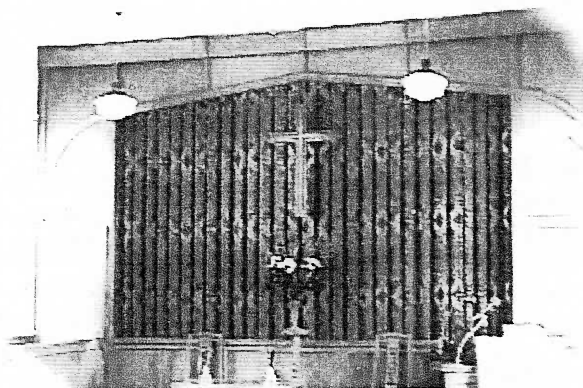


BROADWELL MAIL



The interior of the
Methodist Chapel
as it is today

Drawing water from
The Broadwell circa
1910



BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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Editorial

My attempt last month, to obtain some feed back about the Christianity in general and the future of the Chapel in particular, proved to be unsuccessful. I don't think that is because local people are apathetic. My feeling is that most people are concerned about a world in chaos from global warfare to global warming, but they think the church has no relevance. Indeed, it is not uncommon for some to believe that religion contributes to the chaos. If this is so, it represents a tremendous challenge to the Church.

In his diary in 1949, Malcolm Muggeridge recorded a conversation with his old friend, Alec Vidler, who was Canon of St George's Chapel, Windsor. 'Had a long discussion about Pan's future (*the family name for his eldest son, Leonard*). Alec most helpful – said he thought the Christian message remained always the same, but at different epochs it required to be presented differently – e.g Franciscan way, Wesleyan way, Salvation Army way. It was no good thinking that there was any possibility, merely by going to a past technique, to recover a past zeal. What people like Pan had to discover was how to present the message in the circumstances of today. This problem not answered so far.'

Sixty years on and the problem is still unanswered.

Closing date for the April
Issue is Monday 28th
March
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Suggested Bible readings (for weeks beginning):

March 6th, Exodus 24 vv 12-18 & Matthew 17 vv 1-9; **March 13th**, Genesis 2 vv 15-17 & ch3 vv 1-7 & Matthew 4 vv 1-11; **March 20th**, Genesis 12 vv 1-4a & John 3 vv 1-17; **March 27th**, Exodus 17 vv 1-7 & John 4 vv 5-42; **April 3rd**, Exodus 2 vv 1-10 & Luke 2 vv 33-35; **April 10th** Ezekiel 37 vv 1-14 & John 11 vv 1-45.

Remember in Prayer:

We remember all who are unwell, or anxious at home, or in hospital, in particular, Thelma (a native of Broadwell) and Bill Kimberley, who live in the Swedish Houses and who are both very poorly, and also Ellen Bierley from Shuckborough, presently in hospital.

Over Sixties Club

The speaker at the March meeting, on the 30th, will be Jaqui Wells speaking on her work in Thailand. Over Sixties' normally meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 2.30pm at LH Parish Hall and always welcomes new members and visitors.

Coffee Mornings:

The next coffee morning at Broadwell Chapel will be on Wednesday, March 9th 10.30am – 12.00noon. Our Coffee Mornings are normally held on the second Wednesday of the month and all are invited to come along and join us for coffee/tea, light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat. Please join us if you are able.

Thank You

I am sure I am writing for all in the Parish when I say a very big Thank You to Glenys for having written the Broadwell Mail for 11 years.

When Glenys started, a computer for Glenys was something new, she had to type every piece of news. She was willing to give hours of her time to write the Broadwell Mail. At first there was only one sheet which was delivered around Broadwell, later the Broadwell Mail became much larger and was sent to every home in the Parish, thus keeping even those who are house bound feeling part of the community. Glenys we thank you for giving your time and your commitment to the News Letter.

Our thanks also go to Hazel Crawford who edited the Broadwell Mail for Glenys when Keith retired as editor. Thank You Hazel.

