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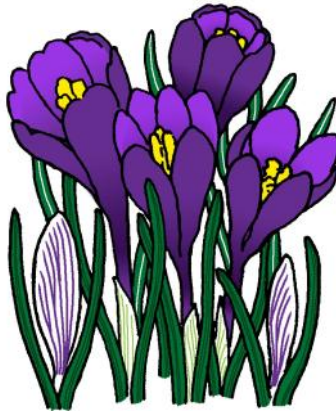


**St Barnabas United Church and
Christian Centre**

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Message from the Editor...

WELCOME TO February's edition of the church magazine. A reduced edition this month as I have only received one contribution! (Thank you Val - See page 5). And a couple of posters for Emmanuel Church.

My source for this month comes from parishpumps.co.uk, an on-line source, which I pay a subscription for.

Mick

The new vicar was doing the rounds to meet his parishioners. At one house where he knocked, a woman inside called out: "Is that you, Angel?"

The vicar hesitated and then called back: "No, but I'm from the same department."



Love in Action

'Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.' (1 John 3:18).

THE WRITER

Gary Chapman describes how love can be expressed in five different 'languages': words of encouragement, quality time, gifts, acts of service and touch. Do you have a preferred language of love? As we think about St Valentine during this month, let's consider how God's love language is expressed in the word *agape*.

This is exclusively found in the New Testament and is uniquely defined by Jesus: *'This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.'* (1 John 3:16).

Jesus' giving of His life on the cross provides the model for how we can demonstrate God's love in our relationships with oth-

ers.

It is self-giving: are we ready to put the other person first, as Jesus did when He died for us in our place. Are we generous with our time, words, money and service, whatever the cost?

It takes the initiative: are we ready to show love to those who don't deserve it or who we find hard to love? Do we have eyes of compassion to see their needs and a heart to love and serve them?

It is intentional: are we ready to get close to those in need around us, irrespective of the time we have or how we feel?

The story is told of Jesus asking a little child, *'how much do you love me?'* The child replied *'lots and lots and lots!'* Then they asked Jesus how much He loved them. Jesus stretched out His arms wide and said *'I love you this much'*, as they nailed Him to a cross.

Canon Paul Hardingham



Job - 'Why does God allow suffering?'

DAWN, GLYNIS and myself are trying to read the Bible over a year using the YouVersion Bible App. (available for free on phones and iPads only).

The plan we have is split into 365 days. There is a short video for each day to summarise the reading.

I struggled through Book of Job and I came across this article.

'Why does God allow suffering?'

This is a frequently asked question of Christians, because we believe in a God who is both good and powerful and it is explored in the book of Job. This book is part of the wisdom literature, along with Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

Job was both wealthy and righteous, yet he experienced catastrophic suffering, losing all his wealth, children and health.

This is portrayed as a result of Satan's challenge to God, testing whether Job's devotion to God was dependent on his circumstances or not.

The main body of the book (3:1-42:6) consists of dialogues between Job, his friends (Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar) and God. Job and his friends assume that God is almighty and just, and that no human being is wholly innocent. In the three cycles of speeches they wrestle with the reasons for Job's suffering, remembering his morally upright character.

Finally, all are silenced by God, as He speaks Himself (chs 38-42). He points out that Job knows very little about the universe when he reflects on God's power. Job confesses his lack of understanding and weakness, but then goes on to confess his confidence and trust in God. This puts suffering in a right perspective. Job is not condemned, and the book ends with the restoration of his family and possessions.

The importance of this book is that it realistically addresses the painful questions of life, without offering simplistic answers. It focuses on how we should respond to suffering, rather

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God-coincidence?

O **N THE** last day of 2024 I read the entry in **Our Daily Bread** (the Bible study booklet available in Broadway United church) entitled '*The hand of God*'.

Then I read the last page of **A Time for Advent** (the booklet produced by Dawn and Glynis two talented members of our church family). It struck me that it was a God-coincidence that the subject matter for both was the same and it was not just a coincidence.

The Hand of God Extract from **Our Daily Bread** (31st December 24) Bible reading was from Isaiah 48:12-19. In 1939, with the recent outbreak of war foremost in people's minds, King George V1 sought in his Christmas day radio broadcast to encourage

the citizens of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth, to put their trust in God. Quoting these words from a poem he said "*Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way*".

He didn't know what the New Year would bring he trusted God to 'guide them and uphold them' in the anxious days ahead."

The Door to New Year from **A Time for Advent** starts with a beautiful relevant and encouraging poem from Glynis and is followed by an iconic image of our Lord's hand held out inviting us to grasp it.

