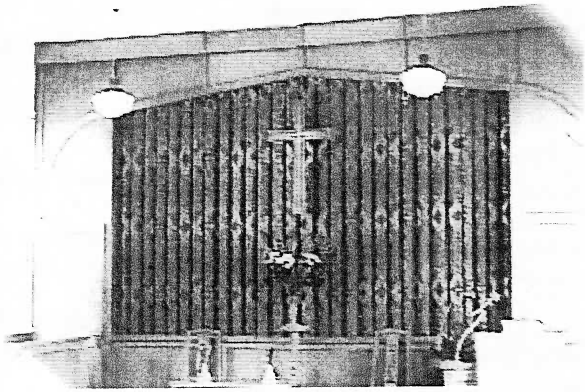


BROADWELL MAIL



The interior of the
Methodist Chapel
as it is today

Drawing water from
The Broadwell circa
1910



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Editorial

The Bible is not a scientific textbook, not a history book and not a rulebook. Such books are the province of the natural world. The Bible speaks to the world of the imagination.

Lord (Melvyn) Bragg's claims that The King James Bible, celebrating its 400th anniversary this year, is 'The Book which changed the World'. It relied a good deal upon the earlier translation by William Tyndale' who In 1535 was burned at the stake for his trouble. His Bibles were also burned by the Archbishop of Canterbury on the steps of the old St Pauls. Why? It was because of the ideas the Bible contains. These posed a threat to the power of both the Church and the King. 100 years later, King James I took a big gamble in publishing an official translation, in an attempt to harmonise Scottish Presbyterianism and English Protestantism. It didn't work, but the book could then be read by the many, not just the few. Words like 'The Truth will make you free' became an inspiration for the people. This time it was James successor, King Charles I, who was executed. The English-speaking world was on the long road to democracy and universal suffrage.

Lord Bragg says 'It's wearisome listing the terrible things that religion has done, but it's all comparative. Did religion in the 20th century do anything like the damage of the atheists, Stalin, Hitler, Mao and Pol Pot? Atheists to a man and millions slaughtered to their barren ideologies'. G.K. Chesterton said that if you reject Christianity, you don't believe in nothing, you believe in anything.

We shall shortly be making a decision affecting our democratic rights. It is said the price of freedom, costly and hard won, is eternal vigilance.

Suggested Bible readings (for weeks beginning):

May 1st Acts 2 vv 14a, 22-32 & John 20 vv 19-31;

May 8th Acts 2 14a, vv 36-41 & 1 Peter 1 vv 17-23;

May 15th Acts 2 vv 42-47 & John 14 vv 1-14;

May 22nd Acts 7 vv 55-60 & John 14 vv 1-14;

May 29st Acts 17 vv 22-31 & John 14 vv 15-21:

Remember in Prayer:

We remember all who are unwell, bereaved, anxious at home or in hospital.

The Handwritten Bible Project

As part of our Methodist celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James Bible and the Biblefresh initiative, Conference 2010 resolved that the Districts would work collectively to handwrite the Bible during the course of 2011. At the end of the project, the 8000 handwritten sheets will be bound into at least 20 volumes and presented to Conference in July.

The circuit has been allocated Esther chapter 9 to write. However good or bad your writing is, this is your opportunity to take part in this historic event so come along to a Coffee Morning at Daventry Methodist Church on **Saturday 14th May 10 am to 12 noon**

Closing date for the June issue
is Thursday 26th May
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Broadwell Methodist Church

The Lent Lunch was very well attended. 30 people sat down for 'home made soup' and £114 was raised for the children's charity 'Compassion UK'

Thank you for your support.

Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May

Last year was a wonderful year for your generosity especially when everyday purchases have raised our household expenditure. Although the total Rugby collection was down our contribution was larger than in 2009, so thank you all for your donations.

This year the week runs from 15th to 21st May and I know from past collections that you are as generous as you can be for this worthwhile charity. The past 12 months have seen many more disasters than previously and with only the major ones making the news, it is the lesser ones, which we hear little or nothing about in Britain, where help is needed most. This is where our contributions to Christian Aid are so important. Gift Aiding your donation also gives an extra 25% which makes a vast difference to our total; so please take a few moments to fill in that section on the envelope if you are able to do so.

On Sunday 22nd May there will be an Ecumenical Service at Broadwell at which the donations will be dedicated. It is a wonderful opportunity for the Congregation of All Saints to return to the Methodist Church as there is no Morning Service in Leamington Hastings.

Valerie Smith

Thank you

May I say an enormous thank you everyone who called at the Brambles or sent 'Get Well' cards during the months I was housebound following my foot operation. David and Gordon were wonderful at taking over all my tasks but have relinquished them with haste now I no longer need waiting on or chauffeuring around; they are especially delighted to be relieved from cooking duties every day which from my point of view is a pity as I was getting used to the indolent life.

With grateful thanks, Valerie

Over 60's Club

The May Meeting will be held at The Almshouses on Wednesday, May 25th at 2.30 pm.

