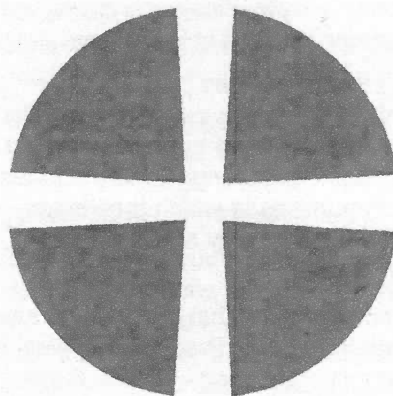


Broadwell mail

*Church and community
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**December 2019 &
January 2020**



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Minister: The Rev'd Charity Madenyika – 01455 203546

(Day off: Friday)

Steward: Mr Pat Toole – 01926 632874

From the Editor

A very warm Broadwell welcome to the families recently arrived. Carla and Andrew have relocated from the West Country to make *The Malt House* their new home while Toni and John had a much shorter move from Stockton to reside at *Washbrook House*.

We hope they find peace and enjoyment in our lovely community. Equally, we hope that Rachael and John and Julie and Richard find the communities to which they have moved as friendly and caring as Broadwell.

It occurs to me that there might have been other new Broadwell arrivals we haven't mentioned. It goes without saying that they, too, are warmly welcomed. Please forgive our oversight.

Keith Read.
Temporary Editor.

Suggested Bible Readings:

December: 1st, Isaiah 2 vv 1-5 & Matthew 24 vv 36-44; **8th**, Isaiah 11 vv 1-10 & Matthew 3 vv 1-12; **15th**, Isaiah 15 vv 1-10 & Matthew 11 vv 2-11; **22nd**, Isaiah 7 vv 10-16 & Matthew 1 vv 18-25; **29th**, Isaiah 63 vv 7-9 & Matthew 2 vv 13-23.

January: 5th, Jeremiah 31 vv 7-14 & John 1 vv 1-18; **12th**, Isaiah 42 vv 1-9 & Matthew 3 vv 13-19; **19th**, Isaiah 69 vv 1-7 & John 1 vv 29-42; **26th**, Isaiah vv 1-4 & Matthew 4 vv 12-23.

Remember in Prayer:

We pray for all who are ill or anxious at home or in hospital and those grieving over the loss of loved ones, thinking especially of Trish Ghavami

Your news for the

February/March edition:

Please ensure all news and contributions reach Keith Read by **Friday 17th January** at the very latest. Printing is scheduled for Saturday 25th January.

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 her family and friends. Also those who are feeling sad and lonely,

As Christmas approaches let us remember those less fortunate than ourselves; 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, also those who, through failing health, have had to leave their own homes.

We remember those whose lives are filled with fear and despair and those devastated by extreme weather.

As we approach the General Election we continue to pray for the leaders of our Nation, that they may work in peace and harmony and be guided to make the right decisions.

At Christmas time, help us to remember the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Jesus, that

we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

Lord, in Your Mercy, hear our prayers.

Coffee mornings:

Our next Coffee Mornings will be held on Wednesday December 11th and Wednesday January 8th at the usual time of 10.30am until 12-noon.

We are always delighted to see anyone who cares to join us at Broadwell Methodist Schoolroom, if only for a short time, for coffee/tea and 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. Do join us if you are able.

Christmas services:

On Sunday, December 15th the Rev'd Charity Madenyika will lead the 6.30pm Carol Service at Broadwell Methodist Church. All are welcome and please stay after the service for coffee/tea and mince pies.

Please note there is no morning service on Sunday, December 15th.

On Christmas morning we will once again welcome Mr John Kay to lead our short Christmas Day service at 10.30am. So in the words of one carol... *"Come and join the celebrations"* on this very special day.

Christmas Post Box:

The Christmas Post Box is in the Chapel porch to enable all of you to have your cards delivered around the

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.

Cards should be posted before Friday, December 13th to enable them to be sorted and delivered in good time for Christmas.

To ensure that your cards are delivered correctly, please write both the address **and** 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. Please put your contribution in a sealed envelope and post it in the box with your cards or hand it to Rosemary or Glenys. Your contributions will be donated to Action for Children (NCH).