God will surely "guide and uphold us" whatever the New Year has in store for us.

Val (Cornish)

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than on why God allows suffering: 'Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I shall depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised.' (1:21)

Canon Paul Hardingham

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

NOW THAT there are fewer church choirs, singers from the four East Team Churches enjoy uniting from time to time to sing together.

We hope to present **Olivet to Calvary** (J.H. Maunder) at a special service on Maundy Thursday to be held at Emmanuel Eastbourne.

We warmly invite people from all the Area churches, and from within their communities, to join us for worship during Holy Week.

For any further information please contact Jennie (details below). We very much look forward to seeing (and hearing!) you!

On behalf of the East Team Churches,

Jennie

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Please see poster on the next page and forms can be found in the vestibule if you are interested in putting your names down.

Lion

A Sunday school teacher was telling her youngsters about Daniel and the Lion's Den. To illustrate the lesson, she drew a picture of Daniel standing, brave and confident, with a group of lions around him. Suddenly, one little girl started to cry. The teacher said, "Don't cry. The lions are not going to eat Daniel."

Snuffling back the tears the girl replied: "That's not what I'm crying about. That little lion, over in the corner, isn't going to get anything to eat."



COME & SING

“OLIVET TO CALVARY”

by J.H.Maunders

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE
UNITED AREA CHOIR

on MAUNDY THURSDAY



April 17th 2025 - 7.30pm

at:

Emmanuel Church Eastbourne

There will be four rehearsals at Emmanuel
prior to the performance on:

Saturdays: 22/29 March & 5/12 April at 10.30am

Music & learning resources will be available.

To make this a memorable service we need to ensure a
balance of voices, if you would like to take part,
please complete a registration form:

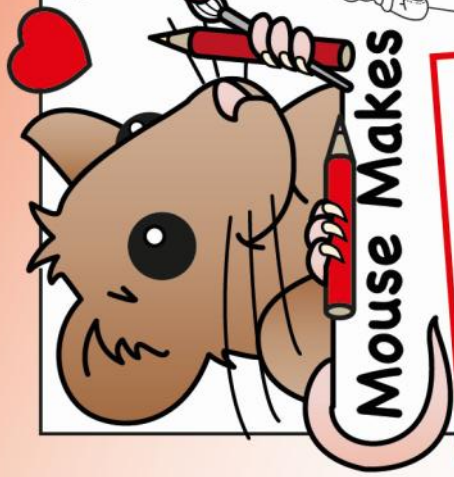
[AVAILABLE HERE](#) or

contact Jennie by:

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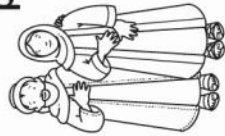
CONNECT THE BIBLE COUPLES

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| ADAM | ELIZABETH |
| ABRAHAM | MARY |
| ISAAC | HANNAH |
| JACOB | PRISCILLA |
| BOAZ | EVE |
| ZECHARIAH | RUTH |
| | PEREKAH |

Who were the first couple?

___ and ___
Genesis 2:22-25

Who's wife became a pillar of salt because she disobeyed the angel's warning?



Genesis 19:26

Which of Laban's daughters did Jacob love?

Genesis 29:18

Who was Moses' wife?

Exodus 2:21
Who married Boaz

FIND THE BIBLE VERSE

Change each letter in this bible verse to the letter **before** it in the alphabet.

XIBU HPE IBT
KPJOFE UPHFUIFS,
MFU OPU NBO
TFQBBSBUF.

NBSL
UFO WFSTF
OJOF

DID YOU KNOW?

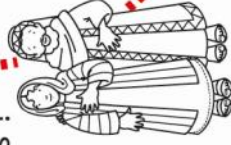
ELKANAH REBEKAH
 AQUILA RACHEL
 JOSEPH SARAH

Which couple helped the
 Apostle Paul in his ministry?

_____ and _____ Romans 16:3

to become
 King David's
 great-grandmother
 and a distant
 relative of Jesus ?

_____ Matthew 1:5



King Solomon
 had **700** wives!
 They were princesses
 of royal birth and he loved
 them all, but his wives
 caused him to turn
 away from God

See 1 Kings 11:1-3

E E Z R E E L I Z A B E T H R
 S V Q S L R Z J I B O A D M
 R E B E K A H O J R A O Q N O
 U I S A Q N H Z E C H A R I A H
 T H R U T A H L T H B M A Q U I L A
 S A R A H P R I S C I L L A

ABRAHAM
 ADAM • AQUILA
 BOAZ • ELKANAH
 ELIZABETH
 EVE • HANNAH
 ISAAC • JACOB
 JOSEPH • MARY
 PRISCILLA
 RACHEL
 REBEKAH • RUTH
 SARAH
 ZECHARIAH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!

