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**St Barnabas United Church and  
Christian Centre**

*Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne*

# The United Messenger

*A monthly magazine for two Churches in the Central Sussex United Area*

A  
HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

**January 2025**

*Mick Mulley Editor*

Team Ministers:

**Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (01323 739785) and Rev'd Paul Tabraham**

## Message from the editor...

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**ELCOMETO** a new year of your magazine.

I was looking up my records of when I took over being the editor and it was September 2003 and the Minister then was Jacky Bowers,

The magazine was called The new Messenger and it was in St Stephen's Church days. So after 21 years you may feel the urge to retire me and get someone else to take over. Please don't hesitate to come forward.

Meanwhile if you send in contributions I will continue to produce a magazine.

The last months of 2024 were bad times for both churches. So many people taken home to God but leaving gaps in our hearts and churches. Three people at St Barnabas in key roles have left big spaces in the running of the church.

We heard just before Christmas that Elizabeth Dunn-Wilson had passed away. Our prayers go out to all the families and friends of all these people.

Welcome to all the new members that have come to Broadway this year and for all the support you have given to the All age Worship Sundays.

I also like to thank the Broadway Praise Singers for learning so many new songs last year and actually liking some of them! Lastly my thanks and praise for Sue Miller Broadway's pianist, for playing all the music I have given to her and her enthusiasm to play along with the backing tracks.

My sincere best wishes to you all for:



**Mick**

# Christmas Message from Mona

**D**EAR CHURCH family, Happy new year to you!

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*

## **Proverbs 3:5-6**

As we have entered into new year 2025, I want us to reflect for some time on the journey we have shared together and to look forward with hope and faith.

The past year 2024, we have mix moments of joy, happiness, challenges, and trials, but we have seen the unwavering love and compassion of God. Let us, dear brothers and sisters, give thanks to our faithful God, who has brought us through the past year and is now guiding us into a fresh season filled with new hope and commitment.

The start of a new year is an opportunity to reflect, renew, and recommit. It’s a chance to pause and ask ourselves,

- What does God have for me

this year?

- How can I grow closer to Him?
- How can I serve Him more faithfully in every area of my life?

We are reminded in **Philippians 1:6** that *“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”*

God is not finished with us yet! He has new opportunities for growth, new blessings to pour out, and new assignments for us to fulfil.

The beginning of a new year is always a time of reflection, renewal, and hope. We reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness, knowing that His love has never failed, and we eagerly anticipate the new things He has prepared for us in the days ahead.

In this new year, I want to invite you to embrace the possibilities lie ahead. Let us commit ourselves afresh to the Lord, trusting that He will lead us in every step we take. Just as the Scriptures remind us in Philippians 3:13-14, we

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*"...forget what is behind and strain toward what is ahead, pressing on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus."*

This year, let us strive to grow deeper in our relationship with Christ, deepen our commitment to God through prayer, worship, service, and fellowship.

Let it be a year where we grow stronger in our faith by reading our Bible, spend more time in prayer, forgive each other's mistakes, help and uplift one another sincerely, and extend God's love to our family, church family and community.

As we have entered in the New Year 2025, together, may we be reminded that God's mercies are new every morning (**Lamentations 3:23**). His grace is abundant, His peace is unshakable, and His presence is always with us. Let us commit to living with joyful anticipation, knowing that with God, all things are possible, (**Matthew 19:26 & Mark 10:27**).

As we begin this new year, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that God has done in our lives

and in the life of our church, we have seen His faithfulness in countless ways. Today, as we step into 2025, we stand together in the hope and assurance that our God is the same yesterday, today, and forever (**Hebrew 13:8**).

As your sister in Christ, I also want to encourage each of you to commit this year to following Christ more closely and faithfully than ever before. Let this be a year where we embrace God's Word with open hearts, deepen our prayer lives, and actively seek to be His hands and feet in our communities. Together, let's continue to be His true witnesses and try our best to reflect His love, hope, peace, mercy, and grace. We can make a difference in the world around us as we walk in obedience to His call.

I also want to remind you that you are never alone on this journey. We are a family in Christ, and we walk together through every season of life. Let us continue to encourage one another, pray for one another, and support one another. As the body of Christ, we are stronger together.

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## Judy and Neil



**L**OVELY TO see Judy up and about.  
Photo shows Judy and her son Neil at Broadway morning worship on 22<sup>nd</sup> December,  
*More photos on page 15*

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I am excited for what God has in store for each one of us in 2025. Let us trust Him fully, knowing that His plans for us are good, *“Declares the Lord, I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* **Jeremiah 29:11.**

May this year be filled with abundant joy, unshakable peace, and the deep satisfaction that comes from walking closely with our Savior.



**Rev'd Mona, Sarah, Shon, Zebi and Zeerak**

# Broadway Christmas Lunch Club



# Broadway Christmas Lunch Club .. cont



Lunch Club  
Christmas 2024

# Broadway Advent Fellowship Day





## Carol Service - Broadway 15<sup>th</sup> December

**A** WELL prepared Carol Service was conducted By Rev'd Brian Wightwick on the 15<sup>th</sup> December at Broadway Church.

