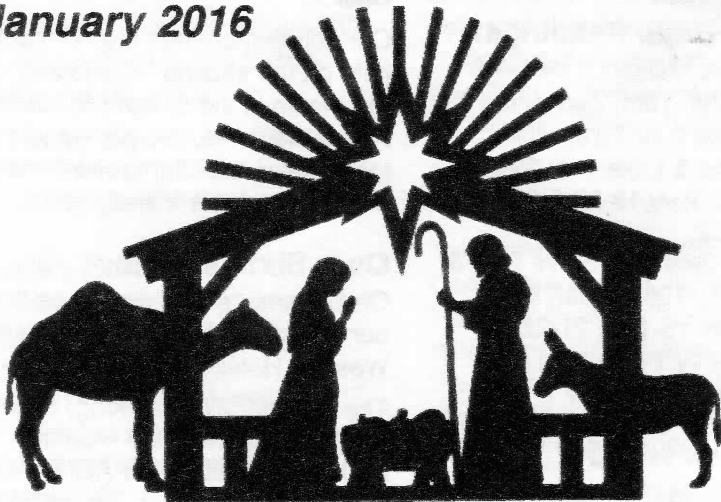
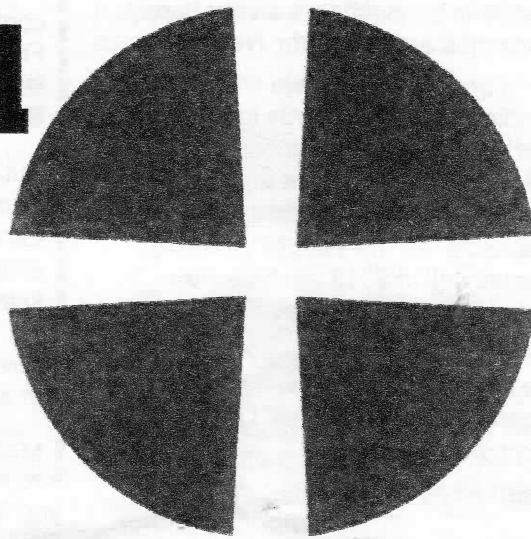


Broadwell mail

Christmas Edition

*Church and local
community news
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Methodist Church.*

**December 2015
& January 2016**



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor's chair

One of the privileges of sitting in the editor's chair is that I can take this opportunity to wish, on behalf of the Read family (including Dora), all our friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

As in previous years, we won't be sending Christmas cards to people that we are fortunate enough to be able to see almost on a daily basis. But we will be 'doing something charitable' for the village. And that 'something' in 2015 will be a new Union Flag for The Green!

The repairs carried out a year ago to the existing flag have suffered in recent weeks. So a new Union Jack is on order!

Keith Read

Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

December: 6th, Malachi 3 vv 1-4 & Luke 1 vv 68-79; 13th, Zephaniah 3 vv 14-20 & Luke 3 vv 7-18; 20th, Micah 5 vv 2-5a & Luke 1 vv 39-45; 27th, 1 Samuel 2 vv 18-20 & 26 & Luke 2 vv 41-52.

January: 3rd, Jeremiah 31 vv 7-14 & John 1 vv 1-18; 10th, Isaiah 43 vv 1-7 & Luke 3 vv 15-17 & 21-22; 17th, Isaiah 62 vv 1-5 & John 2 vv 1-11; 24th, Nehemiah 8 vv 1-10 & Luke 4 vv 14-21; 31st, Jeremiah 1 vv 4-10 & Luke 4 vv 21-30.

Prayers for others: see page 4.

Coffee Mornings:

Our next coffee mornings will be on December 9th and January 13th, from 10.30am until 12-noon. If you are free on these mornings we invite

Your news for February & March, 2016, for *Broadwell Mail*:

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

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 in at Hawthorn Cottage.

Many thanks.

you to join us at Broadwell Methodist Church.

Our coffee mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month in the Chapel Schoolroom. All are welcome. So please join us for coffee or tea, light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat!

Over Sixties' Club:

On December 16th we will be holding our Christmas Lunch at the Great Western Hotel, Deppers Bridge.

The January 27th meeting, beginning at 2pm at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall, will be our AGM. New members and visitors are welcome.

Broadwell Book Exchange:

The next two Book Exchange Evenings will be on December 9th and January 13th at Broadwell Victory Hall. Book exchange

evenings are normally on the second Wednesday of each month 7.30pm until 9.30pm. This is not a club and there is no joining or membership fee. Just pay £1.50 on the night to help cover expenses, choose a book or two (there are many to choose from) and enjoy light refreshments and good company. All are welcome.

LH Parish Council:

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 11th January at 7pm in Leamington Hastings Parish Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Broadwell Flower Show:

At the recent committee meeting and AGM it was decided to make a charity donation of £200 to the Nepal Earthquake Fund.