Sylvia Toole
Church Secretary

World Church

Grandborough Methodist Church

invite you to their Missions evening on Friday 18th March. The Guest Speaker is Mr Keith Hiscock, one of our local preachers, who will share his experience of 'Living with children in a Nairobi slum'. Keith works very closely with organizations trying to help these children and he has much to tell about the work going on out there. The talk will be at 7.30 pm in the Chapel. The Grandborough members do hope that you will be able to join them.

There will be a collection in aid of the World Church Mission and refreshments will be served afterwards.

Songs of Praise

The collection at the Leam Valley United Songs of Praise on 14th February, in aid of the children's charity 'Compassion', amounted to £97

Leamington Hastings Parish Council

Next Parish Council meeting Monday **March 7th** 7.00pm Leamington Hastings Parish Hall.

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor? Nomination papers and further details can be obtained from the Clerk (01788 810596) or Electoral Registration Officer (01788 533595) or calling at the Town Hall.

Statutory deadline for the return of completed nomination papers to the Returning Officer, Town Hall, Rugby, is noon on **4th April** 2011.

Leamington Hastings Parish has 5 councillors, (ideally each Hamlet needs to be represented)

If there are more candidates than seats on the Parish Council a poll will be held on Thursday **5th May** 2011.

Latest time for withdrawal of nomination papers, noon **7th April** 2011

Mobile Library

Broadwell 10.55-11.30 -Wed 9th March
10.55-11.30-Wed 30th March

Leamington Hastings – Wed 16th March
Wed 6th April

Birdingbury Road	09.30 - 09.45
Off T Junction	09.50 - 10.10
Alms houses	10.15 - 10.35
Swedish Houses	11.00 - 11.15

I apologize for not being able to include The Minister's letter this month. This is due to printing changes which meant I had to bring forward the closing date by a couple of days. I offer the following as an alternative.

The distinctive quality of Methodism

It is certain, so long as we know but *in part*, that all men will not see all things alike. It is an unavoidable consequence of the present weakness and shortness of human understanding, that several men will be of several minds in religion as well as in common life. So it has been from the beginning of the world, and so it will be "till the restitution of all things". But there is even more. Although every man necessarily believes that every particular opinion which he holds is true (for to believe any opinion is not true, is the same thing as not to hold it), yet can no man be assured that all his own opinions, taken together, are true. In fact, every thinking man is assured they are not, seeing "To be ignorant of many things, and to mistake in some, is the necessary condition of humanity." This, therefore, he understands, applies to himself as well. He knows, generally, that he himself is mistaken; although in what particular opinions he is mistaken, he does not, perhaps he cannot, know.

Every wise man, therefore, will allow others the same liberty of thinking that he desires they should allow him, and will no more insist on their embracing his opinions than he would have them to insist on his embracing theirs. He is patient with those who differ from him, and only asks him with whom he desires to **unite in love** that single question: "Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?"

John Wesley, an extract from his sermon 'The Catholic Spirit' 1771

How is wisdom acquired?

In the case of any person whose judgement is really deserving of confidence, how has it become so? It is because he has kept his mind open to criticism of his opinions and conduct. Because it has been his practice to listen to all that could be said against him; to profit from as much of it as was just, and expound to himself, and upon occasion to others, the fallacy of what was fallacious. Because he has felt that the only way in which a human being can make some approach to knowing the whole of a subject, is by hearing what can be said about it by persons of every variety of opinion. No wise man ever acquired his wisdom in any other mode but this; nor is it in the nature of human intellect to become wise in any other manner.

John Stuart Mill, an extract from 'Essay on Liberty' 1859

Editors note: The eminent 19th century philosopher, J S Mill, seems to me to have caught the spirit of Wesley, although he was not writing specifically about him. Wesley did change his mind. Lord Hattersley described Wesley, in his recent biography, as 'theologically promiscuous', but I think of it as a strength, not a weakness that the description seems to indicate. The essence of Wesley's words is that any dispute should be undertaken in 'love'. Disputes undertaken in 'enmity', as perhaps most are, result in the person with the biggest punch winning, not the truth.