Members are invited to tea, when Betty Robinson will provide musical entertainment on her keyboard.

The Club normally meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 2.30 pm and always welcomes new members and visitors.

The Leamington Hastings Bowls Club

Invite you to their Beef and Ham Supper on Friday 10th June. Bowling Green Open 6pm. Food served between 7-8pm Skittles, Bingo, Bring&Buy, Raffle Tickets £8

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A Letter from our Minister

Dear Friends

I did not realise that 22nd April is 'Earth Day'! I did not know there is such a thing and that it comes from the USA. The purpose of the day is to focus on environmental issues. This year the day coincided with Good Friday and in many ways this is appropriate because it was on that day that we think of the whole of the world as an object of God's love seen in the sacrifice of his Son Jesus on the Cross. (Just as an aside, my grandson Isaac has just been sitting on my lap! We owe it to Isaac and the next generation to take care of our world as stewards of God's creation).

The picture in the early chapters of the book of Genesis present us with a picture of paradise. One commentator has described the stories of Creation and the Fall along with Cain and Abel, the Flood and the Tower of Babel as parables. A parable is a story which may or may not be literally true. When we listen to a parable, we listen out for the spiritual meaning as well as hearing the actual words of the speaker. The stories of Creation convey religious truths and make use of poetic images and symbolism and the language used is not that of a scientific text book. The parables of creation are not about offering us a theory of the world began.* Together with story of the Fall, the stories give us personal knowledge about our existence, our dependence upon God and our interdependence on each other and the world for which we are stewards.

All of this is important, as 2011 is the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl Nuclear Accident. It was on April 26th 1986 that an experiment at the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine went disastrously wrong. One of its reactors exploded with such force that 190 tons of radioactive rubble were thrown into the air. Over 500,000 people had to be evacuated from their homes but there are still two million people in Belarus alone living on poisoned land. In the wake of the accident thyroid cancer increased 100fold in southern Belarus and there have been big rises in the incidence of many other cancers.

As a response to the disaster the Chernobyl Children's Project (UK) was formed in 1995 to provide recuperative holidays in the UK and holidays for children in Belarus. For children living in contaminated parts of the country, the holidays boost their immune systems and give children a better chance to resist disease. There is also a humanitarian Aid Programme. In the Gomel region of Belarus there has been an estimated rise in the number of children born with disabilities. many children were abandoned by their parents and ended up in orphanages. The charity has a programme to help move children out of the orphanages into foster families.

Ann and I are hosts for the Rugby branch of the charity and we look forward to hosting 2 teenage girls in the Summer. The charity is a channel of God's love and care but as stewards of the earth we need to ensure that if we are to embrace nuclear power, we also ensure that it is safe to use. Chernobyl is mentioned a lot in relation to the disaster in Japan which happened because of the tsunami, but we must learn from these disasters.

Revd Clive Fowle

Obituary

Anne Bush – 1921-2011

We were saddened to learn of the death in Scotland of Anne Bush, who lived in Broadwell from 1968 until 1999. A funeral service was held on 1st April. Anne's family are planning to bring her ashes to Leamington Hastings, towards the end of May, to join those of her late husband, Major Frank Bush.

Anne, whose father was a Warwickshire coalfield miner, hated her real names (Harriet Agnes) and informally adopted 'Anne' from an early age. Interestingly, her husband – who joined the Royal Corps of Transport at the outbreak of war and went on to become a career soldier – hated his real names (Horace Arthur) and was always known as Frank.

Anne was a dedicated army wife and travelled extensively with Frank, spending time in Tripoli and Egypt (from where she was evacuated at the time of the Suez crisis) before his posting to Germany. When Frank retired from the Army in 1968, he became head of training at GEC in Coventry and they settled in Broadwell. Their home in the village, Vorringsfoss, derives its name from Norway's most famous waterfall. Norway was a regular winter posting for Frank during his military career.

Anne eventually moved to Scotland to be nearer Martine and her husband, Tim, whose career with the Forestry Commission took him to Golspie in Sutherland. Anne initially lived in her own home in Scotland but, a year ago and with failing health, she moved into an extension that Martine and Tim had built.

Anne is survived by her two sons and daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Keith Read.

Leamington Hastings Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting is 16th May 7.00 in the Parish Hall. At this meeting the Chairman will be elected and the new members will be officially appointed.

Jennifer Turner

Broadwell Youth Club - Friday night programme

6 May - Club night

20 May - Sports on The Green

3 June - Club Night

17 June - Club Night (6.30 - 8.00) followed by ... Teenage-style night for all year 7s & above (see below)

***** Calling all Year 7's and above and Teenagers (up to 16) *****

Friday 17 June: 8.15pm – 9.30pm

Teenage-style night for all year 7s & above– (8.15 – 9.30)

GIANT pizza order and lots of music!

see www.broadwellvillagehall.org.uk or contact Clive (01926 81029) or Kate



ANGLICAN NEWS AND SERVICES

LEAMINGTON HASTINGS SERVICES

- 1st May 11.00 am Holy Communion
12th May Thursday Talk about Wolfhamcote Church - 7.00pm
15th May 11.00 am Holy Communion
22nd May 6.00 pm Evening Worship
24th May 7.30 pm Tuesday Healing Service at Broadwell

BENEFICE SERVICES

- 29th May 10.30 am Benefice Service at Willoughby

Wolfhamcote - A History Video on a Shoestring

12th May at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings 7.00 to 8.00 pm

Christine Sanderson lives in Wolfhamcote. She will show the video and talk about how people came together to make it – on a shoestring - using money raised at the annual carol concert in December.

