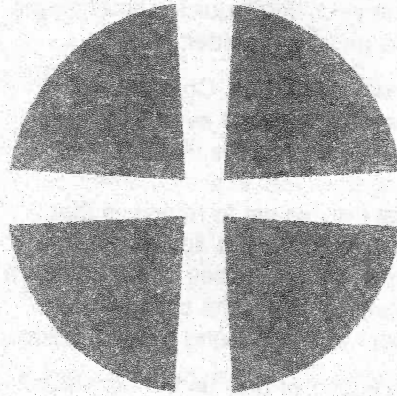


Broadwell mail

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**December 2017 &
January 2018**



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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From the Editor

As I prepare this edition for printing at Paddox Methodist Church (whose excellent and cost-effective printing service is available to anyone) there are fewer than six weeks to the end of the year. How quickly time seems to go as you get older.

When I was a boy, Christmas seemed to take for ever to come round. And I guess that today's youngsters feel exactly the same. What they've yet to realise is that when they become adults and have all the responsibilities of preparing for Christmas – and the costs! – it will appear to come round all-too quickly...

But, young or old, 'tis the season of goodwill – although I wish that could last for everyone throughout the year. So it simply remains for me to wish, on behalf of everyone who helps or contributes to producing your copy of *Broadwell Mail*, a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Keith Read.

Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

December: 3rd, Isaiah 64 vv 1-9 & Mark 13 vv 24-37; **10th**, Isaiah 40 vv 1-11 & Mark 1 vv 1-8; **17th**, Isaiah 61 vv 1-4 & 8-11 & John 1 vv 6-8 & 19-28; **24th**, 2 Samuel 7 vv 1-11 & 16 & Luke 1 vv 26-38; **25th** Isaiah 52 vv 7-10 & John 1 vv 1-14; **31st**, Isaiah 61 v 10-ch 62 vv 3 & Luke 2 vv 22-40.

January 7th: Genesis 1 vv 1-5 & Mark 1 vv 4-11; **14th**, 1 Samuel 3 vv 1-20 & John 1 vv 43-51; **21st**, Jonah 3 vv 1-5 & 10 & Mark 1 vv 14-20; **28th**, Deuteronomy 18 vv 15-20 & Mark 1 vv 21-28.

Your news for the February/March edition:

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

Remember in Prayer:

We pray for those who are ill or anxious, at home or in hospital, continuing to remember especially Charles Olorenshaw and Gladys Collett.

We think of those coming to terms with the death of loved ones, thinking especially of the families of Adrian Denham and Sylvia Noon.

We pray for justice and peace throughout the world and fair distribution of the necessities of life.

As the events in Zimbabwe unfold, we think of everyone in, or from, that nation, especially the family and friends of our Minister, the Rev'd Charity Madenyika. We pray that the changes bring peace, happiness and better living conditions.

As Christmas draws near we remember those who will never know the true meaning of Christmas; all who are

lonely; those, who through no fault of their own are homeless, cold and hungry.

We remember those who find it difficult to cope with the festivities of Christmastime; those who are housebound and those for whom memories of past Christmases bring only sadness.

May joy and peace be with you throughout Christmas and the coming year.

Lord, in Your Mercy – Hear our Prayers.

Over Sixties' Club:

Our Over Sixties' Christmas lunch will be on December 1st at 'The Friendly Inn' at Frankton, when we hope as many members as possible will be able to join us. Details will be circulated. There is no other meeting in December.

On Wednesday, January 31st we will hold our AGM at 2pm at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall when we invite members to review the meetings of the past year and welcome ideas for future programmes.

New members and friends are welcome to join us at any of our meetings, which are normally held at Leamington Hastings Parish Hall.

Coffee mornings:

Our next Coffee Mornings will be held on December 13th and January 10th at the usual time of 10.30am until 12-noon.

We are delighted to see anyone who

cares to join us at Broadwell Methodist Chapel Schoolroom on the second Wednesday of the month, if only for a short time, for coffee or tea, light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.



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

Chapel Christmas Services:

Our Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday 17th December at 6.30pm. The service will be led by The Rev'd Charity Madenyika. Coffee will be served after the service. **Please note there will be no morning service on Sunday 17th.**

Our 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 you of a warm



MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

Dear Friends,

What are you waiting for?