Over Sixties' Club:

On Friday December 13th, In place of our meeting at the Parish Hall, members will be gathering at the Friendly Inn at Frankton for Christmas Lunch. Meet at 12-noon for 12.30pm.

On Wednesday, January 29th we will be holding our AGM at LH Parish Hall. Please note this meeting – and meetings throughout the winter months – begin at 2pm. New members and friends are always welcome.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D CHARITY MADENYIKA

Dear Church Family,

It has been a long time since I wrote to you. Life has been so full. Most of you are aware that I am almost five years in this station and it is time to move to another. I appreciate your prayers during this lengthy time. The process of our Church takes us through a process of prayer and discernment before matching with a circuit.

Also, some of you are aware also that my youngest son is preparing to get married in the New Year and, as a family, we are looking forward in anticipation to this day.

This is my story at the moment. It is filled with moments of waiting – waiting to be matched and stationed; waiting to celebrate my son's wedding. I don't know about you, but I am not very good at waiting... My perspective about waiting is that everything looks to me like 'delay' and, to the same extent, an indication not that I have to be patient with God but that God is having to be patient with me.

Waiting was already a theme that the Jews, before the time of Jesus, were pondering as they agonized over the endless wait for God's promises to be fulfilled. On 1st December Advent begins. For many of us Advent is a season reflected in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas and the return of Jesus at the Second Coming.

Have you ever waited and waited for something? The release of a new movie... a test result or diagnoses... the birth of a grandchild... or a family wedding or graduation? Sometimes, it feels like forever! But the reason you wait is because you have at least a little bit of hope that it *will* happen.

The Advent season is a time of waiting. During Advent we reflect on the hope of the Jewish people as they waited for their Messiah. And we wait, expectantly, for Jesus to come again and make the world right.

All the way back in Genesis the Bible establishes not only the need, but the prophecy, for the coming Savior. This leaves the Israelites in hopeful waiting. We are told that the Messiah, a descendent of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16), will be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2), yet called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1). We are told that a star will signify him (Numbers 24:17), and that he will be called names such as Prince of Peace and Wonderful Counsellor (Isaiah 9:6). I could go on. You can probably see why they were desperately waiting for this coming Messiah to enter into the world to save them from its brokenness.

My Prayer is that there is hope in waiting – and that hope is Jesus Immanuel.

God be with you. May the God of all time, in this season of darkness, of short days and long nights, draw you and me into His light. As we wait, let us join in any way we can with the Faithful throughout the world as we expectantly await your advent in our hearts.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Healthy 2020,

Reverend Charity Madenyika.

Grandborough Carol Concert:

Dunchurch Band will be giving a Christmas Concert in Grandborough Village Hall on Friday 13th December at 7-30pm. A collection in aid of Action for

Children (NCH) will be taken. Do come and join in with your favourite carols and enjoy refreshments during the interval.

Margaret Webster.

Babak (Bob) Ghavami

21st July 1955 – 1st November 2019

The funeral took place on Thursday 21st November at Rainsbrook Crematorium of our dear friend, Bob Ghavami, who died after enduring a long, asbestos-related, illness.

Bob, who came to the UK from his native Iran in 1974 as a 19-year-old to study, had lived at *Millbank*, Broadwell, with his wife Trish for 12 years. Moving to the village fulfilled his life-long dream of 'owning a little bit of England.'

Bob met Trish at a college dance and they were married in 1979. They have two daughters, Sarah and Leah, and three young grandchildren to whom Bob was devoted. "Family always came first with Bob," says Trish.

A skilled electrical engineer, Bob had worked at the innovative and pioneering J K Lasers in Rugby. When the company was taken over in 1982 by Lumonics he spent much of his time travelling overseas for the Canadian company that was the largest in the world of lasers. But in the early 1990s, together with a colleague from Lumonics, Bob fulfilled another long-held dream when he started his own company specialising in cutting and welding with lasers. Among his many customers were some of the country's blue-chip organisations.

Noted for 'never really switching off from work,' Bob found time with Trish to explore as much of the world as he could. He loved travelling and he greatly enjoyed cruises. He also loved to walk and was often seen striding through the village, with Trish, frequently stopping to chat with the many friends the couple made in the community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Trish and her family.