On Saturday February 27th there will be a Pancake Bingo in the Victory Hall. All invited to join in.

And when you get your 2016 diaries, please enter the date of the Summer Show – Saturday 10th September.

LH Parish Hall:

A good time was had by all when the Windmill Singers entertained at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall on Friday 13th November. More than 70 people attended and, during the second half of the concert, joined in the singing of the 1940s Forces songs.

Thanks to all who attended the event and all who helped with the arrangements. Just over £500 was raised for the Parish Hall improvement fund.

Your Parish Hall needs You!

To ensure that the Leamington Hastings Parish Hall continues, the management committee is looking for new trustees to join the present trustees, some of whom are wishing to retire.



Being a Trustee does not take a lot of time. There are, on average, only three meetings a year, plus a major fund-raising event.

The hall is vital

to the community as illustrated by its use – more than 300 times per year!

The parish hall has to report annually to the Charity Commission. So it is essential that there is a full complement of trustees. Would you be willing to give some of your time to help **YOUR** Parish Hall?

For more information please ring Pat Toole (Chairman) 01926 632874.

The Parish Hall Management Committee wish to thank Susan Hayward-Brown, who made such a difference while cleaning our hall. We are so sorry for the sad circumstances that made it necessary for her to return to Canada.

The committee is now looking for someone to carry on her work.

Susan cleaned the hall once a week, at a time to suit her. If you can help, at a rate of pay to be negotiated, please contact Pat Toole (Chairman) 01926 632874.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

My Dear Friends,

Shalom.

We are entering into a time of waiting for the arrival of Christmas – the coming of Jesus to earth when he was born as a baby at Bethlehem about two thousand years ago.

Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness. If we look all around at what is happening all over the world, it sometimes looks dark and gloomy.

One of our Bible readings this quarter was about the destruction of the temple and signs of the end time. In Mark chapter 13, Jesus encouraged us not to be alarmed because the end is not yet. Jesus talks about rumours of war, earthquakes, famines, and nations and kingdoms rising against each other. All of these bring great pain.

As we journey into advent, we must remember that Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus, went through child birth pains to bring to us our redeemer Jesus Christ.

I would like us to encourage one another in the dark times, whatever they maybe in our lives at this point in time, and trust in the hope and joys that come with Christmas. And not forgetting to continue waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ's second coming.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with good health and Blessings.

Shalom,

Charity

Remember in Prayer:

We thank Susan Hayward-Brown for contributing the prayers in the October/November edition of Broadwell Mail. We were sorry to learn that Susan and Cheryl have had to return to their home in Canada earlier than planned due to the death of Susan's father.

In our prayers we remember all who are mourning the loss of loved ones and think especially of Susan and her family, and the family of Frances Whitehall.

We also think of the families and friends of those who lost their lives in

the horrific terrorist attack in Paris.

We remember those suffering hardship and deprivation in the war-torn countries around the world, and the refugees flooding into Europe. We pray for hope for all in desperate situations – and for peace.

As we draw near to Christmas, let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves: those who are unable to join in the celebrations; the homeless and those on the margins of society who rely on charitable organisations to exist.

Lord, in your mercy – hear our prayers.

**Broadwell Methodist
Church**

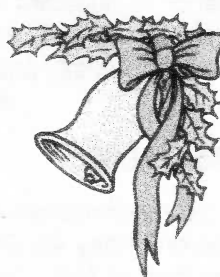


*Christmas
Carol
Service*

**Sunday 20th December
6.30pm**

Led by Rev David Collinson

**All are welcome
Please stay for coffee**



Fun-filled Broadwell morning:

Messy Church, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, is on the second Saturday of each month. The next one is on Saturday 12th December from 10am to 11.30am.

Messy Church appeals to 4-11 year olds. However, siblings will be most welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This can be mum, dad, childminder or grandparent.

The session will involve a variety of fun, themed craft activities (often messy!) and the session will finish with a snack and a drink.

There will be a charge of 50p per child. If you would like to help, or want more information, please contact Rachel Astley on 01926 812994 or The Rev'd Jane Close on 01788 899226.

Broadwell 100 Club:

Winning numbers in the most recent 100 Club draws were:

July, 98, Alison Deeming;
August, 60, Sheila Olorenshaw;
September, 87, Ian Calder;
October, 54, Joy Bicknell.

A total of 72 numbers were sold giving a total prize fund of £216. This resulted in monthly prizes of £36.

Martin Wibberley.

Victory Hall:

This year's Christmas Prize Bingo will be on Friday 4th December. Eyes down at 7pm! Refreshments will be provided in the interval.

We hope to see you there. Proceeds

from this event go towards the hall's running costs and annual overheads.

