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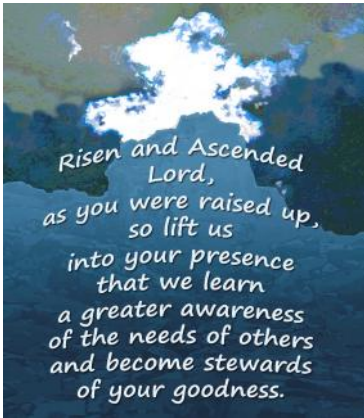


**St Barnabas United Church and  
Christian Centre**

*Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne*

# The United Messenger

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



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**May 2025**

***Mick Mulley* Editor**

Team Ministers:

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

## Message from the Editor...

**W**ELCOME TO May's edition of the church magazine.

I am away the last two weeks in June therefore July wont have its own issue. Therefore, there will be a **June/July** issue that will come out at the end of May, so last day for contributions will be Saturday **17<sup>th</sup> May**. (Sorry Brenda and Ruth).

Thank you to parishpumps.co.uk for some of the resources this month.

**Mick**

### Don't look back

The Sunday School teacher was telling the story of how when Lot's wife looked back at Sodom and Gomorrah, she turned into a pillar of salt.

One youngster nodded in a knowing fashion. "My mummy looked back once while she was driving," he confided, "and she turned into a lamp post."

### Sundays of the Month (May)

|                  |                                  |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter |



Contributions for **JUNE and JULY's** magazine should be with me by:  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May** please. Thank you. **[Early due to my holiday]**

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## Message Rev Mona

**M**AY GOD's grace and mercy continue to strengthen you and as we have celebrated, Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter last month I want to draw your attention on Ascension Day, on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

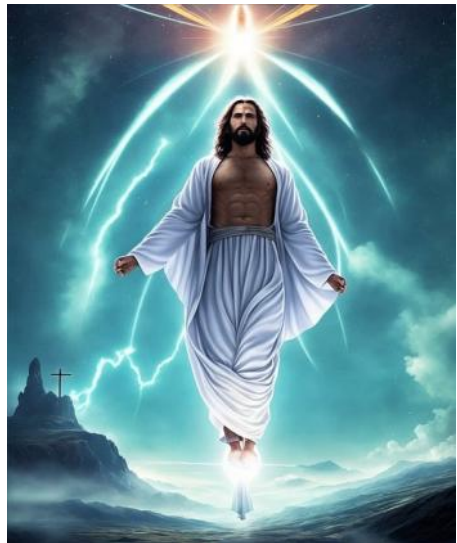
When Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, after completing His earthly ministry, ascended to heaven. Apostle Luke, who was an eyewitness of this important event, tells us in Acts 1:9-11,

*“After he (Jesus) said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.*

*“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

In this month we are celebrating and reflecting upon the significance of Ascension Day, I want to take this opportunity to share its importance and the profound responsibilities upon each of us as true believers/witnesses in Christ.

In our daily lives, we need to be spreading His message of hope, compassion, and grace to those around us. The Ascension is a reminder that we are not left alone; we are equipped and guided by the Holy Spirit to be witnesses to His love in our communities.



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# Mothering Sunday - St Barnabas Church



## Mothering Sunday Cont..



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Moreover, Ascension Day is an invitation to elevate our hearts and minds towards heavenly values. It encourages us to seek a deeper relationship with God, to prioritize prayer and spiritual growth, and to relate our lives with His divine purpose. In doing so, we not only transform our own lives but also giving testimony to those around us.

Ascension Day marks the moment when our Lord Jesus Christ, after His resurrection, ascended into heaven, taking His rightful place at the right hand of the Father.

This event is not just an ancient historical account; it is a vital part of our faith, embodying the completion of Christ's earthly ministry and the promise of the Holy Spirit. It is a day that invites us to renew our commitment to live as faithful witnesses of His love, grace and mercy. It's a reminder to all believers that we need to accomplish our mission, given by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus' ascension affirms that His earthly mission was completed. He demonstrated through His life, death, and resurrection the depth of God's

love for humanity. We are called to carry forward this mission by practicing His teachings in our daily lives. To do so, He empowered us with the Holy Spirit, that we could be "his witness to the end of the world."

Ascension Day challenges us to actively participate in God's work. Each of us has a unique role to play, whether through acts of kindness, evangelism, or service to those in need.

We are called to be living testimonies of Christ's love. Through our actions, words, and interactions, we can reflect the light of Christ to those around us.

My dear brothers and sisters, let us commit to deepening our relationship with God through prayer and worship. Ascension Day is an invitation to strengthen our spiritual lives and seek divine guidance in our decisions.

As we celebrate Ascension Day, let us fulfil our roles as Christ's ambassadors on earth. Together, may we share our faith and Christ's love with others and be true witnesses to our world.

Blessings to you all,

**Rev'd Mona**

## Treasurer's Report - Broadway

**T**HE CHARITY for May is for CHRISTIAN AID. They save lives and offer hope to families and communities especially to the people of the devastating earthquake in MYANMAR on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please help CHRISTIAN AID.

The Offertory for March including standing orders and envelopes amounted to £1,635.00.

Coffee Collections for March was £53.97. Birthday Cards raised £15.45 and Lent Books £20.00 and Friendship Day £7.00 and a donation of £6.35 from a money box.

The amount received from

hirers of our premises came to £890.50.

- The Ministry for March including URC and CSUA and visiting preachers came to £1695.00.
- Gas, electric and water for March was £966.44.
- The cleaning for March was £476.43 and the garden £50.00
- Southern Alarms Annual Service cost £412.20.
- Refreshments cost £34.70
- Flowers £50.00
- United Messenger £30.45.

