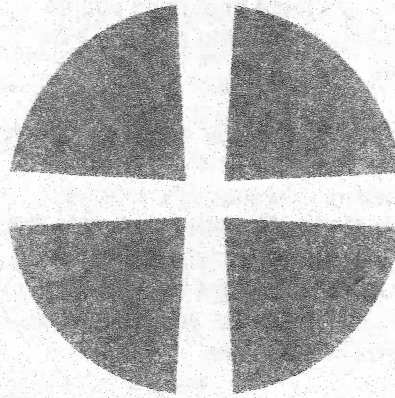


Broadwell mail

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**December 2016 &
January 2017**



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor

Welcome to the first and last! This issue is the last for 2016 and also the first for 2017. So it goes without saying that everyone associated with producing your *Broadwell Mail* (and there are more than most people realise!) wishes you a happy New Year.

I must end the year offering a couple of apologies... Firstly, the report of Broadwell Summer Show arrived from Martin Wibberley in ample time for inclusion in October/November's issue, but somehow I managed to omit it... However, you will see his words in this issue.

Secondly (and I'm relieved that this wasn't my fault!) we gave the wrong date for the Victory Hall coffee morning and book sale in October. The date we were given was, subsequently, changed. Unfortunately, we were not advised.

We are pleased the event went well and Martin has written a short report for this issue.

Please keep your news coming during 2017 and we'll do our very best to include the details.

Keith Read.
Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

December: 4th, Isaiah 11 vv 1-10 & Matthew 3 vv 1-12; 11th, Isaiah 35 vv 1-10 & Matthew 11 vv 3-11; 18th, Isaiah 7 vv 10-16 & Matthew 1 vv 18-25; 25th, Isaiah 52 vv 7-10 & John 1 vv 1-4.

Your news for February & March edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by Thursday 19th January at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 28th January.

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.

January: 1st, Jeremiah 31 vv 7-14 & John 1 vv 1-8; 8th, Isaiah 42 vv 1-9 & Matthew 3 vv 13-17; 15th, Isaiah 49 vv 1-7 & John 1 vv 29-42; 22nd, Isaiah 9 vv 1-4 & Matthew 4 vv 12-23; 29th, Micah 6 vv 1-8 & Matthew 5 vv 1-12.

Remember in Prayer:

As Christmas approaches let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves and think of those who do not know the true meaning of Christmas; those who through no fault of their own are unable to join in the celebrations; the homeless; those without work, who have lost their dignity and hope for the future, and those who through failing health have had to leave their own homes.

We remember those suffering the loss of loved ones and for whom this time of year brings particularly

poignant memories, thinking especially of Mary Field and her family and Irene Woodward and her family.

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

We trust that our prayers may bring hope and comfort to those in need.

Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayers.

Thanks:

Arthur and Glenys thank you for your good wishes for Arthur's recovery. We very much appreciate the help we have received and continue to receive, especially with transport for shopping and to medical appointments.

Arthur is receiving excellent medical care and making good progress.

Coffee mornings:

Our next coffee mornings will be on Wednesday December 14th and Wednesday January 11th at 10.30am until 12-noon. If you are free on these mornings we invite 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, when all are welcome. Do join us for coffee/tea, light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

Over Sixties' Club:

In place of the usual monthly meeting, the Over Sixties' Christmas Lunch will be at the King's Head, Napton, on Wednesday, December 14th, at 12-noon.

Our January meeting, at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall, is on 25th and will be the AGM, followed by a game or two of bingo. The meeting begins at 2pm.

As always we welcome visitors and new members to our meetings, which are normally held at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall on the last Wednesday of the month.

Can you help?

Volunteer Drivers are urgently required, especially in the Rugby area, which covers our Parish.

This service is available to all who have difficulty in finding transport to attend medical appointments. Many elderly and disabled people rely on this service but, sadly, due to lack of drivers transport is not always available, causing much anxiety to the patients.

Drivers of all ages with a full UK driving licence and suitable vehicle will be considered. The hours are to suit the driver and mileage is paid. Users of the service pay 45p per mile plus a £2 administration fee.

If you wish to book a driver the number to ring is 01788 561293 (CARVA) or if you feel you could offer your services as a driver please phone 01926 412600.

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

Dear All,

It is Advent time again. The year has gone so fast!

We, as the Church, offer the world an alternative to all the hustle and commotion and hectic activity that surrounds us. That alternative is Advent, when we are invited to look inward to our hearts and souls, as well as to the externals, as we prepare for the festivities of Christmas. Advent helps us to focus on what is truly important about Christmas and, during the hustle and excitement, Advent calls on us to slow down, to take time for ourselves and family and to find ways to reach out and help our neighbours and those in need. Above all, Advent asks us to be attentive to the God who comes to us in so many unexpected ways.

