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BROADWELL METHODIST CHURCH

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K *ee*ping members and
friends in touch...

May/June
2001

From the Editor:

Not so much *from the Editor* this month as *from the editor's wife!*

Chrissy, in her new role as Gift Aid Secretary, has asked me to point out that any of our Members and friends can, if they are tax-payers, increase the amount they actually give by 25-per-cent **without** having to put their hand in their pocket!

It's all part of the government's new charity giving rules. All you have to do, irrespective of how often you come to church or join us at fund-raising events, is to have a word with Chrissy. She won't even ask you for a signature!

So go on, chat up my wife (01926 813603) on this extremely beneficial potential boost to the chapel's income... PLEASE!

My thanks again to Glenys for her sterling work on the content for this month's *Broadwell Mail* including her heartfelt tribute to Ted Hopkins – one of Broadwell's most gentle gentlemen. Next month we will pay tribute to another such resident, Neville Cowley, who died on Thursday 19th March.

Keith Read.

Suggested Bible readings

(for weeks beginning):

May 6th, Acts 9 vv 36-43 & John 10 vv 23-30; May 13th, Acts 11 vv 1-18 & John 13 vv 31-35; May 20th, Acts 16 vv 9-15 & John 14 vv 23-29; May 27th, Acts 16 vv 16-34 & John 17 vv 20-26; June 3rd, Romans 8 vv 14-17 & John 14 vv 8-17; June 10th, Romans 5 vv 1-5 & John 16 vv 12-15.

**BROADWELL MAIL is written by
Glenys Caunter and edited by
Keith Read.**

Those who need our prayers:

We pray for all those who are ill, in hospital, at home or wherever they may be. We think especially of those known to us from our own Church and community – Gladys, who is still in Rugby hospital, Judith who is in Warwick hospital and also for Dorothy Stokes in Walsgrave hospital. We think of the Rev'd Beth Smith as she faces a long convalescence. We trust that they may all be given courage, hope and peace to help them in their pain, weakness and their anxiety for the future.

We remember those who are concerned over loved ones, some with health problems, some in difficult circumstances and some with financial worries. We think especially of Freda and Geoffrey Slater in their concern for Freda's mother and sister in Ireland; and of Gordon and Irene Woodward in their anxiety over Gordon's mother.

We think of all those who have recently suffered bereavement and at this time our thoughts are with Lorna Cowley and her family on the death of her husband, Neville, and with Brenda Olnor and her son Matthew as they come to terms with not only the death of Brenda's brother Ted (Hopkins) on March 31st but also the death of her husband, Peter, on April 23rd. We trust they will all find comfort from the continuing love and prayers of the Church family here at Broadwell.

As Christian aid week approaches we pray for the work of Christian Aid and all other aid organisations. We are thankful for the many ways in which they are able to help ordinary people in

Edward (Ted) Henry Hopkins 1936-2001.

Those who knew him were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Ted Hopkins on March 31st. Although he had recently suffered health problems, he had been given 'the all clear' by the hospital earlier that week and was looking forward to enjoying the spring and summer.

Ted was born on August 19th 1936 at Leamington Hastings but moved to Broadwell with his parents when only a few months old. He lived in the same house for the rest of his life. He attended Hill School where he was a bright pupil, loved sport and was very popular with his classmates. He attended the Methodist Sunday School from a very early age and joined in most activities in the village.

As a child, when toys and sports equipment were scarce, Ted was the one child lucky enough to own the cricket-set, football etc. But he was never selfish and always shared his play equipment with whatever children arrived on the village green.

He continued his education at Dunchurch where he excelled at sport. At the age of 14/15 he ran in the England Schoolboys team. His love of sport continued after he left school and he played senior football for Willoughby and cricket for Leamington Hastings; he enjoyed playing badminton, snooker etc at Leamington Hastings games club and was a great speedway fan, attending as many meetings of Brandon Bees as he possibly could.

On leaving school Ted went to work at Rootes at Ryton on Dunsmore and was employed there (seeing various changes in ownership) until he retired at the age of 55. The one exception was his period of national service in the Army Catering Corps. Most of this was spent in Malaya.

At about the time he retired his father died. Ted continued to live with his mother and care for her until she was admitted to Newstead Lodge in 1996 following a stroke. He was a regular visitor to Newstead Lodge and always chatted to the other residents and staff who, during this time, got to know him well.

He loved the countryside and wildlife and I doubt if there are many of us who could recognise more birds and wild flowers than Ted. After completing his National service, as with so many of that era, we saw a different Ted... Although he remained as placid and as unselfish as ever, he appreciated his privacy and was very contented with the quiet life he led. But he always had time to show concern for other people and to pass the time of day with a friendly word and cheering smile. Ted was a part of the village and, above all, a good friend and neighbour. We will miss him.

Glenys Caunter.

Letter from our Minister

Dear friends,

Last month I found myself writing about how people cope with suffering and misfortune and whether they can hold on to a faith in an all-loving God. I wrote with the farming community in mind.