LH Churchyard tidy up:

A huge thank you to those who recently generously donated part of their Saturday – and a lot of energy! – to tidy up the 'new' churchyard at All Saints.

All the hard work resulted in a dramatic improvement. And there was even time for some much-needed refreshments that were kindly donated! Many thanks to all.

LH Friends scheme:

By the time this goes to print we will have had our first Friends Committee meeting. The committee was

established after many in the parish attended a presentation and discussion in the church on 25th September concerning the future of the church.

We have had many offers of help and we now look forward to working to put the resources of the church on a much firmer footing.

Thank you for your interest and support for this fine grade 2* listed building and all that it means for the parish and wider afield. As we embark on new initiatives, your continued support will remain vital for which we thank you very much indeed.

Giving something back...

Grandmentors, an award-winning part of the Volunteering Matters national charity, is looking for 50-somethings who want to give something back to society. Could you help a 16- to 24-year-old young care-leaver?

Volunteers meet with a young person every week to boost their confidence and work toward goals they have planned. Other help includes assisting the young person to make friends, participate in local activities and access services and support their job applications.

Grandmentors are looking for friendly mature 50-plus people with patience, understanding who are solution-focused. Full training is given as are expenses and a dedicated Volunteer Manager.

For more details call 07719 597777 or farhana.akhtar@volunteeringmatters.org.uk

Parish Council News:

The Parish Council has been approached by The Community Heartbeat Trust who now own the old phone box in Hill.

The trust is asking if any organisation in the locality would be interested in taking over the phone box, installing a defibrillator, and managing it.

Details can be obtained from:

Martin Fagan,

National Secretary,

The Community Heartbeat Trust.

Tel: 03301 243067 or via the the website:

www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

The next Leamington Hastings Parish Council meeting is at 6.30pm on Monday 13th January 2020.

Sheila Fennell.

LH Poppy Appeal:

We raised the wonderful total of £230-58, once again exceeding that of the previous year.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Valerie Smith.

LH Academy news:

We are making great progress towards resurfacing the school playground and are very grateful to LH Young

Farmers who raised an amazing £1,300 with their Gin Tasting Evening!

Our total stands at £8,000 and we look forward to adding funds from our Christmas Fair at the end of November. Our target for the resurfacing is £12,000.

If you are one of the many hundreds to have attended LH school and nursery – or have had children there – you might like to return, briefly, on **Friday 29th November** when our Christmas Fair will welcome visitors! The Fair **starts at 3.15pm**.

Equally, if you are new to the area and have a child due to start school next September – or you are looking for a nursery – why not come along on the 30th and see at first-hand what an excellent school LH Academy is?

Alternatively, you can contact the school on 01926 632359 to arrange an individual appointment when the staff will be very happy to show you all that we can offer.

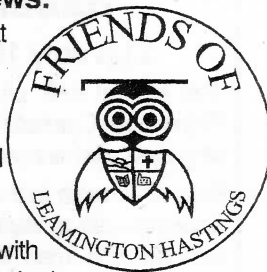
Rachael Astley - Parent Governor.

Santa and Cop Cars!

Rugby Safer Neighbourhood Team will be at Onley Grounds Equestrian Complex from 10am until 3pm on Saturday 14th December.

In association with the Scouts, the team will be visiting with Santa and will be on hand to check child car seats.

And if Santa is not a big enough attraction for youngsters, the team will have their police vehicles on hand for youngsters to inspect at close quarters!



Broadwell Soup Kitchen:

A group of village volunteers – who for some time have wanted to launch a regular lunch date – are pleased to invite you to join them for the inaugural event in the Victory Hall on Wednesday 4th December from 12-noon until 1-30pm.

The idea behind the scheme is to provide support for village residents, especially through the colder, shorter, daylight hours of winter. It's not a fund-raising event although a nominal £1 per person will be charged to cover heating costs and other overheads at the Victory Hall.

The volunteers are all hoping that as many as possible will come to the first

event and bring their own thoughts, feedback and ideas on the Broadwell Soup Kitchen! If, in the meantime, you



have any questions, please have a word with Martin Wibberley, Nicola Fairburn or Rosemary Chapman.