As I am preparing for Advent and Christmas, and reflecting on what is going on in our world, I came across this letter. I immediately felt a desire to share it with you because, just as I have lots of things I want to tell God and express to Him how I'm feeling, you too might have the same needs... Who knows? God might turn and bless our world.

As you read this letter – which was prompted by the anger and frustration caught in the words of Isaiah 64, verses 1 to 9 – please remember to add your name at the end.

A letter to God.

I hardly know what to say, God. I'm so sad – so completely and utterly sad. I read the paper today, Lord, looked at a news site on the internet. It depresses me beyond words. I look at the world, at my country, and I don't know where it's all heading. I'm frightened, dear friend, really, really scared. Random violence lurking just below the surface everywhere I go. It can happen anywhere at any time – young people knifed, gunned down in the street, babies left motherless, war and madness everywhere I look. We are mad, Lord, completely and utterly mad. It's not just that we behave as though there is no God, we behave as though nothing matters – nothing but ourselves. In fact, often people don't even treat themselves as though they matter or as though they're precious and wonderful and lovely in your eyes. How you must weep.

How the hot tears of sadness and anger must fall from the eyes of heaven. You are so holy, so full of love and compassion, how can you bear it? I'm frightened. I long for you, Lord. I want nothing more than to feel your presence and to sense your touch and to rest in your love. But I'm scared too. You are so loving, so far beyond me, so holy. I'm frightened, Lord. I will say, loving friend, more than once during this time of Advent, that you are with us. That's what this time is all about, isn't it? Celebrating your coming? I'm going to spend Advent preparing myself, getting myself ready for your coming. I'm going to say, 'God is with us.' When I say that Lord, am I really ready for what that means? For the demands that you may make? Because if I'm going to say it, I had better be ready for all it means. A changed life – a transformed world – big things, Lord: huge changes. Help me to be brave enough, strong enough to do what needs to be done.

Your friend (add your name here)

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed and healthy 2018.

Shalom,

Rev. Charity.

Sylvia Rose Noon

23rd September 1931 – 16th October 2017

Sylvia was born in Birmingham and lived her early life in the city. She came to rural life in, Broadwell, as a Land Girl working for Will Goode at Croftlands Farm. She lived with Will, and his wife Grace, at The Forge and quickly settled into village life.

She joined the Chapel choir and participated in most other local activities. Sylvia particularly enjoyed playing cricket and was an excellent bowler. It was not unusual to see her putting the male players to shame with her cricketing skills!

Through the choir she met, and married, Harold Noon. They started their married life at Harold's home, The Croft, opposite the Boat Inn.

Later they moved to Broadwell, firstly to The Green where their sons, David and Graham, were born and later to one of the two Lake View Cottages (now known as Hawthorn Cottage) in Hayway Lane. Eventually they moved back to the Croft.

Following Harold's death, Sylvia continued to live at The Croft for many years until she could no longer cope and moved to Eversleigh Care Home in Leamington, where she died on Monday 16th October.

Sylvia's funeral took place on Thursday 9th November at Rainsbrook Crematorium, Rugby.

We offer our condolences to David and Graham and all the family.

Glenys Caunter

Victory Hall's 100 Club is back in business!

After a short break, and a slight delay in collecting the money, the 100 Club has restarted with the first draw taking place in September. Apologies for the delay, but it is quite amazing how long it takes to get around to all the people who wish to enter, and find them in!

The total money collected for the first six months was £390. This results in a prize of £32.50 per month. As I type this there have been two draws, September and October. As usual, the results are published here in *Broadwell Mail*, on the village notice board on the Victory Hall and on the website:
www.broadwellvictoryhall.org.uk

Our winner in the September draw was Gig Sixsmith with the number 33.

And the winner of the October draw, with the number 64, was Joel Bennett.

Martin Wibberley

LH Silver Surfers' click for MacMillan Cancer Support

So many people came to support LH Silver Surfers' Big Coffee Morning in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support of Friday 29th September that extra tables and chairs had to be set up in LH Parish Hall so that everyone could be seated. The result was more than £350 was raised.

"It was a magnificent response by folk from the local communities," said Tony Noble, one of the co-organisers of LH Silver Surfers and the inspiration behind the group holding a Big Coffee Morning. "When I realised that the national Big Coffee Morning event co-incided with our regular Friday morning IT and computer session, it seemed the perfect excuse to switch off our laptops and iPads and turn on the coffee maker!"