This morning I received the news that Brenda Olners husband, Peter, had died and found myself asking how someone who loses mother, brother and husband in six months holds on to faith. Only the person who suffers such bereavement can answer such a question

Such events and experiences, however, do challenge the notion that God's job is to protect us from all unpleasant experiences in life.

A little earlier today someone complained to me that because he was basically an 'open' sort of person he often got "taken for a ride". I told him that in trying to help some people, I had sometimes been "conned" also. His reply was that he thought my 'Boss' would look after me better... To which I could only reply: "Like He did His own Son?"

The Church has said that faith in God brings peace, joy, hope, love and a whole bundle of other (non-material) benefits. It has rarely said that you will have to go through the same experiences as everybody else, plus suffer through your faith, be misunderstood, feel

alone, have to struggle for your faith and *still* try to come through believing. The small print doesn't attract customers. Which is why Jesus made it part of the sales patter. Have a look at Luke 14:27-30 and Luke 9:24-25.

My sabbatical begins on 5 May and I hope to be present on 1st. September at the Broadwell show on The Green. My colleagues on the circuit staff are each covering for a period of weeks over the sabbatical. If there are any pastoral emergencies please contact Sylvia Toole who will contact the appropriate minister. I hope to keep in touch via *Broadwell Mail*.

On April 17th a small meeting was held to see if a Sunday School or 'Junior Church' (is there a better name?) for 3-7 year-olds can be run at the chapel from September onwards. My belief and hope is that it can. It will be discussed at the next Church Council meeting.

As you continue to pray for Gladys Collett and Brenda Olners please share this hope and need with the Lord also.

Blessings.

Michael Jackson

some of the most deprived areas of the World and trust our small gifts may help to relieve their distress.

Lent Activity:

Our Lent activity this year took on a new look when we were invited to join the Anglican Churches of the Leam Valley for a performance of Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*. Theatre Roundabout, a husband-and-wife-team who have toured this country and abroad, presented a specially-adapted version of this work at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings on April 6th.

I am sure all who attended would agree this was a superb performance and would hope to see further performances by the company.

Good Friday Walk:

After careful consideration it was decided the Good Friday walk and services should go ahead as planned despite foot-and-mouth disease restrictions. But instead of using the field footpaths for part of the way, the entire route was on public roads.

Following the short service at Broadwell the congregation went by car to Hill and then walked to Leamington Hastings Parish Church where refreshments were served prior to the second service.

The party then walked to Birdingbury, taking turns to carry the cross to the knoll opposite Birdingbury Church. There was another short service here and the final act of worship was in St Leonards Church. The Rev'd Michael Jackson led the services and the lessons were read by volunteers.

Easter Offerings:

Thank you for your contributions to Women's Network, through the Easter Offering envelopes, which amounted to £52.00. The Easter offering dedication service will be held at RMCC on Wednesday, May 23rd at 3.00pm when the speaker will be Mrs Glayne Beasley.

Christian Aid:

Christian Aid Sunday is on May 20th which is also an important day in the Methodist calendar being Aldersgate Sunday. We are sorry the Rev'd Beth Smith will be unable to conduct our Family Worship due to illness but are pleased to learn that Mr Keith Hiscock from Daventry is able to fill the appointment.

The service will include the dedication of the gifts to Christian Aid from Leamington Hastings and Birdingbury Parishes. Rosemary Chapman, Chrissie Read and Monica Sensecall have offered to carry out the house-to-house collection around Broadwell village. Please support the work of Christian Aid as generously as you are able.

Child Protection Policy:

Part of the legislation of the Child Protection Policy is to prove that organisations are safeguarding children. This requires everyone working with children to complete a registration form for Voluntary Workers With Children and Young People.

Sylvia Toole will be dealing with these forms which must be filled in by those involved with our youth

groups and anyone else who may be working with our young people as well as certain other Members with specific responsibilities. We would ask you to please be co-operative as this legislation was introduced to help protect those who are vulnerable and most at risk.

Church Council:

A Church Council meeting is planned for May 29th at 7.30pm in the schoolroom, with the Rev'd Bob Austin taking the chair. PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WILL ONLY TAKE PLACE IF IT IS NECESSARY AND THERE IS SUFFICIENT URGENT BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.

Coffee Morning:

Our next coffee morning is on Wednesday, May 9th in the Chapel schoolroom. Please come along if you are able and join us between 10.30am and 12.00 noon for coffee or tea and light refreshments and good company. Your kind donations last month amounted to £11.00.

Circuit service:

A united Circuit Service for Ascension Day will be held at

Newbold Methodist Church on Thursday, May 24th at 7.30pm when the guest preacher will be the Rev'd Philip Beuzeval, Minister of Wesley Memorial Church, Oxford.

Spring Show:

The annual Spring flower show was held in the Victory Hall on April 21st and was very well supported by the residents of the village and those from the surrounding area.