Obituaries

Margaret Shaw of Leamington Hastings

Margaret Shaw died on 1st February 2011. Margaret was born in York in 1925, the daughter of two Cornish people, Basset and Audrey Reed. As her father was a Methodist Minister, Margaret moved around quite often. At first she lived in Barnsley and then, when she was 8, the family moved to Birmingham. During the war, the chapel in Bristol Road received a direct hit during one very bad night of bombing and was totally demolished. In front of it the notice board still stood and Basset Reed somehow managed to erect a large notice, which read "the City of God Remaineth."

In 1951 the Reeds moved to the Redditch circuit and she joined the young peoples group, to which Malcolm also belonged. They married on April 2nd 1955 and that was the start of a long and happy marriage – she was a loyal, faithful wife. They had two daughters – Libby and Catherine, who testify to a happy and welcoming home that Margaret made for them at Grange Farm.

In 1988 they found Manor Farm in Claybrooke Magna and started a whole new life, joining RMCC, where they made some very good friends. Their Ruby Wedding was celebrated on a lovely sunny day. Catherine and Andy married in Bishop's Stortford. Malcolm was not very well after he retired and Margaret did her best to support him and went to the exercise classes to help his recovery.

11 years ago they moved to Leamington Hastings and received a very warm welcome from the chapel in Broadwell. Here Margaret enjoyed helping with Strawberry teas and editing the magazine. She was really pleased to join the WI. Exercise classes at the Alms Houses were a must! Concerts at L/H church were very much appreciated. She taught English at King Edward's school in Birmingham and had many interests in music, poetry, archaeology, history, architecture and so on and a very strong faith, which she believed to be a private matter.

Margaret enjoyed two other great occasions - their Golden Wedding and the marriage of Libby and Chris.

Malcolm Shaw, Libby and Catherine

Janice Birch of Kytes Hardwick

Janice Birch died 7th February 2011. Janice lived at Kites Hardwick for over 40 years.

She was a Parish Councillor from 1980-2007, being Chairperson 1996-2007, and represented the Parish Council as one of the Leamington Hastings School Trustees from 1990-2007.

She worked for several years at Dunchurch Library, was an avid reader, loved her cats, and when Eric her husband was alive enjoyed fishing. She did some cataloguing work for Rolls Royce, Derby, was involved with the Dunchurch Historical Society, and a member of Grandborough WI.

Janice was a very private person, but her door was always open for a cuppa. As a personal friend, I shall miss her friendship.

Jennifer Turner

ANGLICAN NEWS AND SERVICES

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS SERVICES

6 th March	Leamington Hastings	11.00	Holy Communion
9 th March	Leamington Hastings	Ash Wednesday	7.30pm
15 th March	Tuesday -Broadwell	7.30pm	Healing
20 th March	Leamington Hastings	9.00	Holy Communion
27 th March	Leamington Hastings	6.00	Evening Worship

BENEFICE SERVICES

This year Lent begins on **9th March** - Ash Wednesday is one of the principal Holy Days, there will be a **celebration of the Eucharist** with the imposition of ashes at 7.30pm in All Saint's Church, Leamington Hastings.

On Wednesday **16th March** the Monthly **Benefice Prayer Group** will be meeting at 9.30am in Willoughby Vicarage. All welcome.

