

Broadwell mail



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From the Editor:

Tributes to Judith Dimbleby, by someone who knew her far longer and far better than I, appear in this edition. But there's room for more...

I have two abiding memories of Judith. One dates back to a specific occasion – the magnificent Caribbean-themed social evening we held in the Chapel drive one balmy summer evening many years ago.

Freda Slater's meticulous planning had catered for everything, including several significantly over-ripe bananas! Sensing my thoughts (that they'd be better placed on my compost heap than my plate), Judith directed me towards her husband, Manton. "He'll tell you all about bananas cooked in their skins on a barbecue," she said.

And he did. And they were delicious!

My second memory is that for one of the busiest Senior Citizens anyone has ever met, Judith always had time for everyone.

What an inspiration!

Keith Read.

Suggested Bible readings

(for weeks beginning):

May 7th, Acts 4 vv 5-12 & John 10 vv 11-18; May 14th, Acts 8 vv 26-40 & John 15 vv 1-8; May 21st, Acts 10 vv 44-48 & John 15 vv 9-17; May 28th, Acts 1 vv 15-17 & 21-26 & John 17 vv 6-19. June 4th, Acts 2 vv 1-21 & John 15 vv 26, 27 & ch 16 vv 46-47.

June 11th, Isaiah 6 vv 1-8 & John 3 vv 1-17. June 18th, Samuel 15 vv 34-ch 16 v 11 & Mark 4 vv 26-34. June 25th, Samuel 17 vv 32-42 & Mark 4 vv 35-41.

Prayers for others:

As we approach Christian Aid Week, our thoughts turn to all those ordinary people around the world who are affected by poverty, injustice and deprivation. We pray for the workers of Christian Aid and other relief organisations as they reach out to enrich the lives of those in need.

We think of those in our community who are coming to terms with bereavement, especially the family of Judith Dimbleby.

Please remember all who are unwell and those still awaiting hospital treatment, thinking especially of Ellen Byerley, Jean Adams, Don Burgess, Gordon and Hazel Goode and Irene Woodward who faces a hip replacement operation on May 11th.

We pray for those who feel their jobs are no longer secure and are concerned for their future.

Lord, in your mercy, may our prayers be the means of bringing hope and comfort to those in need.

New Minister:

The Rev'd Crawford Logan visited the Circuit on the 7th and 8th of April.

We look forward to his ministry in September, when we expect him to join us.

The Rev'd Logan will live in the manse in Dunsmore Avenue and will have pastoral oversight of Bilton, Dunchurch, Hillmorton Paddox and Wesley Road Churches.

Circuit Services:

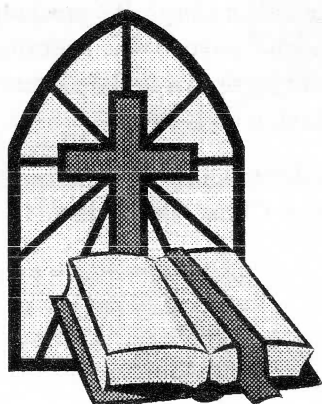
On Sunday May 7th, the Women's Network Easter Offering Dedication Service will be held at Long Lawford Methodist Church at 6.30pm. Mrs Marilyn Pratt, Circuit Vice-President, will lead the service and the speaker will be Mrs Jean Castle.

The Circuit Service for Ascension Day, on Thursday, May 25th will take place at Bilton Methodist Church at 7.30pm.

Bible study:

You are invited to a six-week Bible study – *'Being A Disciple: Counting The Real Cost'* – beginning on Thursday, May 4th at 7.30pm at Elizabeth House, Flecknoe.

For directions, or more information,



tion, please contact Ann Absolom on 01788 891875.

Christian Aid:

Christian Aid week is May 14th to 20th.

During this time 300,000 people will take the good news out of the church and on to the streets... More than 12 million people will see something that challenges them to think about those in need... And 6 million households will respond...

On behalf of Christian Aid and Rosemary Chapman and Chrissy Read – who will be collecting around Broadwell – we would ask you to give as generously as possible.

