

The United Messenger

A monthly magazine for two churches
in the Central Sussex United Area

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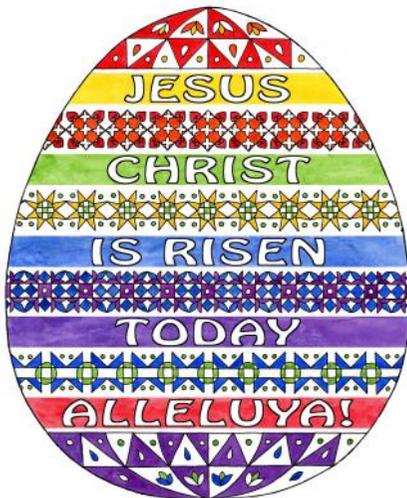


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**Easter Sunday
is
5th April**



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Message from the Editor...

DEAR READERS

Welcome to April's United Messenger. Sorry it's only basic edition this month but I have been very poorly. Diagnosed with shingles in my right eye and face. It has been very painful. Thank you to Mona and many others for their continued prayers and thoughts.

Mick

TO ALL my lovely church family, my heartfelt thanks for joining me for my huge surprise birthday party and for all the wonderful gifts and cards.

That day will rank among the happiest days of my life. I will never be able to thank my precious family enough.

Love to you all,

Kath

The Broadway United Church

Our next Church Meeting will take place after the Service on

Sunday 26th April 2026

Thank you

Steve Waters

Church Meeting Secretary

Contributions for **May's** magazine should be with me by:

Friday 17th April please. Thank you.

Dear Church Family

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Easter Day!

EASTER IS a time for reflection and renewal, reminding us of the incredible love and sacrifice, Jesus made for each of us. His resurrection signifies hope and the promise of new beginnings, inspiring us to embrace our faith and share the good news with others.

Easter and spring season are coming together usually, both symbolise renewal and new beginnings. Just as spring brings new life to plants and flowers, Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, offering spiritual rebirth and hope.

This special time of Easter, commemorates the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who triumphed over sin and death, offering us the gift of eternal life.

Psalm 118:24 reminds us *"This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Easter is a time of renewal, a chance to embrace the hope

that comes from the empty tomb.

Romans 5:8 *"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Dear brothers and sisters, Easter holds profound meaning as we reflect on the sufferings, crucifixion, and death of Jesus. He bore our sins on the cross, laying down His life so that we could be redeemed. He bought us with his precious blood.

Through His victorious resurrection, he defeated death, sin and Satan. As Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 15:55-57

"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ... but thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jesus' resurrection is not just an event of the past, it is the cornerstone of our faith and a source of hope for us all. His victory over death assures us that we, too, will have eternal life,

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through our faith in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

May we carry the message of hope into our lives, sharing the good news with those around us.

Myself, Sarah, Shon, Zebi and Zeerak are very grateful to God for all of our wonderful church family and are wishing you a joyous and blessed Easter filled with the love and grace of Christ!

Mona



Broadway United Church

Coffee Morning

*Every second Saturday of
the month*

11^h April 2026

10am

St Barnabas Church

Coffee Morning

*Every first Saturday of the
month*

4th April 2026

10am

*Come along after you do
your shopping*

St Barnabas Church

LENT BIBLE STUDY 2026

Theme: Prayers Jesus Prayed

The informal sessions led to good discussions as we have been exploring prayers Jesus prayed. Nine different people have attended, not everyone being available every week but everyone was welcomed.

We were delighted to have a member from Broadway join us who came specially on the bus.

Jean from St Barnabas Church

SOME OF you may remember our good friend Jean, who came to St Barnabas for some time. She moved down to Winchester a few months ago, but we have kept in touch.

On 19th February, courtesy of Lynn's Travel, we enjoyed a day trip to Winchester and met up with her.

Jean seems to be keeping well, and getting used to her new surroundings, which takes time.

We enjoyed the day looking round all the antique style shops which are very quaint. Had a nice lunch in Wetherspoons and ended with a look at the Cathedral.

All in all a lovely day, and good to see Jean again.

Clive and Hazel



Jesus' appearances after His Resurrection

Mary Magdalene	Mark 16:9-11; John 20:10-18
Other women at the tomb	Matthew 28:8-10
Peter in Jerusalem	Luke 24:34; 1 Corinthians 15:5
The two travellers on the road	Mark 16:12,13
10 disciples behind closed doors	Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25
11 disciples WITH Thomas	John 20:26-31; 1 Corinthians 15:5
7 disciples while fishing	John 21:1-14
11 disciples on the mountain	Matthew 28:16-20
A crowd of 500	1 Corinthians 15:6
Jesus' brother – James	1 Corinthians 15:7
Those who saw the Ascension	Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

Broadway United Church Birthdays April 2026

2 nd Sue Elphick	2 nd Pauline Buchan
7 th Katie Lydiatt	10 th Barbara Edwards
16 th Rev'd Mona	19 th Les Aisbitt
21 st Ivana Parkinson	30 th Maggie Waters

If your birthday is not listed please see June Phillips



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Mothering Sunday Se

At st Barnabas Church, our special Mothering Sunday service celebrated the profound love and guidance of the women in our lives. Each member was greeted with beautiful flowers, honouring not only our mothers but all women who have nurtured and inspired us in our faith.