I love the four weeks of Advent, with its special hymns and carols, when our church and homes become greener and more-sparkling by the week as we add the Christmas tree, candles, lights, and other decorations. Amid shorter days and increased darkness, it is certainly no coincidence that, from the earliest days, Christians have always looked to Christ – the light – shining in the darkness of human character. Let us continue *'Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God'*. (Hebrews 12:2).

'For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this'. (Isaiah 9:6-7).

For some of you I will not meet with you during busy time. I wish you all a Blessed and a happy Advent, Christmas and New Year.

Shalom,

Rev'd. Charity.

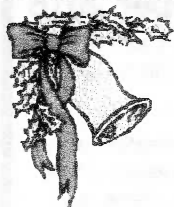
Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2016:

A huge thank-you to everyone who made up shoeboxes, donated items to include in the boxes and made donations towards the cost of shipping. Also, thanks to the Victory Hall for opening its porch on Friday 18th November. A total of 47 'Broadwell Boxes' are now on their way to underprivileged children in Eastern Europe.

On behalf of those children, and the Teams4U organisation, may I offer sincere thanks and wish you a very happy Christmas.

I know that your kindness and efforts will make 'our' 47 youngsters very happy...

Chrissy Read.



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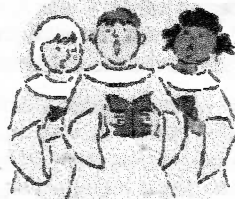
Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 18th December 6.30pm

Led by The Rev'd Charity Madenyika

All are welcome

*Please stay for coffee
after the service*



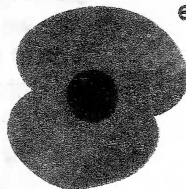
More from the editor:

Belated congratulations to our Chapel secretary, Sylvia Toole, on a 'significant' birthday in October... We hope you celebrated in style!

In common with so many Members, Sylvia does a huge amount of behind-the-scenes work that goes unsung. To name individuals is always invidious. But it is right to highlight what is done and extend our thanks. Which is why I'd also like to say thank-you to those who smoothly organise our yearly Harvest celebrations, particularly the Supper. Sad circumstances meant that some of the stalwarts, who have readily done so much in the past, were not on hand this year. To them we continue to send our deep sympathy; and to those who ensured that Harvest Supper was again an evening to remember, we send sincere thanks.

LH Poppy Appeal:

The weather was kind and I was able to go round the village on the first Saturday. I collected over £60 – more than last year – with a grand total of £156.39 from the village,



even though many of you were out when I called. Thank you all for your generosity in donating to the Appeal, especially those who separately Gift-Aid to the Royal British Legion.

Valerie Smith.

Gordon Woodward: 30th April 1928 - 4th October 2016

Not many men who include fishing among their hobbies and pastimes can claim to have landed themselves a family home from a day sitting on the banks of the Oxford Canal. But Gordon could!

It was in 1966 that he found himself not far from the Boat Inn and in conversation with a local resident, Sylvia Noon, about the canal and the wonderful local countryside... how different it was to his home in Coventry... how nice it would be for his wife, Irene, and family... *"Why don't you come and live here," she asked. "There's actually a house in Broadwell that's vacant."*

Almost half a century later, Gordon would make no secret of the fact that it was the best move he ever made and that he never once had any regrets about moving into No 1 Jubilee Cottages overlooking The Green.

Gordon was one of nine siblings and he and Irene, to whom he was married for 65 years, had six children – Sue, Colin, Martin, Jonathan, Gordon Jnr and Simon, who was born with Down's Syndrome. Irene and Gordon lovingly cared for Simon, 24/7, until he died in December 2013. At the same time, Gordon – who was known for his gentle, placid and caring nature – was looking after Irene whose health had deteriorated with the onset of dementia. Despite putting 100 per cent into his care for Irene, it became too much and she moved Sedlescombe Park, Rugby, a specialist dementia care home.

Living alone – even in Jubilee Cottage with his beloved and well-tended garden – did not suit Gordon, who was very much a family man. And so, in 2015, a room was found for him in Sedlescombe Park where he could be close to Irene. Gordon greatly enjoyed his time there. For a change it was he who received the care, although he still made himself busy and helpful collecting cups and taking them to the kitchen! *"It's the best,"* he said of his new home. *"Everyone is so lovely,"* he told family and friends. Today, Irene remains in Sedlescombe Park.