The service made up for the lack of carols in the Nativity service the previous week!

Lovely meditations and readings from many members of the congregation.



## Visit

A parishioner called the vicar during a power-cut caused by a blizzard and said she urgently needed a pastoral home visit. "I'm sorry, but I can't get out because of the heavy snow," the vicar explained.

Unsatisfied, she barked, "But I can't watch TV because the power is off! So what else am I supposed to do?"



## Nativity All Age Worship - Broad

**T**HE NATIVITY this year was scripted by Dawn and Mick Mulley. Lot's of 'volunteers' were selected as they came into Church and were given bits of paper with words written on.

A big thank you to all who participated and to the congregation for joining in the fun.

Not a conventional nativity but fun was had even if the glow sticks didn't work so well. And no carols!!



**Dawn and Mick**



# Way Church - 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024



Joseph is contemplating as he has found out that Mary is pregnant and it isn't by him!! But after a visit by an angel he is forgiving.



Mary is resting - because she can!



# Broadway Coffee Morning at John's



## Treasurer's Report - Broadway

**T**HE GIFT DAY for 2024 was £1.300. Thank you very much.

Please let me have the ACTION FOR CHILDREN boxes in as soon as possible. I like to send money raised at December 2024 Communion and the Envelopes and Boxes early in January.

January is time to think of the Blind Society in Eastbourne and a collection will be made at the Communion Service.

I have been given donations of £30 for Church Funds.

The Total for the Christmas Fair was £518.00

The cost for the Cleaner ( November) was £474.00 and the

annual boiler service etc. was £324.00 and a plumber was called out costing £60.00.

The Ministry for November totalled £1,612.00 and the utilities were £375.77.



John Donoghue

I wish you all a  
Very Happy  
and Peaceful  
New Year

# Carols at the D.G.H



# Service at Broadway - 22<sup>nd</sup> December



## Two Housebound Members

**T WAS** a blessing to spend time with Pam and Marylin and offer the sacrament of Holy Communion.

During my visit, we reflected on God's love and grace, sang some carols and it was heartwarming to see their spirit uplifted.

I encourage you to keep them and other church families and friends in your prayers.

Pam and Marylin sent their good wishes for the New Year to all church members of BROADWAY UNITED CHURCH and St. BARNABAS CHURCH.



**Mona**

### Anne Farley

Anne Farley passed away peacefully in hospital on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

I have known Anne for more than 60 years, firstly at St Luke's and then when she wrote and produced plays for us here at Broadway. She will be sadly missed.

**Sue Sanders**



## Who's who at BROADWAY United Church

### Elders:

**Sue Sanders:** Senior Elder

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- \* Pulpit supply
- \* Catering Convener
- \* Link with Community Lunches
- \* Junior Church

**Les Aisbitt:**

- \* Link with Property
- \* Sound System

**Caroline Braybrook:**

*\* Dpty Authorized person for weddings*

**Pauline Buchan**

**Alison Flynn:**

*\* Authorized person for weddings*

**Sue Miller**

- \* Pianist

**Kath Shaw:**

- \* Cradle Roll
- \* Bible Readers Coordinator

**Ruth Rowland:**

- \* Door stewards coordinator
- \* Link with Junior Church

**Val Cornish**

**Stu Miller :**

- \* Sound system

**Denise Woodfin**

### People with other responsibilities:

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## ST BARNABAS Rota details for JANUARY 2025

**5<sup>th</sup>**

Vestry: **Pat Beeney**  
Corridor: **Brenda Jenkins**  
D/Stewards: **David Prideaux**  
Reader: **David Prideaux**

**12<sup>th</sup>**

Vestry: **Val Attwood**  
Corridor: **Allie Bowles**  
D/Stewards: **Margaret Vizor**  
Reader: **Janice Crompton**

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*If you are unable to fulfil your duty please arrange to change with someone else. Thank you.*

# Happy New Year

**Who's who at ST BARNABAS Church**

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**Andrew Parry**

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**Brenda Jenkins**

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\* Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator \* Worship Leader

## Services at St Barnabas for JANUARY 25 (09.45am)

5<sup>th</sup> **Horton**

12<sup>th</sup> **LA**

19<sup>th</sup> **Gillian Wood**

26<sup>th</sup> **Rev'd Tabraham - Communion**

## Services at Broadway for JANUARY 25 (10am)

5<sup>th</sup> **Jolly Pett - AAW**

12<sup>th</sup> **Rev'd Brian Wightwick - Communion**

19<sup>th</sup> **John Goodway**

26<sup>th</sup> **Jennie Macfadyen**

### ELDERS (Broadway) January

5<sup>th</sup> Kath and Denise  
12<sup>th</sup> Val and Sue Sanders  
19<sup>th</sup> Caroline and Alison  
26<sup>th</sup> Ruth and Sue Miller

### DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

5<sup>th</sup> Maggie  
12<sup>th</sup> Pat  
19<sup>th</sup> Val  
26<sup>th</sup> Glynis