Dear Janice shared her delicious Simnel cake, bringing joy to the gathering as we thanked God for His love and compassion. The service began with a heartfelt remembrance, lighting a candle in honour of all mothers, creating a warm atmosphere of gratitude and reflection.

Here are some beautiful pictures...



Service at St Barnabas



Peter Wept

My name is Simon Johnson, Jesus used to call me Pete
Although he was a carpenter, we worshipped at his feet.
Some things he said were hard to grasp and yet they still rang true
But if he was the Son of God why did he have to die?
With him around I felt alive, now all I do is cry.
I can't make sense of what's gone on. How can the Christ be
dead?

And how could I have let him down? I should have died instead.
He called me Pete for it means rock. I thought I would be strong;
When he said I'd deny him, I was sure he'd got that wrong;
The rest might run, but never me - I thought I was a Man
But when he needed me the most - this 'rock' turned into sand!
I never will forgive myself for how I swore that night
Three times as I denied him - then a cock crowed. It was light.
The last time that I saw him. he was looking back at me
And now he's DEAD and I regret my failures bitterly.

I've never known a Sabbath so devoid of warmth and cheer
The atmosphere was heavy with despondency and fear.
The day after the Sabbath, in the early morning gloom,
The women left, they said, to take some spices to the tomb.
They came back all excited, crying out, "the body's gone!"
Without a clue what I could do, I set off at a run.
I found the tomb was empty, where a body ought to lay-
There were abandoned grave clothes-strange-and no smell of de-
cay!

On the way back I puzzled at the things the women said,
They claimed an angel told them Jesus was no longer dead!
They said that we would see him if we went to Galilee!
Could it be true? I wished I knew. It made no sense to me.

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Judy and Neil

It WAS great to visit lovely Judy and Neil. We prayed together and it was great opportunity to give Holy Communion to her.

Judy sent much love and prayers to all. She appreciated your prayers too.



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We still felt pretty fearful as we locked the door that night.

Then Jesus suddenly appeared and gave us all a fright!

“Relax”, he said, “It’s really me, you didn’t have to grieve,”

“I told you I would rise again, why couldn’t you believe?”

He sensed we still were doubtful, so he said, “I’m not a ghost!”

To prove it, he asked for some food; we gave him fish on toast.

He showed us from the Scriptures, Psalms, the Prophets and the
Law,

The reasons for his suffering, (he’d told us this before-
but now it slotted into place), and how he’d rise again,

Forgiveness for the human race, accomplished by his pain

Hazel Elrick

Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 24th APRIL 2026

Price: £6

Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice

Roast Beef, Roast Potatoes and two Vegetables

Lemon Cheese Cake

Tea or Coffee

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

Nice

The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own
Easter eggs.

JD Hair Salon

16 The Broadway, Hampden Park BN22 OAS

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(the salon is in Harmony Health)

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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

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ST BARNABAS Rota details for APRIL 2026

5th Vestry: **Brenda Jenkins**
 Corridor: **Clive Elrick**
 D/Stewards: **Hazel Elrick**
 Reader: **Brenda Jenkins**

12th Vestry: **Allie Bowles**
 Corridor: **Anne Wielding**
 D/Stewards: **Brenda Jenkins**
 Reader: **Allie Bowles**

19th Vestry: **Clive Elrick**
 Corridor: **Hazel Elrick**
 D/Stewards: **Pat Beeney**
 Reader: **Anne Wielding**

26th Vestry: **Pat Beeney**
 Corridor: **Allie Bowles**
 D/Stewards: **Anne Wielding**
 Reader: **Brenda Jenkins**

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

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Catering Convenor * Safeguarding Officer

“Make Lunch” link

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Church Councillors:

Val Attwood

Allie Bowles

Shon Shahbaz

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Brenda Jenkins

Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator * Worship Leader

Services at St Barnabas for APRIL (09.45am)

5th Ian Srodzinski (*Easter Day*)

12th Jolly Pett

19th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (*Communion*)

26th Gillian Wood

Services at Broadway for APRIL (10am)

5th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (*Communion*)

12th Rev'd Brian Wightwick

19th Sue Miller

26th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (*Church Meeting*)

ELDERS (Broadway) April

5th Ruth and Sue Sanders
12th Val and Denise
19nd Kath and Stu
26th Ruth and Sue Miller

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

5th Sandra
12th Maggie
19th Pat
26th Val