Our Christian Aid Dedication Service will be at Broadwell Methodist Church on Sunday, May 21st at 11am and will be led by our former Vicar, The Rev'd Beth Smith.

Friends from all churches are most welcome to join us.

Lent lunches:

Many thanks to all those who attended the Lent Lunches at All Saints Church.

As a result of your generous giving we were able to send £61 to 'Send a Cow', £63 to Practical Action and £107 to The Centre for Reconciliation at Coventry Cathedral.

LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER, THE REV'D HUGH CADE

Dear friends,

Some years ago I was much taken with a book written by Dr John Wright, a nuclear physicist. *'Designer Universe'* carries the sub title *'Is Christianity compatible with modern science?'* and is a Christian perspective on the dialogue between Christianity and science. Covering a wide range, the book looks closely at the origins of life and puts a very powerful case for God as a designer creator; and that the 'big bang' (if that was the beginning of creation) could not have taken place other than by design... One of the most compelling and appealing aspects of the book is the vastness of God both in terms of large and small scale. The creator of the universe not only brought about a concept too large for the human mind to fully absorb but also created the smallest particle of matter that has taken the human mind millennia to discover.

In the past many Christians have seen science as something of a threat. This is surely wrong? Instead of adopting a negative, defensive attitude to science, we should be praising God for the wonders of creation.

In this season of re-awakening and new growth it is good to be challenged by ideas of the omnipotence of God. Dr Wright's illustration for the size of the universe uses the picture of a garden pea representing a planet. He says that if peas were piled to a height of three feet, and spread over a cricket field, then that would represent the number of planets in our galaxy. To enlarge the analogy, if you then piled the peas to a height of half a mile and spread them across the whole of the British Isles, the number of peas would come somewhere near the number of planets in the universe!

Faced with even such a simple, yet profound, concept of the creativity of God, surely we can only stand in awe and wonder at His glory? We proclaim a God who loves us so much that he sent his only son so that anyone who believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life. May all be drawn to the glories which await those who seek to love and serve creator God, who is love.

May the peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord.

With love, joy and peace.

Hugh.

Good Friday Walk:

We again met with our Anglican friends at Broadwell Methodist Church for start of the traditional Good Friday Walk and Meditation. The story of the Crucifixion was read, in dialogue form, with prayers and hymns sung at each of our pauses for meditation.

We walked across the fields, carrying the cross, and along the woodland path where it was wonderfully peaceful on such a beautiful spring day.

At Leamington Hastings Church we were to have soup and hotcross buns, provided by our Anglican friends.

Unfortunately, an electrical fault had caused a fire in the Church and we were greeted by two fire engines and an ambulance!

The fire caused a lot of mess but was not too severe. We continued with our service in the courtyard of the Alms Houses and were given a welcome cup of coffee in the Common Room.

Everyone was very concerned and some of our Leamington Hastings friends felt unable to continue walking as they were needed at the Church.

We continued the walk carrying the cross to Birdingbury, where more members of St Leonards Church joined us for our meditations at The Birbury and then up the hill to the playing field, where we placed the cross on top of the high mound of earth. From the hill overlooking the village we could see Shuckburgh Woods, Napton on the Hill, and Daventry.

There, we sang '*There is a Green Hill*' and, in our meditations, we thought of all mothers who, like Mary, had lost a son. We then moved quietly to Birdingbury Church for the final act of worship at 3pm.