Competition was keen and a new class was introduced for the best overall fruit cake. We ladies will all be able to take a back seat the next time tea has to be provided as Pat Toole won this new class! Will he be the next TV chef, I wonder! *(He certainly looks a lot younger than most of them! Ed.)*

The Committee thank all those who supported the show and look forward to seeing you at the main show on September 2nd.

Plant sale:

The annual plant sale in aid of the upkeep of the Victory Hall will NOT now be held on May 19th as originally planned. With the slow

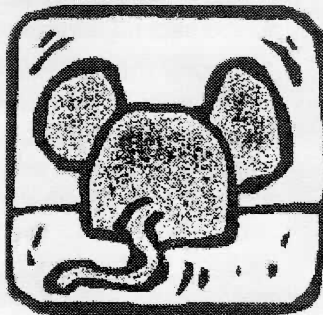
Tasting the tremendous power of 'mouse' technology...

Are you connected to the Internet? Would you like to feed a hungry person?

If you can answer yes on both counts, please go to the Hunger Site at the UN. All you do is click a button and, somewhere in the world, a hungry person gets a meal to eat - and at no cost to you. The food is paid for by corporate sponsors (who gain advertising in the process). You are only allowed one donation* so pass the word on after you have clicked on the "Donate Food" button at:

www.thehungersite.com

(I tried it and it appears you can donate once a day... - Ed.)



growing season having a significant impact, many plants will not be ready for planting out by that time.

The sale will now be held on Saturday, June 2nd at the Victory Hall from 11.00 am. As usual a large selection of bedding plants, perennials, plants suitable for hanging baskets and containers, as well as salad and vegetable plants and herbs will be available. There will also be a stall for cakes and preserves.

The Trustees will be grateful for donations of plants, cakes and preserves and look forward to seeing you on June 2nd.

Over 60s' Club:

The May meeting of the Over Sixties' Club will be on Wednesday, May 30th at the Parish Hall at 2.30pm. New members and visitors are always welcome to come along to the meetings which are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month.

Events at Leamington Hastings:

The Leam Valley Luncheon Club will be meeting at All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings on Thursday, May 24th at 12.45pm. For further details please ring Gill Brown on 01926 633263.

This is a continuation of the Lent Lunches which were so successful.

On Monday, June 4th you are invited to join our friends at Leamington Hastings again for a Charity lunch when soup, bread and hot drinks will

be served at All Saints Church from 12.00 noon. The guest speaker will be a member of the Christian Charity 'Adventure Plus' who will be giving an insight into the Charity's work with teenagers in this Country.

Dates for your diary:

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| 9th | Coffee Morning at Broadwell Chapel 10.30-12.00 noon. |
| 13th | Grandborough Sunday School Anniversary services at 10.45am and 6.30pm. |
| 20th | Christian Aid dedication family service at Broadwell Chapel 11.00am. |
| 23rd | Easter Offering dedication service at RMCC, 3.00pm. |
| 24th | Lunch Club at Leamington Hastings Church, 12.45pm. |
| 24th | United Ascension Day service at Newbold 7.30pm. |
| 29th | Church Council at Broadwell Chapel 7.30pm. (NB PLEASE LISTEN FOR PULPIT NOTICE TO VERIFY IF THIS MEETING IS TAKING PLACE). |
| 30th | Over 60s' Club meeting at the Parish Hall 2.30pm. |

JUNE

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| 6th | Charity Lunch at LH Church 12.00 noon. |
| 13th | Coffee Morning at Broadwell Chapel 10.30-12.00 noon. |
| 24th | Songs of Praise at Grandborough Village Hall at 6.30pm. |

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| 3rd | Home Missions Coffee Evening with bring-and-buy stall at Broadwell Chapel 7.30pm. |
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Glenys Caunter.

Preachers planned for May/June:

Services are at 11.00am unless otherwise marked.

May 6th	The Rev'd Barry Gent.
May 13th	The Rev'd Bob Austin, Holy Communion.
May 20th	Mr Keith Hiscock, Family Service for Christian Aid Dedication Sunday.
May 27th	Mrs Connie Smith.
June 3	Mr Ken Harris (Whit Sunday).
June 9	Mr Alan Kirkham, Family Service.
June 17	The Rev'd Laurie Churms, Holy Communion.
June 24	Mrs Glayne Beasley.



Flower rota:

May 6th, Rachel Sensecall;
May 13th, Annagret Morgan;
May 20th, Angela Woolliscroft;
May 27th, Wendy Williamson;
June 3rd, Ellen Byerley;
June 10th, Joyce Latham;
June 17th, Glenys Caunter and
June 24th, Alison Deeming.

Cleaning rota: (week ending)

May 5th, Rosemary Chapman; May 12th, Monica Sensecall; May 19th, Judith Dimbleby; May 26th, Sheila Olorenshaw;
June 2nd, Evelyn Royans; June 9th, Sylvia Toole; June 16th, Freda Slater;
June 23rd, Valerie Bostock and
June 30th, Wendy Williamson.