And please make a note in your diaries to come along at 12-noon on 4th December and enjoy soup, bread and a friendly village atmosphere at the first event!

Flower Show committee finds new members

In November, Broadwell Flower Show Committee held their AGM. Prior to the meeting slips were distributed around the village asking if anyone could join the committee as our number had dwindled to the point that future shows were in jeopardy. The situation had become so bad that in the agenda there was a proposal to disband the committee if no new members came along. Well, three new people did come along. And so we live for another day and, hopefully, the shows will continue.

At the meeting finances for the Summer Show were presented. The final figure was a small profit of £119-12. Whilst this may not seem a huge amount it must be remembered that the show is not put on to make large sums of money. As long as it covers its costs and provides a good day of entertainment, competition and social interaction for everyone, then it has done its job.

Dipping slightly into our modest reserves, the committee agreed a donation of £450 to the Air Ambulance, our designated charity for the year. In addition, following a request from Joe Twinn, the committee also agreed a donation of £150 for Leamington Hastings Infant School to help towards the costs of resurfacing the playground.

In addition to the above donations, over the past year the committee has approved nearly £700, including donations from residents, towards a defibrillator for the village. This defibrillator has now been delivered and will be fitted to the outside of the Victory Hall very soon.

On behalf of the Flower Show Committee I would like to thank everyone who has supported our events over the past year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Martin Wibberley.

Your shoeboxes will bring so much joy!

A huge thank-you to everyone who made up shoeboxes, donated items to include in boxes or gave money toward shipping costs.

We delivered 55 boxes to our local Rugby co-ordinators, Fred and Rachel Smith. That's slightly up on last year!

Fred and Rachel are part of the team that is travelling with the boxes to Romania and will be handing them directly to children who would otherwise have had nothing at Christmas...

I'm sure Fred and Rachel will be happy to come back to Broadwell in the New Year to tell us all about their trip, the joy the boxes brought to the orphans and show us some photographs.

Once again, my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to this generous Broadwell community response.

Chrissy Read.



Lotsa pounds for Pudsey!

Bob and Linda would like to thank everyone who supported the Children in Need Countryfile Ramble around Draycote Water on Sunday 6th October.

Credit: BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL		
Date: 11/10/19		
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Cheques, P.O's	10	-
TOTAL CREDIT £	230	-
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"It was the seventh time we've organised the event and a record 27 turned up to support the appeal and enjoy the day," said Linda.

"A special thanks to those who donated but were unable to walk with us. Once all the monies were collected we were able to send £230 to the BBC Children in Need appeal."

Snowdrop event at LH:

The newly-formed Friends of Leamington Hastings Parish Church are planning a weekend Snowdrop event in early February. There will be other events in the church at the same time, including refreshments. Organisers are hoping as many as possible will support what promises to be a special occasion.

Please make a mental note of the first couple of weekends in February and, as soon as the date is confirmed, notices will be posted.

The new Friends group has been established to support and preserve the magnificent historic church and grounds in diverse ways to complement the support through regular services. It is hoped that this will attract a wider group of people whose interests are more likely to be in architecture, history, wildlife and nature.

Anglican Services & Events

DECEMBER:

- 1st 9am, Holy Communion
Grandborough.
- 1st 11am, Holy Communion, LH.
- 1st 4pm, Christingle Service,
Willoughby.
- 5th 10am, Holy Communion,
Flecknoe.
- 5th 14.30pm-6.30pm, Messy
Church, Grandborough.
- 8th 9am, Holy Communion,
Flecknoe.
- 8th 6pm, Women's Institute Carol
Service, Grandborough.
- 15th 9am, Holy Communion BCP, LH.
- 15th 11am, WtW, Grandborough.
- 15th 4pm, Carol Service, Willoughby.
- 17th 7.30pm, Healing Service, CoGS,
Broadwell.
- 22nd 4pm, Carol Service, LH.
- 22nd 6pm, Carol Service, Flecknoe.
- 24th 6pm, Carols by Candlelight,
Grandborough.
- 24th 11pm, Midnight Communion,
Willoughby.
- 24th 11.30pm, Midnight Communion,
LH.
- 25th 9am, Christmas Day Holy
Communion, Grandborough.
- 25th 10.30am, Christmas Day Holy
Communion, Flecknoe
- 29th 10.30am, Benefice Holy
Communion, Flecknoe..