Don't forget you can hire the hall for your own events. Just contact Martin Wibberley on 01926 817967.

Stuart Barrie.

Joint Songs of Praise

Service – advance notice:

On Tuesday 2nd February 2016 you are invited to join in a joint Methodist/Anglican 'Songs of Praise' evening at 7.30pm.

The service will be held at Broadwell Methodist Church.

You are warmly invited to come and join us to sing some of your favourite hymns.

Healing Services:

The next healing service will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15th December in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell.

The first healing service in the New Year is on Tuesday 19th January.

All are welcome.

Last post:

Don't be caught out by the last days for posting Christmas cards. Full details available online at:

www.royalmail.com/greetings

Key dates in December are: 4th, Africa, Middle East; 8th, Caribbean, Central/South America; 10th, NZ, Greece, Australia; 15th, Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA; 19th, UK, 2nd class; 21st, UK, 1st class.

Frances Whitehall – 20th February 1932-24th September 2015

Frances was the middle child of a family of seven brothers and sisters and was closer to her three younger siblings as she was able to boss them around! But when she and Michael were evacuated together from Yardley in Birmingham during the war, it was her feisty nature that came to the forefront on the day they decided they'd had enough and ran away from their host family!

She attended convent school. At the age of eight, decided she wanted to be a nun – a calling she didn't take up, much to the delight of daughter, Jayne and son, Nicholas. But in June 1949, Frances did answer a calling. She joined the Land Army and was billeted in Southam where, at a dance, she met the handsome young son of a local farmer. A few days later, excitedly waiting for Gerald to pick her up for their first date, she thought he would arrive in a car. Instead, he turned up with a horse and cart. Frances was not amused! But his cheery smile soon won her over and they never looked back!

During her time in the Land Army, Frances made some very good friends. She remained in touch with many of them for more than 50 years. She loved to tell the story of when she called a strike on a local farm because the farmer wanted the girls to pick potatoes in a muddy field in November's horrendous conditions. Another example of 'Feisty Frances'!

But her family knew that her bark was much worse than her bite: "She was like a soft-centred chocolate – hard on the outside and soft in the middle," says Jayne. "To all of her many friends she was very loyal, very generous and shared a great sense of humour. Never one to shy away from giving her opinion, much to my father's unease at times, mother was strong minded and *never suffered fools gladly.*"

Frances and Gerald enjoyed a wonderful marriage which lasted 54 years. She was always very proud and protective of her children and grandchildren. When Gerald died five years ago her family realised that it wasn't Frances who had worn the trousers in the relationship. "Father took care of everything," says Jayne. "The only bills mother paid were the milkman and the newspapers. She was lost without him..." But Frances was supported by her family, friends and neighbours, who kept an eye on her and made sure she was never alone on days that mattered. She loved to take her daily constitutional walks through Broadwell and catch up with all the local news and dramas, waving greetings with her walking stick.

Frances was the life and soul of many a party and was often at her most humorous when she didn't realise it. "Mother planned her wake meticulously," says Jayne. "Including the platters from Sainsbury's. She wanted as many of her friends and family as possible to be there. Mother always enjoyed a party!"

** I am indebted to Jayne, Frances's daughter, for help in writing this tribute – Editor.*

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2015

A huge thank-you to everyone who filled shoeboxes, gave items to include in the boxes or who donated money. A total of 36 boxes have been sent to the Team4U co-ordinator in Rugby and a total of £165 sent to the charity. A magnificent effort for a small community!

A special thank-you to Kathleen Tormalin, from Upper Boddington, who knitted dozens of hats, mittens, dolls' outfits and teddy bears for our boxes.

My only disappointment this year was that shoe shops were unable to provide sufficient boxes for me to fill... So if you would be good enough to save ALL your shoe boxes acquired throughout 2016, I'd be very grateful. You can drop them in at Hawthorn Cottage at any time.

Once again, my sincere thanks for all your contributions this year.

Chrissy Read.



Christmas post box:

The Christmas post box will again be in the Chapel porch from December 5th to enable you to have your cards delivered around Broadwell village and to those living outside the village, who normally attend the chapel. We regret we are unable to deliver outside the area.

If you are unable to get to the Chapel, but would like to use the post box,

please hand your cards to a member of our congregation who will post them for you. The last opportunity to post your cards for delivery before Christmas will be Tuesday 17th December.

To make sure your cards are delivered correctly please write the full name and address on the



envelope as there are families with the same surname in the village.

In lieu of the cost of posting by Royal Mail we invite you to make a donation to Action for Children, (NCH). Your donation can be in a sealed envelope and posted in the box or given to Glenys or Sylvia.