"The number and variety of cakes donated by Members and friends – not to mention the huge array of prizes on the tombola stall – was truly amazing. It shows just how supportive people are of the good work that MacMillan Cancer Support undertakes. I want to thank everyone who supported our event in any way, either by attending, by donating cakes and tombola prizes or by coming along on the day. And I must pay a special tribute to the Members of LH Silver Surfers who enjoyed organising our Big Coffee Morning so much that they are definitely going to re-boot the event September 2018!"

Nationally, as at 21st November 2017, the Big Coffee Morning had raised in excess of £21-million with monies still coming in. LHSS's Big Coffee Morning contribution is likely to exceed £400 once the Gift Aid element of many of the donations is taken into account by the MacMillan charity

LH Silver Surfers meet, every Friday, from 9.30am until 11.30am, at LH Parish Hall. The group – which has now been running for more than 10 years – provides help, assistance and training in the use of computers, tablets and iPads to older folk. New members are welcome at any time. For information, call Keith on 01926 813603, Tony on 01788 312755 or Rose on 01926 634349.

Broadwell Striders' £100-plus:

Broadwell Striders – an informal group inspired by Linda Holmes and Bob Haynes – raised more than £100 for Children in Need from their BBC Country File Ramble on Sunday 15th October.

Fifteen 'striders' completed a full circuit of Draycote Water, walking five miles in the process. Their own donations, plus some sponsorship, exceeded £100. The money went toward the 2017 Country File Ramble target of beating last year's total of £1.5 million.

"Many thanks to everyone who took part and to those who sponsored us," said Bob. "Why not make a note in your diaries now to join us next year!"

Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

A very big thank-you to everyone who contributed to this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

We have delivered 52 boxes from Broadwell to Fred and Rachel Smith, our local co-ordinators, in Rugby.

This was made possible by your generous gifts of completed shoeboxes, contributions of toys, writing materials, knitted hats and gloves. Our thanks, too, for the many donations towards the costs of shipping the shoeboxes to their various destinations.

Teams4U volunteers will be transporting the shoeboxes to Eastern Europe and the Ukraine in the coming weeks.

Special thanks to the Victory Hall committee for opening the hall doors on 17th November to enable shoeboxes to be dropped off.

Chrissy Read.



LH Parish Hall AGM:

Leamington Hastings Parish Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, January 29th, at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

This is an open meeting and all who are interested are invited to attend.

Family Announcements:

FROM JOE BYERLEY AND FAMILY:

I would like to wish all my friends at Broadwell Methodist Church and the Broadwell Flower Show, a Merry

Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

FROM THE READ FAMILY:

Chrissy, Keith, Codie and Dora send season's greetings to all our friends and neighbours and wish everyone a very happy New Year.

In line with past years, we are making a donation in lieu of sending Christmas cards to people that we are fortunate enough to see on almost a daily basis. This year we are supporting the printing costs of Broadwell Mail with a donation to Broadwell Methodist Chapel.

Adrian Algernon Whittaker Denham

28th May 1945 – 31st October 2017

It was the M11 motorway that brought Adrian from Essex to Broadwell in 1991...! Had the then-new road not sliced through his farm at Wendens Ambo near Saffron Walden he would not have started the nation-wide search for a quiet and peaceful farm that discovered Broadwell House Farm being sold by Sam and Doreen Wadland. It turned out to be just right for Adrian and his wife Linda, and their daughter Nicola.

He actively farmed the land until 1997 when he entered into an agreement with John Bailey at Gibraltar Farm whereby John took over the day-to-day farming allowing Adrian to sell his machinery and concentrate on new ventures. These almost exclusively embraced the generous and charitable side of Adrian that he kept very much to himself and private.

Speaking of this, his close friend for more than half a century, the Rev'd Paul Robson - who conducted Adrian's funeral service at Broadwell Methodist Chapel on 17th October - said: "It seems he did not mind being known for being awkward, difficult or stubborn... But he did not like his good side being known. Yet, throughout his life, he was generous with both his money and his time."

He had been educated at Stowe School followed, later, by agricultural college in Cirencester from where he joined a land agency in Cambridge. At this time he met Linda. They went on to buy their farm in Essex where they built their home.