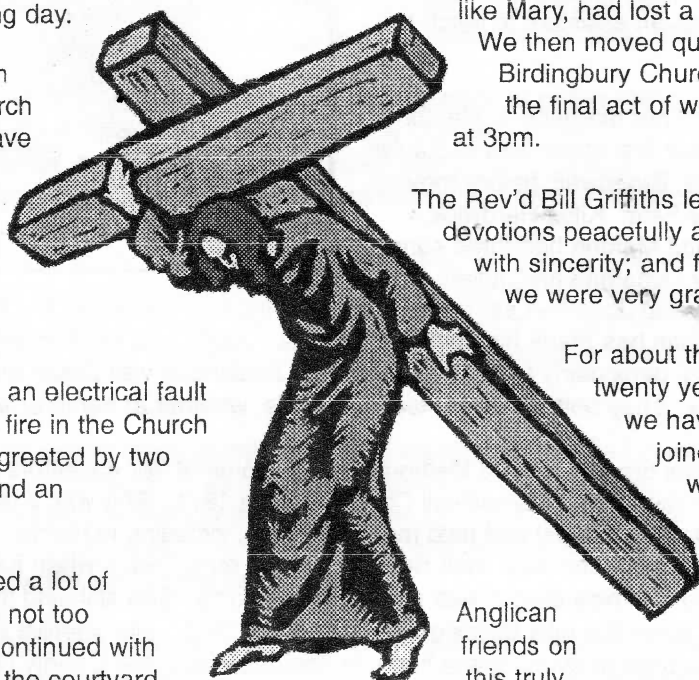
The Rev'd Bill Griffiths led our devotions peacefully and with sincerity; and for this we were very grateful.

For about the past twenty years we have joined with our

Anglican friends on this truly Ecumenical Walk.

Although some are no longer able to join in the walk as they used to, there were at each stopping point and act of worship approximately 20 people aged from eight to 80.

Sylvia Tool.



Judith Hewitt Dimbleby, 1924 – 2006

We at Broadwell were sad to learn of the death of Judith Dimbleby on Easter Sunday.

Judith, the daughter of Arthur and Violet Olorenshaw of Hospital Farm, Broadwell, was born on November 8th, 1924 and had one older sister, Molly. Judith was educated at Leamington Hastings School and Leamington Girls' College and she returned to Leamington Hastings School as an assistant to teach the infants.



Following her marriage to Manton in 1947, their first home was at Jubilee Cottages, Broadwell, before moving to Valley Farm, Kites Hardwick. Judith and Manton had three sons, Anthony, Jonathan and Julian.

Anthony and Jonathan still carry on the farming tradition within the Parish, while Julian has made his home in Australia. Judith and Manton enjoyed travelling, particularly to Australia and New Zealand to visit Julian and other relations. They both enjoyed meeting people, whether at home or abroad.

Judith was brought up in a Methodist family, some of her ancestors being Founder members of Broadwell Chapel, built in 1871. She was a great worker for the Chapel and held many positions, including teaching in the Sunday School and was Trust Secretary in the early 1960s when fund raising for the new chapel was very much a priority. She still held this position when the new building was opened in 1962. Her interest in local history led her to spend many hours in libraries and at the County Records Office researching the material for the book, 'Broadwell - The Story of Nonconformity in a Warwickshire Village', written by her father and published in 1963.

Judith will always be remembered for her musical talent. As an accomplished accompanist and singer, she played both piano and organ and had a fine contralto voice. Over many years she sang with Broadwell Choir, then Broadwell and Boddington Choir, the Leam Valley Singers and

Rugby Philharmonic Society. She was always ready and willing to play the organ for services whenever possible. But one of her main priorities was accompanying the singing at services for the young offenders at Onley Prison. She helped countless youngsters, through Christian Fellowship, right from the time the prison opened. During the past two-and-a-half years she found great pleasure in accompanying the Claremont Singers, who very much appreciated her expertise. This was a post into which she stepped when they were in desperate need of a pianist.

Judith was a lady of many talents and interests and had acted as Social Secretary at Methodist Holiday Homes and Hotels, organising the social activities to enhance the holidays. Through this she made many friends.

She loved her garden and spent many happy hours there. She was a member of the Over 60s' Club, enjoyed the Exercise Group at The Almshouses and the Julian meetings at The Church of the Good Shepherd

Judith could be quick to reprimand but equally quick to praise and show compassion. Not only was she helpful, she also appreciated help given to her. Above all, Judith was genuinely interested in the problems of others and she gave encouragement and sound advice wherever possible.