Military service during World War 2 saw Gordon in the RAF, driving trucks in North Africa. In civilian life he had turned his hand to a number of jobs including working in the car industry in Coventry, at Midshire Farmers at Stockton and for Rugby Cement.

One of the highlights of his life came on his 75th birthday with a surprise flight when his next-door neighbour – professional pilot Ian Sixsmith – took him aloft in his light aircraft.

At the end of September 2016, Gordon became unwell and was admitted to hospital where he died a few days later. His funeral service was held at Broadwell Methodist Church on Tuesday 25th October.

Keith Read

Christmas greetings!

The Read family wish all their friends and neighbours a joyful Christmas and a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year.

As in previous years we are doing something charitable and beneficial for the local community in lieu of

sending Christmas cards to people who we see, and can greet, on almost a daily basis. Last year we bought a new Union Jack for the flag-pole on The Green. This year we are making donations to the Victory Hall and Broadwell Methodist Chapel.

From Martin Wibberley:

The Coffee Morning at the Victory Hall was quite successful, with a total income of £78. This was made up of £23 from the raffle, £12-50 from the books and bric-a-brac and £42-50 from the coffee and teas.

Many thanks to all of you who attended and made the event a success. Your support is always appreciated.

Summer Show:

For so many years we have been lucky with the weather at the Summer Show. Unfortunately, this year our luck ran out. All the days building up to the show and the days following it were very pleasant. But Saturday was not.

Volunteers and committee members in full wet-proofs valiantly set everything up on Saturday morning, and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work. Without them we would not have a show.

Obviously the weather meant that the number of people attending was not as many as normal, although by the time the auction started the main marquee was surprisingly full.

A draft set of accounts has been drawn up by our Treasurer, and these show that we made a modest profit of just over £130, quite a bit down on the £580 of last year, although the sales from the auction remained about the same.

Our chosen charity this year is Molly Olly's Wishes, who support children who have life-threatening and terminal illnesses. At our AGM the

committee approved a donation to the charity. You can find out more about Molly Olly's Wishes on:

<http://www.mollyolly.co.uk>

As a final note, I would like to thank all the committee, all the volunteers who help set up and run the show, all the stall holders and advertisers who support us and last, but by no means least, all of you who come and support us on the day.

Martin.

Christmas Services at Broadwell Methodist Church:

On Sunday, December 18th the Rev'd Charity Madenyika will lead our Carol Service at 6.30pm.

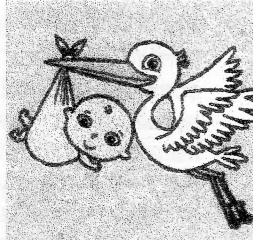
Please note there will be no morning service on the 18th.

On Christmas morning, the Rev'd Charity will be back in Broadwell to lead our Christmas morning service, which will start at 10.30am.

We look forward to seeing you at our special Christmas services and assure you of a warm welcome.

Congratulations!

Sincere congratulations to Christian and Nicola Fairburn on the birth of their daughter, Esme Jeanne, on 13th November – this year's Remembrance Sunday.



Esme, who arrived in Warwick Hospital and weighed 7lbs 5ozs, and Nicola are now back at Spier Hall where Esme is 'doing well'.

Christmas Post Box:

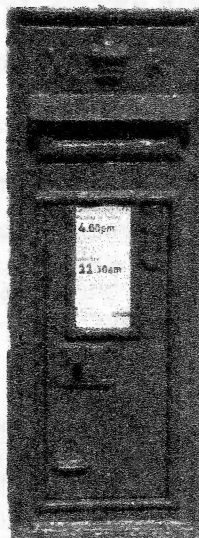
The Christmas Post Box will be in the Chapel porch from November 27th to enable you to have your cards delivered around Broadwell Village and to those living outside the village, who normally attend the chapel.

We regret we are unable to deliver outside this 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 the congregation who will post them for you.

The last opportunity to post your cards in the box will be Thursday, December 15th for delivery before Christmas.

To ensure your cards are delivered correctly, please write both the address and the name on the envelopes as there are families in the village whose surnames are duplicated.

In lieu of the cost of posting by Royal Mail, we invite you to make a donation in appreciation of this service. Put your contribution in a sealed envelope and post it in the box with your cards, or hand it to Sylvia or Glenys. Donations will then be sent to a children's charity.



Parish Hall Concert:

A highly-successful concert, arranged by the LH Parish Hall management committee on Friday 18th November, raised £675 toward the proposed improvements to the hall. An audience of more than 85 parishioners and friends were entertained by Rugby Male Voice Choir.