Victoria Baptist Church
Eldon Road
Eastbourne BN21 1UE

*World Day of Prayer Service
prepared by the Christian women of
the Cook Islands*

1.30pm: in the church
(note earlier time!)
followed by refreshments in the hall
contact east.wdp23@gmail.com

All are welcome!

Cook Islands *I made you wonderful*



INFORMED PRAYER PRAYERFUL ACTION

24-7 365 Days a year Prayer movement Ecumenical International Women-led

wwdp.org.uk

Registered Charity Number 233242

Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 28th February 2025

Price: £6

Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice

Beef Casserole, Mash and two Vegetables

Chocolate Pudding and Chocolate Sauce

Tea or Coffee

To book a meal ring Val on 01323 487990 All diets catered for

Broadway United Church - Birthdays

9th Jenny Carey

10th Richard Edwards

11th Joshua Edwards



Happy Birthday

St Barnabas Church

coffee morning

First Saturday of the month

1st February 2025

from 10am

Pop in after doing your shopping

Broadway United Church



Every second Saturday of the month

8th February 2025

10am

in the Hall

That Big Freeze of 1955

SEVENTY YEARS ago, from early February 1955 and well into March, a Big Freeze took place in Britain. Deep snow and freezing temperatures caused havoc, with many places cut off. The RAF dropped food and medical supplies to affected areas, while thousands of sheep died from exposure.

Although the winters of 1947 and 1963 have attracted more publicity, 1955 saw severe weather in most parts of Britain, as well as in other parts of Europe and North America.

Snow fell in many areas of the UK from 11th February onwards, with night frosts gradually worsening and blizzards developing over the north of Scotland, where the RAF scrambled to do several rescues: in Caithness the response by emergency services was known as Operation Snowdrop. An exhausting search for a postman from Thurso, who went missing in the deep snow, eventually led to his being found at a remote farm where he had sought refuge.

Several snowploughs were

stranded, and the heavy snow spread gradually south, reaching as far as the Scillies and the Channel Islands. In North Norfolk there were 10ft drifts on the coast road, and Lancashire had its worst storm for 14 years. Devon, Cornwall and the Peak District had similar experiences.

More than 70 roads in Britain were blocked by snow, according to the Automobile Association, and hundreds of vehicles were abandoned in snowdrifts. Many parts of the country were cut off from essential supplies, and rail travel was disrupted. Church attendance was also hit, of course.

Temperatures in some places fell below 28F (-3C) – the lowest for 30 years, and February's record UK minimum was set. That year also experienced the last May snowfall of the century, but despite all that, there was plenty of sunshine, and as a total contrast, there was a drought and a heatwave the following summer.

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Who's who at BROADWAY United Church

Elders:

Sue Sanders: Senior Elder
01323 505866
* 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 FEBRUARY 2025

2nd

**Vestry: Pat Beeney
Corridor: Brenda Jenkins
D/Stewards: Margaret Vizor
Reader: Allie Bowles**

9th

**Vestry: Val Attwood
Corridor: Janice Crompton
D/Stewards: Brenda Jenkins
Reader: Val Attwood**

16th

**Vestry: Pat Beeney
Corridor: Brenda Jenkins
D/Stewards: Allie Bowles
Reader: Brenda Jenkins**

23th

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

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

Who's who at ST BARNABAS Church

Church Secretary:

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Lettings * Property * Preachers Coordinator

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Treasurer:

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Catering Convenor * Safeguarding Officer* "Make Lunch" link

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Church Councillors:

Val Attwood

Andrew Parry 01323

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Brenda Jenkins 01323

* Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator * Worship Leader

Services at St Barnabas for FEBRUARY 25 (09.45am)

2nd Jolly Pett

9th Rev'd David Laskey

16th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz - *Communion*)

23rd Rev'd Memona Shahbaz

Services at Broadway for FEBRUARY 25 (10am)

2nd Dr Dawn Mulley - AAW

9th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz
Communion, Covenant and AGM

16th Zeerak Shahbaz

23rd Rev'd Paul Tabraham

ELDERS (Broadway) February

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

2nd Stu and Denise

2nd Maggie

9th Kath and Val

9th Terry

16th Alison and Ruth

16th Sue E

23rd Sue S and Caroline

23rd Val