JANUARY:

- 5th 9am, Holy Communion,
Grandborough.
- 5th 11am, Holy Communion, LH.
- 12th 9am, Holy Communion, Flecknoe.
- 12th 11am, Service for Everyone,
Willoughby.
- 19th 9am, Holy Communion BCP, LH.
- 19th 11am, WtW, Grandborough.
- 21st 7.30pm, Healing Service, CoGS,
Broadwell.
- 26th 9am, Breakfast Service, Flecknoe.
- 26th 11am, Holy Communion,
Willoughby.
- 26th 4pm, Afternoon Worship, LH.

Dates for your diary:

DECEMBER:

- 4th 12-noon, Broadwell Soup
Kitchen lunch, Victory Hall. All
welcome.
- 11th Coffee morning, Chapel
Schoolroom, 10-30am until
12-noon. All welcome!
- 13th Last day to post cards in
Chapel Christmas Post Box.
- 13th Over Sixties' Club Christmas
Lunch at the Friendly Inn.
Gather at 12-noon for 12-30pm.
- 13th 7.30pm, Carol Concert, at
Grandborough Village Hall.
- 15th 6-30pm, Carol Service at
Broadwell Methodist Church.
- 25th **10.30am, short Christmas
Day Family Service at
Broadwell Methodist Church.
All welcome!**

JANUARY:

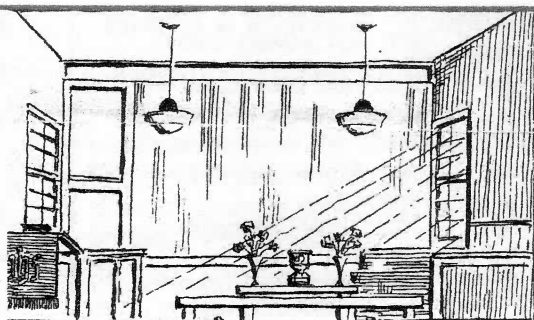
- 8th Coffee morning, Chapel
Schoolroom, 10-30am until
12-noon. All welcome!
- 13th 6.30pm, LH Parish Council
meeting, LH Parish Hall.
- 17th **Deadline for copy for
February/March Broadwell
Mail.**
- 29th Over Sixties' Club AGM,
2pm at LH Parish Hall.

Tail-piece from the Editor:

My thanks to all contributors over the past year. Without what you write, there would be no *Broadwell Mail*..! I look forward to receiving your news in 2020. In the meantime, to you and all readers of our Church newsletter may you enjoy a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

PREACHERS FOR DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020

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



Dec	1st	Dr Peter Muir.
Dec	8th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Holy Communion.
Dec	15th	At 6-30pm , our Carol Service, led by the Rev'd Charity Madenyika. NB: No morning service today.
Dec	22nd	The Rev'd Andy Hardwick.
Dec	25th	At 10-30am , Christmas Day Family Service, led by Mr John Kay.
Dec	29th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika.
Jan	5th	Mr Andrew Brown.
Jan	12th	The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, Covenant Service.
Jan	19th	The Rev'd Rob Anning.
Jan	26th	At 6-30pm , The Rev'd Charity Madenyika, NB: No morning service today.

Flower rota

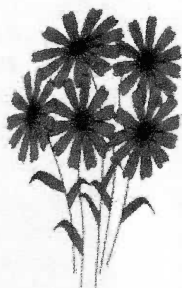
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December:

1st	Rosemary Chapman
15th	Christmas Flowers
22nd	Christmas Flowers
29th	Christmas Flowers

January:

5th	Christmas Flowers
12th	Freda Slater
26th	Rachel Sensecall



Cleaning rota

December:

7th	Alison Deeming
14th	Angela Woolliscroft
21st	Rosemary Chapman
28th	Freda Slater

January:

4th	Valerie Bostock
11th	Wendy Williamson
18th	Sharon Barnes
25th	Rachel Sensecall

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