Pat Toole, Chairman of the committee, said: "We always welcome the support of those attending our annual concert and we know from the comments we receive that the evening is much enjoyed and greatly appreciated. I'd like to thank all those who helped to arrange the concert, those who prepared the magnificent refreshments and, of course, the choir."

Grandborough Concert:

Grandborough Methodist Church's Christmas Band Concert is on Saturday 10th December at 7pm. Everyone is invited to enjoy Christmas music with the Dunchurch Silver Band who will be playing in Grandborough Village Hall.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a collection for NCH Action for Children.

Your support appreciated:

From Mary Harrison and Helen Keeves... We wish to thank everyone who supported our fund-raising event for Breast Cancer held at Marton village hall on Saturday 1st October when £1,231 was raised. We could not have done this without your generosity. Thank you!

Anglican services & events.

(Services at All Saints, unless otherwise stated).

Carol Concert Wolfhampcote:

Make a note in your diaries for the Carol Concert to be held on 10th December at 4pm at Wolfhampcote. Wrap up warm and bring a candle.

LH Carol Service:

We have decided to hold our Carol Service this year on Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm. As usual we will be providing mince pies and a glass of mulled wine after the service for all who can stay

Dates for December:

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| 1st | 4-30pm, Grandborough Messy Church. |
| 4th | 11am, Holy Communion. |
| 4th | 4pm Willoughby Benefice Christingle Service. |
| 10th | 10am, Messy Church at CoGS, Broadwell. |
| 15th | 7.30pm, LH Carol Service |
| 18th | 9am, Holy Communion. |
| 20th | 7.30pm, Healing Service at CoGS, Broadwell. |
| 24th | 11pm, Christmas Eve Holy Communion. |
| 25th | 9am, Christmas Day service, Flecknoe. |
| 25th | 10.30am, Christmas Day service, Grandborough. |

Dates for January:

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| 1st | 11am, Leamington Hastings. |
| 15th | 9am, Holy Communion. |
| 22nd | 4pm, Afternoon worship. |
| 29th | 10.30am, Benefice service, Grandborough. |

Ecumenical Songs of Praise Service:

Here's an advanced date for your 2017 diaries...

On Tuesday, 7th February, you are invited to a joint Anglican and Methodist 'Songs of Praise' service at 7.30 pm at Broadwell Methodist Church.

Come and join us singing some favourite hymns.

LH Churchyard clear-up:

A big thank you to all those who have generously worked hard transforming the churchyard over the last two months – it has made an amazing difference.

Jane.

Dates for your diary:

December:

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| 10th | Grandborough Christmas band concert, village hall, 7pm. |
| 14th | Coffee morning, Chapel school room, 10-30 until 12-noon. |
| 14th | Over 60s' Christmas lunch, 12-noon, King's Head, Napton. |
| 15th | Last day to use the Chapel post box for local card deliveries. |
| 18th | At 6-30pm, Carol Service, Broadwell Chapel. |
| 25th | At 10-30am, Christmas Day family service, Broadwell Chapel. |

January:

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| 11th | Coffee morning, Chapel school room, 10-30 until 12-noon. |
| 19th | Deadline for copy for February & March Broadwell Mail. |
| 25th | Over 60s Club AGM and bingo, LH Parish Hall, 2pm. |

February:

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| 7th | Joint Methodist/Anglican <i>Songs of Praise</i> , Broadwell Chapel, 7.30pm. |
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PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY 2017

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



Dec	4th	Mr Andrew Brown
Dec	11th	The Rev'd Ian Rennie.
Dec	18th	At 6-30pm , our Carol Service, led by the Rev'd Charity Madenyika. NB: No morning service today.
Dec	25th	At 10-30am , Christmas Day Family Service, led by The Rev'd Charity Madenyika.
Jan	1st	Mr John Wright.
Jan	8th	The Rev'd Andy Hardwick.
Jan	15th	Miss Gillian Glenn.
Jan	22nd	The Rev'd Rob Anning.
Jan	29th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika.

Flower rota

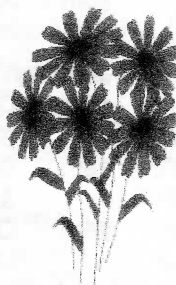
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December:

11th	Wendy Williamson
18th	Christmas Flowers
25th	Christmas Flowers

January:

1st	Christmas Flowers
8th	Joyce Latham
22nd	Glenys Caunter



Cleaning rota

December:

3rd	Sharon Barnes
10th	Rachel Sensecall
17th	Alison Deeming
24th	Angela Woollicroft
31st	Rosemary Chapman

January:

7th	Sylvia Toole
14th	Freda Slater
21st	Valerie Bostock
28th	Wendy Williamson

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