The next **Healing Service** will be on Tuesday **15th March** at 7.30pm in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Broadwell. All welcome

BENEFICE SERVICE-MOTHERING SUNDAY

We are holding a Benefice Service for Mothers Day at 10.30am on **3rd April** at Flecknoe. Flowers will be given out by the children. Please do join us

EASTER LILIES

If you would like Easter Lilies to be put in Church in memory of loved ones, would you please give your donations to:

Leamington Hastings - Brenda Law 01926 632510

Ecumenical Weekly Lent Discussion Groups 7:30pm

(Topic: Rich Inheritance Jesus' legacy of love)

Thursday **17th March** - St Marks' Flecknoe

Tuesday **22nd March** - Grandborough Methodist chapel

Thursday **31st March** - St Nicholas' Willoughby

Thursday **7th April** - St Peters' Grandborough

Thursday **12th April** at Broadwell Methodist chapel

Tea and biscuits will be served after each meeting.

Ecumenical Lent Lunches 12.00 - 1.00pm

(donations to 'Compassion uk' a charity for children)

Wednesday **23th March** - St Peters' Church, Grandborough - Dorothy Johnson

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Wednesday **13TH April** Broadwell Chapel -. Sylvia Toole 01926 63287

The Leamington Hastings School Trust 2011

The Leamington Hastings School Trust is open for Financial Grants. The Trust can provide financial assistance to encourage individuals or groups to develop interests and skills.

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions:-

1. Under 25 years of age, resident in Leamington Hastings Parish.
2. At school or have been at school in maintained system for at least 2 years.
3. Must be for educational support. This includes social and physical training.
4. There is an emphasis in preparation for work in further education.

Grants will be awarded under the following categories

- a. To provide support for the young people of our parish who are on
 - i) An instruction course
 - ii) A recreational opportunity.
 - iii) An educational visit.
- b. Remainder to be used to support those who express a difficulty in meeting the expenses of their continuing education. Each applicant to be supported by a reference from a Tutor or Instructor and a statement of the expenses to be met on the form provided.

Application forms are available from Mr A. Allen, Hill Farm, Hill, Leamington Hastings, Rugby, CV23 8DX, Mrs S Toole, Old House Farm, Hill, Rugby, CV23 8DX and should be returned by April 30th 2011

Dates for your diary

March

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| 4 th | Find the Way Walk. |
| 4 th | <i>Bingo and Pancakes at Broadwell Victory Hall 7.30 pm</i> |
| 9 th | Coffee Morning 10.30-12.00 noon at Broadwell Chapel. |
| 9 th | Book Exchange 7.30-9.30 pm at Broadwell Victory Hall. |
| 11 th | Youth Club 6.30-8.00pm at Broadwell Victory Hall. |
| 16 th | Find the Way Walk. |
| 16 th | Mobile Library 10.55- 11.30 am at Broadwell. |
| 18 th | Missions evening at Grandborough Methodist Chapel 7.30 pm |
| 25 th | Youth Club 6.30-8.00 pm at Broadwell Victory Hall. |
| 30 th | Over Sixties Club 2.30 pm at LH Parish Hall. |

April

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| 1 st | Find the Way Walk. |
| 1 st | Youth Club AGM 6.30-8.00 pm at Broadwell Victory Hall. |
| 2 nd | RMCC Spring Fair 10.00 am – 12.00 noon |

Postscript

‘Mend your clothes, or I shall never expect you to mend your lives. Let none ever see a ragged Methodist’.

John Wesley, Letter to Richard Steel (1769)

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR MARCH 2011

Services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated

March

6 th	Dr. Peter Kent
13 th	Deacon Janet Thomas
20 th	Rev Kenneth Renouf
	Holy Communion
27 th	Miss Gillian Glen

April

3 rd	Deacon Janet Thomas
10 th	Mr Kieth Hiscock

FLOWER ROTA

March

6 th	Evelyn Royans
13 th	Sylvia Toole
20 th	Daphne Morgan
27 th	Irene Woodward

April

3 rd	Sharon Barnes
10 th	Valerie Bostock

CLEANING ROTA

March (week ending)

5 th	Angela Woolliscroft
12 th	Rosemary Chapman
19 th	Monica Sensecall
26 th	Sheila Olorenshaw

April

2 nd	Evelyn Royans
9 th	Sylvia Toole

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