After moving to Broadwell, Adrian became heavily involved with Southam Lions, particularly their furniture sales. He'd learned French in Switzerland after leaving Stowe and was involved in Southam's twinning programme with Marolles-en-Hurepoix. He'd been involved with St John Ambulance in Essex and was a patriotic supporter of England and St George. Locally, when Rosemary Chapman stepped down as our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, Adrian stepped up and took over.

Although he had been born in London, Adrian and his sister were brought up in Yorkshire. He was very proud to call himself a Yorkshireman. Indeed, there are two white rose emblems on the wrought-iron gates across the drive to Broadwell House.

When Adrian inherited his mother's vintage Rolls-Royce he became deeply involved with the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts' Club and he and Linda hosted a number of club gatherings at Broadwell House Farm to raise money for the local Air Ambulance. Adrian also frequently travelled to Derby to help Rolls-Royce Heritage Trust members with various projects

It was one of his close friends from the Enthusiasts' Club, Martyn Warsop, who played the organ in the Chapel, which was full to overflowing with family, neighbours, the local farming community and friends and representatives from the many charities he supported.

Adrian's charitable work was interrupted towards the end of summer, 2016, when he was diagnosed with cancer. Despite seeking opinions from specialists, including doctors at the Royal Marsden Hospital, and undergoing a number of treatments, he died in Warwick Hospital on 31st October. Adrian was interred at a family burial site in Yorkshire on Monday, 20th November.

"The Editor is grateful to Linda Denham and Paul Robson for help in preparing this tribute."

Flower Show news – by Martin Wibberley

Since the Summer Show things have been quiet with the only event being the AGM held on the 14th November. As has been mentioned before, the number of people on the committee is now very small and we are always looking for people to join us. The Spring and Summer shows are in serious danger of dying out if we can't recruit a few more people, so if you would like to become a committee member please let me know. I will be very happy to let you know what it's all about and what it entails. But nothing is too arduous!

We are already planning events for 2018, so pop these dates in your diaries;

Pancake Bingo Friday 10th February

Spring Show Saturday 14th April

Summer Show Saturday 8th September

Coming in December – Horse Racing Night in the Victory Hall

The Flower Show Committee are putting on a 'Horse Racing Night' in the Victory Hall. It will be held at 7:30pm on Saturday 2nd of December. There is a lot of interest in it already, and it should be a great fun night for all the family. The event is free to come to and it will only cost £1 per race to place a bet on a horse. There will be light, and stronger, refreshment available and we really hope to see you there on the night.

The money raised will be split equally between the prize fund and the Flower Show to enable us to continue putting on the shows and supporting local charities. As you may know the Flower Show Committee and the Victory Hall Committee are raising funds to purchase a defibrillator for the Village. This could be a real life saver in the event of someone needing urgent treatment so your support will be benefiting the whole community.

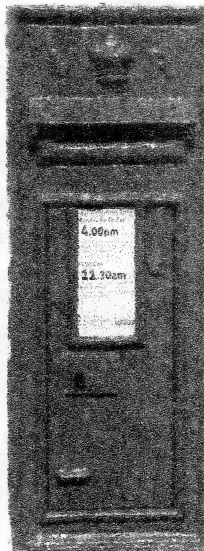
Broadwell Christmas Post Box

The Christmas post Box will again be in the Chapel porch from December 1st 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 Friday 15th December.

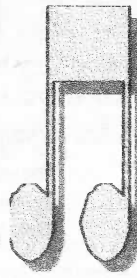
To make sure your cards are delivered correctly, please write the full name and address on the envelope as there are a number of families in the village with the same surname.

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 Caunter or Sylvia Toole.





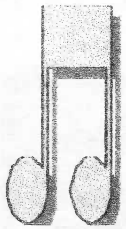
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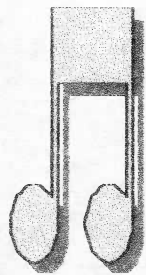
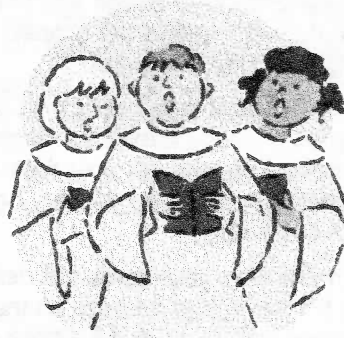
Carol Service.