In 1997 Judith and Manton received an invitation to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the Queen's Golden Wedding on July 15th. Sadly, Manton died suddenly in April that year but Judith went to the Palace, accompanied by her nephew Martin, and thoroughly enjoyed her day.

Following Manton's death Judith was still determined to lead a full life and she continued to travel. It was while she was in Australia, visiting Julian, that she was very ill and lost the sight of one eye. But, in true Judith fashion, she bounced back and was determined to resume playing the piano and organ and driving her car again.

Judith and Manton had dual membership of Leamington Hastings Church and Broadwell Methodist Chapel and it was at All Saints, Leamington Hastings on April 27th that Judith's many relatives and friends gathered to say 'Farewell' to her.

Judith was a shining example to us and will be greatly missed. But we will remember her for her great faith and thankfulness for all God's blessings.

This tribute was researched and writted by Glenys Caunter.

Open Gardens event:

The next Open Gardens meeting is on Monday, May 15th at 7.30pm in The Victory Hall, Broadwell.

It is still not too late to offer to help, either by joining the working party for Britain in Bloom, or to help on or before the actual Open Gardens day.

If you would like to join in please contact Derek Knightbridge at *Pine Lodge*.



include the plant sale on May 20th and a stall at Birdingbury Festival on Sunday, July 9th.

Stuart Barrie.

Coffee morning:

Our next Coffee Morning will be held in the Chapel schoolroom on Wednesday, May 10th.

You are invited to join us between 10.30am and 12noon for coffee or tea and light refreshments and, of course, a friendly chat.

All are most welcome.

Broadwell Victory Hall:

We are now processing an application to The Big Lottery Fund for a grant for the remainder of the money we require to build the new hall.

In the past few weeks we have been promised a further £7,000 from other sources and we will be keeping the work going to obtain grants from other organisations.

In the meantime, the year progresses and our plans for future fund-raising events are well in hand. These



Broadwell Flower Show:

Following on from the successful and very enjoyable Pancake Bingo Event, we held our Spring Show on April 8th. We hope that the absence of entries in most of the vegetable classes was down to the indifferent growing weather just before the show.

However, as usual the flowers, cookery and children's classes were very well supported and the number of Queen's birthday card entries from the children was excellent. These have all been sent to Buckingham Palace and, hopefully, we will receive a reply.

The profit this year was slightly down from last year at £124.44. But a big thank-you to all those who helped and to those who supported the show.

Stuart Barrie.

Easter lilies:

Many thanks to all who made contributions, amounting to £100, towards the cost of Easter lilies for Leamington Hastings Church.

Plant sale:

The annual plant sale, in aid of funds for the Village Green and Victory Hall, will be held in the Victory Hall on Saturday, May 20th from 11am.

As usual, a large selection of bedding plants, perennials, plants suitable for containers and hanging baskets as well as salad and vegetable plants and herbs will be available.

Remember, this is the year of our Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail event and the village is also entering the Britain in Bloom Competition. Which means that this year's annual sale will be an even more important source of good plants with which to stock your garden...

But come early to avoid disappointment!

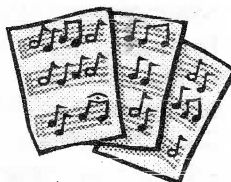


Musical Evening with Corino:

Members of Broadwell Methodist Church invite you to join them for a Musical Evening on Saturday, May 6th at 7.30pm at the Chapel.



Corino, from Southam, conducted by musical director, Muriel Wade, will be entertaining us. (In Italian, Corino means a small choir).



Refreshments will be served and there will be a collection in aid of The Methodist Fund for World Mission.



Corino is a choir with a great reputation and a wide repertoire. What's more, they're particularly easy to listen to.

So we look forward to seeing many of you on May 6th. Do come along and join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable musical evening.