We want to encourage local people and local schools to visit Wolfhamcote Church and use the unique space for art, theatre, dance and song. It belongs to the Churches' Conservation Trust but it also belongs to us all. Please join us.

(Ruin to Ancient Monument - This has been a story of over 50 years in the Parish of Wolfhamcote (part of the Leam Valley Benefice). Wolfhamcote Church sits silently in the fields of Wolfhamcote - a gem of an Ancient Monument. There has been a church there, at least since 800 AD, serving the people of the parish, through the ages. We, the current residents of the hamlet, invite you to come and see the short video we have made showing that history.

Wolfhamcote Church is now a unique and beautiful space owned by the Churches' Conservation Trust, (CCT). Visitors come to the Ancient Monument. We would like this space to be used for Arts events locally. It seems to be an ideal space for this and it will support its future with the CCT. We want to cherish the building and what it stands for over the centuries.

Organ Recital – St Peter's Church, Grandborough

An Organ Recital on Friday 10th June at 7.00 pm by Organists associated with St Peter's Church over the last 50 years, Robert Stagg, Peter Lock, Simon Galt and Brian Sunderland. Music from Bach to Walton on the recently restored historic tracker action organ.

Tickets: £7.50 each. Price includes wine and nibbles during the interval.

Contact: Rev Jane Close on 01788 899226 or Dorothy Johnson on 01788 814994.

Amount collected at the Ecumenical Lent Lunch's

Thank you to all who contributed to the Ecumenical Lent Lunch's in Grandborough and Broadwell £190 was raised for 'Compassion UK' a charity for underprivileged children in Africa.

The Broadwell Village Hall

This year's Spring Show took place on Saturday the 9th of April, and as always was very well supported by people from within the Village and from outside as well. I would like to thank everyone who entered exhibits and to those generous people who bought raffle tickets, refreshments and who placed bids at the auction. The auction was quite a buzz, and this year we made a profit of just over £160 pounds, slightly up on last year. I must also give a public thank-you to Helen Morgan, who at the last minute stepped in to act as a judge for the show, and who did an excellent job. Thank-you Helen.

I am not sure I have made a very good job of publicising the fact that our chosen charity this year is 'Acorns'. The description they provide on their website reads; "Established in 1988, Acorns Children's Hospice Trust is a registered charity offering a network of care for life limited and life threatened children and young people, and their families, across the heart of England. These children and young people are not expected to reach adulthood and require specialist care 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Acorns is currently supporting nearly 600 children and 800 families, including those who are bereaved."

I have worked in schools for many years, and spent a lot of that time in special needs schools with children who have profound disabilities, some of whom never survive to see the end of their education. I feel this is a very worthwhile charity for the Flower Show to donate some of our income to this year, and I hope you will all continue to support our events as we hold them during the year.

Martin

Dates for your diary

May

- 6st Youth Club.
- 6st Find the Way Walk.
- 11th Mobile Library 10.55- 11.30am at Broadwell
- 11th Book exchange 7.30-9.30 pm at the Victory Hall
- 12th A history of Wolfhampcote Church at LH Parish Church 7.0 pm
- 15th-21st Christian Aid Week
- 18th Find the Way Walk
- 18th Mobile Library at Leamington Hastings
- 20th Youth Club Sports on The Green

June

- 3rd Youth Club

Postscript

'Always take advice or reproof as a favour; it is the surest mark of love'.

John Wesley

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR MAY 2011
Services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated

May

1 st	Mrs Dorn Margetts
8 th	Mr Derek Lill
15 th	Rev David Newman
22 nd	Deacon Janet Thomas (Christian Aid Week)
29 th	Miss Gillian Glen

Christian Aid Week is May 15-21st

Dedication Service will be on May 22nd led by Deacon Janet Thomas, Leamington Hastings Church will join us for the service.

The Broadwell Methodist Church Council will meet on May 24th
At this meeting we will make further arrangements for the 140th Anniversary of Broadwell Methodist Church

Rev Michael Jackson will be with us for this Anniversary celebration.

FLOWER ROTA

May

1 st	Mavis Randle
8 th	Rachel Sensecall
15 th	Annagrete Morgan
22nd	Angela Wolliscroft
29 th	Wendy Williamson

June

5 th	Ellen Byerley
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CLEANING ROTA

May

7 th	Sharon Barnes
14 th	Alison Deeming
21 st	Angela Wolliscroft
28th	Rosemary Chapman

June

4 th	Monica Sensecall
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