Sunday 17th

December 6.30pm.



Led by the
Rev'd Charity
Madenyika.



All are
welcome.

Please stay for coffee.

Anglican services & events.

Services are at All Saints, unless otherwise stated.

DECEMBER:

- 3rd 9am, Holy Communion, Grandborough.
11am, Holy Communion, LH.
4pm, Benefice Christingle, Willoughby.
- 7th 4.30pm, Messy Church, Grandborough.
- 10th 9am, Holy Communion, Flecknoe.
11am, Family Service, Willoughby.
6pm, Evensong, Grandborough.
- 12th 7pm, Carol Service, LH.
- 17th 9am, Holy Communion, LH.
11am, WtW, Grandborough.
- 6pm Carol Service, Willoughby.
Carol Service, Flecknoe.
- 19th 7.30pm, Healing Service, CoGS, Broadwell.
- 22nd 1.30pm, School end-of-term Service, Willoughby.
- 24th 6pm, Carols by Candlelight, Grandborough.
11pm, Holy Communion, Willoughby.
11pm, Holy Communion, LH.
- 25th 9am, Christmas Celebration, Grandborough.
10.30am, Christmas Celebration, Flecknoe.
- 31st 10.30am, Benefice Communion, LH.

JANUARY:

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

- 21st 9am, Holy Communion, LH.
11am, WtW, Grandborough.
4pm, Evensong, Willoughby.
- 23rd 7.30pm, Healing Service, CoGS, Broadwell.
- 28th 9am, Breakfast Service, Flecknoe.
11am, Holy Communion, Willoughby.
4pm, Afternoon Worship, LH.

Dates for your diary:

December:

- 1st Over Sixties Club Christmas Lunch at The Friendly Inn.
- 7th 4.30pm, Messy Church at Grandborough.
- 13th Coffee morning, Chapel schoolroom, 10-30 until 12-noon.
- 17th Broadwell Chapel Carol Service at 6.30m.
- 19th 7.30pm, Healing Service, Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell.
- 25th 10.30am, short Christmas Day Family Service, Broadwell Chapel.

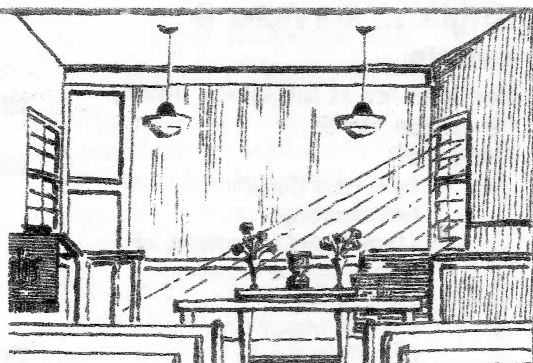
January:

- 10th Coffee morning, Chapel schoolroom, 10-30 until 12-noon.
- 23rd 7.30pm Healing service at the Church of the Good Shepherd.
- 31st 2pm, Over Sixties Club AGM at LH Parish Hall.

19th **Deadline for copy for February/March edition of Broadwell Mail.**

PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER 2017 & JANUARY 2018

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



Dec	3rd	Miss Gillian Glenn.
Dec	10th	Mr Keith Hiscock.
Dec	17th	At 6-30pm , our Carol Service, led by the Rev'd Charity Madenyika. NB: No morning service today.
Dec	24th	No Service today.
Dec	25th	At 10-30am , Christmas Day Family Service, led by Mr John Kay.
Dec	31st	Mr Peter Millington.
Jan	7th	The Rev'd David Collinson.
Jan	14th	Dr Peter Kent.
Jan	21st	Mr Derek Lill.
Jan	28th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Covenant Service.

Flower rota

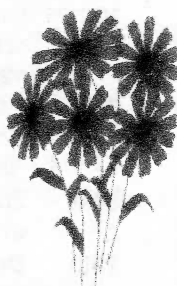
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December:

10th	Glenys Caunter
17th	Christmas Flowers
24th	Christmas Flowers
31st	Christmas Flowers

January:

7th	Alison Deeming
21st	Sheila Olorenshaw



Cleaning rota

December:

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

January:

6th	Alison Deeming
13th	Angela Woolliscroft
20th	Rosemary Chapman
27th	Sylvia Toole

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