Please remember to add 50p in the Coffee of Offertory for this Magnificent Church Magazine edited by Mick Mulley.

Thank you.

**John Donoghue**

## Christian Aid Week - 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> May

**F**OR MORE than 75 years, Christian Aid has been working with some of the world's most vulnerable communities in 29 countries in Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean.

This annual week invites Christians in the UK to help

fundraise for the work by holding community events and taking on individual challenges. It has been called 'seven days of fundraising fun – your way'.

More info at: <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

## Southern Synod members at Moderator's Day



**S**OUTHERN SYNOD members at Moderator's Day at  
"Crowhurst Christian Healing centre on 26th March 2025.

Picture above is of ecumenical ministers and church leaders at  
"Churches Together in England" at Hayes Conference Centre.

Mona



## Broadway United Church - March Birthdays

17<sup>th</sup> Megan Capon

18<sup>th</sup> Ebenezer Boakye



Happy Birthday

### Why you should be careful

The owner of a new sports car was reluctant to allow his wife drive it, even to the local shops. After she insisted, he finally relented, cautioning her as she departed, "Remember, if you have an accident, the newspaper will print your age!"

**Broadway United Church**



*Every second Saturday of the month*

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**10am**

**in the Hall**

**St Barnabas Church**

*coffee  
morning*

*First Saturday of the month*

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

**from 10am**

*Pop in after doing your shopping*

## Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April) - Broad

**M**ONA BROUGHT a drama play to the Palm Sunday service and after an early start we were all prepared for the event.

The play started in the church and progressed to going outside into the carpark then concluded back inside the church. We had some laughs (mainly at Monas's expense!).

The service continued with a Bible reading from Paul and two new worship songs from the Broadway Praise Singers.

Thank you Zeerak and Mona for a lovely service.

Mick



# Way Church - Zeerak and Mona



## More pictures from Palm Sunday



## United Good Friday Service at Broadway



## Easter Sunday - Broadway

**A**FTER A lovely cooked breakfast

the Rev'd Brian Wightwick conducted an Easter Service at Broadway United Church.



Thank you to Val and her helpers who served a lovely full cooked breakfast.



## Easter Sunday - St Barnabas Church



## Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Price: £6

Time: 12.45

**Fruit Juice**

**Chicken Pie, Mash and two Vegetables**

**Rice Pudding**

**Tea or Coffee**

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

# Thy Kingdom Come

**T**HIS MONTH millions of Christians worldwide, of every denomination, will once again join in with *Thy Kingdom Come*, a prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost (29<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June), to pray for the nation to know Jesus Christ. It is a time to seek the empowering of the Holy Spirit, that we may be effective witnesses to Jesus Christ.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do. Persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. As Paul writes: *‘Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may*

*proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.’* (Colossians 4: 2-4).

Thy Kingdom Come encourages us to choose five people who we can pray for regularly. Why not ask God to guide you, as you settle on five names and commit to praying for them daily, perhaps by using the following prayer:

*‘Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ your light and glory have blazed forth.*

*Send your Holy Spirit that I may share with my friends the life of your Son and your love for all.*

*Strengthen me as a witness to that love as I pledge to pray for them, for your name’s sake. Amen.’*



Light Up The World In Prayer  
29<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Aspirin

Had a slight headache this morning but felt much better after following the instructions on the aspirin bottle:

*‘Take two and keep away from children.’*



## 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:

**John Donoghue**

- \* Church Treasurer

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**Pat Aisbitt:**

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**Mick Mulley** 07985 932783

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- \* The United Messenger  
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- \* Broadway Praise Singers
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## ST BARNABAS Rota details for MAY 2025

**4<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:                    **Janice Crompton**  
                     Corridor:                **Val Attwood**  
                     D/Stewards:            **Margaret Vizor**  
                     Reader:                  **Janice Crompton**

**11<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:                    **Pat Beeney**  
                     Corridor:                **Brenda Jenkins**  
                     D/Stewards:            **Allie Bowles**  
                     Reader:                  **Brenda Jenkins**

**18<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:                    **Val Attwood**  
                     Corridor:                **Janice Crompton**  
                     D/Stewards:            **Brenda Jenkins**  
                     Reader:                  **Val Attwood**

**25<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:                    **Pat Beeney**  
                     Corridor:                **Brenda Jenkins**  
                     D/Stewards:            **Margaret Vizor**  
                     Reader:                  **Allie Bowles**

*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:

**Janice Crompton** 01323 639042

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Lettings \* Property \* Preachers Coordinator

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### Treasurer:

**Janice Crompton**

**Email:** jancrompton@hotmail.com

Catering Convenor \* Safeguarding Officer

“ Make Lunch” link

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### Church Councillors:

**Val Attwood**

**Zeb Shahbaz**

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### Brenda Jenkins

Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator \* Worship Leader

**Services at St Barnabas for MAY 25 (09.45am)**

4<sup>th</sup> **Parker**

11<sup>th</sup> **Rev'd Memona Shabaz - Communion**

18<sup>th</sup> **Williams**

25<sup>th</sup> **Local Arrangement**

**Services at Broadway for MAY 25 (10am)**

4<sup>th</sup> **Mick Mulley - AAW**

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

18<sup>th</sup> **Zeerak Shahbaz**

25<sup>th</sup> **Rev'd Memona Shabaz**

**ELDERS (Broadway) May**

**DOOR ROTA (Broadway)**

4<sup>th</sup> Caroline and Sue Miller

4<sup>th</sup> Terry

11<sup>th</sup> Ruth and Sue Sanders

11<sup>th</sup> Val

18<sup>thj</sup> Alison and Denise

18<sup>th</sup> Sue E

25<sup>th</sup> Val C and Stu

25<sup>th</sup> Maggie