Christmas Services at Broadwell Methodist Church:

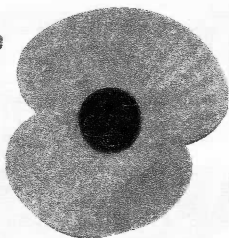
Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm. The service will be led by The Rev'd David Collinson. Coffee will be served after the service.

Please note there will be no morning service on 20th December.

The traditional Christmas morning service at 10.30am will be led by Mr John Kay. This is a short family service. We look forward to seeing many of you at our special Christmas services and assure everyone of a warm welcome.

Poppy Appeal in LH:

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Poppy Appeal this year. We collected a total of £90.81, which was £50 down on last year.



However, I know that many of you donated via other collection boxes and, hopefully, I will have poppies much earlier next year!

Irrespective of where you made your gift to the Royal British Legion, my sincere thanks for your donation.

Valerie Smith.

Anglican services, events &

news. (Services at All Saints unless otherwise stated).

December:

- 5th Wolfhamcote 4pm Carol Service
- 6th 11am Holy Communion
Willoughby 4pm Benefice
Christingle Service
- 12th Messy Church 10am at CofGS
Broadwell
- 15th 7.30pm Healing Service CofGS
Broadwell
- 17th 7.30pm LH Carol Service
- 20th 10.30am Benefice Communion
- 24th 11pm Holy Communion
- 25th Grandborough 9am
Flecknoe 10.30am
- 27th Willoughby 10.30am Benefice
Communion

January:

- 3rd 11am Holy Communion
- 17th 9am Holy Communion
- 19th 7.30pm Healing Service CofGS
Broadwell
- 24th 4pm Afternoon Worship
- 31st 10.30am Grandborough
Benefice Holy Communion

Dates for your diaries:

December:

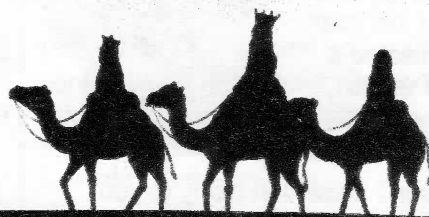
- 4th Christmas Prize Bingo, 7pm,
Broadwell Victory Hall.
- 5th Postbox for village Christmas
cards opens in Chapel porch.
- 9th Coffee Morning, Broadwell
methodist Church Schoolroom,
10.30am until 12-noon.
- 9th Book Exchange, Victory Hall,
7.30pm-9.30pm.
- 12th Messy Church at the CoGS,
Broadwell. 10am-11.30am.
- 16th Over 60s Club Christmas
Lunch, The Great Western,
Deppers Bridge.
- 17th Last chance to use postbox in
Chapel porch for village
Christmas cards.
- 20th Christmas Carol Service,
6.30pm Broadwell Methodist
Church.
- 25th Christmas Day Family Service at
10.30am, Broadwell Methodist
Church.

January:

- 911th LH Parish Council meeting,
7pm, LH Parish Hall.
- 13th Coffee Morning, Broadwell
Methodist Church Schoolroom,
10.30am until 12-noon.
- 13th Book Exchange, Victory Hall,
7.30pm-9.30pm
- 12th Messy Church, Church of the
Good Shepherd, 10am-11.30am
- 15th Healing service, Church of the
Good Shepherd, 7.30pm
- 22nd **Deadline for all copy for
February/March edition of
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- 27th Over 60s Club AGM, 2pm, at
LH Parish Hall.

PREACHERS AT THE CHAPEL IN DECEMBER & JANUARY 2016

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



Dec 6th	Mr Keith Hiscock.
Dec 13th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika.
Dec 20th	At 6-30pm, Carol Service, The Rev'd David Collinson
Dec 25th	At 10-30am – Christmas Day Family Service – Mr John Kay. All welcome.
Dec 27th	The Rev'd Jane Gaffney.
Jan 3rd	Local Arrangements.
Jan 10th	Covenant Service, The Rev'd Charity Madenyika.
Jan 17th	Mrs Margaret Geldart.
Jan 24th	Mr Derek Lill. At 6-30pm, Circuit Service at RMCC, The Rev'd Steve Wild, President of Conference.
Jan 31st	The Rev'd Rob Anning.

Flower rota

December:

6th	Gladys Collett
13th	Evelyn Royans
20th	Christmas flowers
27th	Christmas flowers

January 2016:

3rd	Christmas flowers
10th	Sylvia Toole
17th	Daphne Morgan
24th	Sharon Barnes
31st	Valerie Bostock

Cleaning rota

December:

5th	Angela Woolliscroft
12th	Rosemary Chapman
19th	Sheila Olorenshaw
26th	Sylvia Toole

January 2016:

2nd	Freda Slater
9th	Valerie Bostock
16th	Wendy Williamson
23rd	Sharon Barnes
30th	Alison Deeming

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