Over 60s' Club:

The May meeting of the Over 60s' Club is on Wednesday 31st, at **Broadwell Victory Hall**, when Brian Garrard will be again be entertaining

- 12th The Gant Lecture: *Medicines & Poisons; Friend or Foe?* at Lutterworth 7.30pm.
- 13th Lutterworth Gift Day 10am-3pm.
- 16th Network Meeting at Daventry 2.30pm.
- 20th Paddox May Fair in aid of Christian books, videos & bibles for Onley Prison 10am-12noon.
- 21st Service of Music and Meditation with Andrew Santry and friends from Central Methodist Church, Cleckheaton at Bilton 6.30pm.
- 25th Circuit Service for Ascension Day at Bilton 7.30pm.
- 27th Coffee Morning in aid of Dementia Alzheimers Work Network at Long Lawford 10am-12noon.

July

- 1st/2nd Grandborough 150th Anniversary Celebrations.
- 1st Bilton House Garden Party at Bilton House 2pm.
- 16th Bilton House 60th Anniversary Celebration Service at Bilton House 2.30pm.

Dates for your diary:

May

- 4th Bible study 7.30pm *Elizabeth House*, Flecknoe.
- 5th Family Bingo 7pm Victory Hall.

- 6th Concert 7.30pm Broadwell Chapel.
- 7th Circuit Service 6.30pm Long Lawford Methodist Church.
- 10th Coffee Morning 10.30am-12noon Broadwell Chapel.
- 11th Bible Study 7.30pm *Elizabeth House*, Flecknoe.
- 14/20th Christian Aid Week.
- 15th Open Gardens Meeting 7.30pm Victory Hall.
- 18th Bible Study 7.30pm *Elizabeth House*, Flecknoe.
- 20th Plant sale, Broadwell Victory Hall.
- 21st Christian Aid Dedication Service.
- 25th Circuit Service for Ascension Day, 7.30pm Bilton Methodist Church.
- 25th Bible Study 7.30pm *Elizabeth House*, Flecknoe.
- 31st Over 60s' Club, 2.30pm Victory Hall.

June

- 1st Bible Study 7.30pm *Elizabeth House*, Flecknoe.
- 8th Bible Study 7.30pm *Elizabeth House*, Flecknoe.

July

- 1st/2nd 150th Anniversary Celebrations at Grandborough Chapel.
- 8/9th Birdingbury Festival
- 16th Broadwell Open Gardens and Scarecrow Trail.

September

- 2nd Broadwell Flower Show.

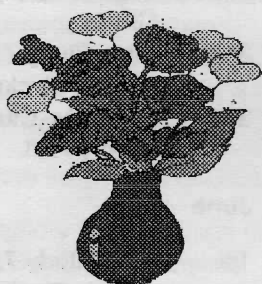
Glenys Caunter.

PREACHERS APPOINTED FOR MAY & JUNE

All services start at 11am unless otherwise indicated.

May 7th	Mr Kenneth Ridley.
Mat 14th	Mrs Dorn Margetts.
May 21st	The Rev'd Beth Smith, Christian Aid Service.
May 28th	Mrs Margaret Geldart.
June 4th	The Rev'd Hugh Cade, Holy Communion.
June 11th	Mr Peter Kent.
June 18th	The Rev'd Kenneth Renouf.
June 25th	Mr Brian Baker.

Flower rota



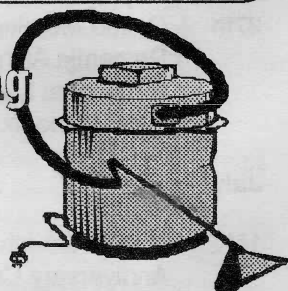
May

7th	Monica Sensecall
14th	TBA
21st	Gladys Collett
28th	Sheila Olorenshaw

June

4th	Evelyn Royans
11th	Sylvia Toole
18th	Daphne Morgan
25th	Irene Woodward

Cleaning rota



May

6th	Evelyn Royans
13th	Sylvia Toole
20th	Freda Slater
27th	Valerie Bostock

June

3rd	Wendy Williamson
10th	Sharon Barnes
17th	Alison Deeming
24th	Angela Woolliscroft

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