

# The United Messenger

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

*Mick Mulley Editor*

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**Father's Day**

**15<sup>th</sup> June**

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

## Message from the Editor...

### DEAR READERS

Welcome to June's United Messenger.

Sad news about Geoffrey Gordon who was the Methodist Superintendent when I started my Christian journey some 27 years ago, and Terry Dorset (*see page 13*).

The first time I got to know Terry was at 'Easter People' a dynamic evangelical event in British Methodism held in Bournemouth in 2000 where over 10,000 people attended. Organised by Rev'd Dr Rob Frost and The theme was 'Jesus in a New Millennium'. The musical 'Hopes and Dreams', written during the previous year, was shown this week featuring the now famous Millennium Prayer.

*(The Lord's Prayer written by Paul Field and Stephen Deal later recorded by Cliff Richard).*

Rob Frost, founder of **Share Jesus International**, died of Cancer in 2007.



*Rev'd Dr Rob Frost*

I was greatly influenced by my week in Bournemouth. It gave me hope for the Methodist Church with a new approach to worshipping in song and encouraging children to participate.



*Rev'd Ralph Ward*

I also met Rev'd Ralph Ward a Methodist minister who encouraged young people to sing and dance. He produced various CD's including Jump and Shout.

Ralph is now a minister in Penzance, Cornwall of six churches and the superintendent of a circuit containing 18 churches.

**Mick**

## Dear Church Family

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

**AS WE** enter in June, the sixth month of the year 2026, I realise that half of the year has already passed and another half still remains before us. We thank God for His love, grace, mercy, guidance, protection and countless blessings throughout these past months.

Dear brothers and sisters, I want to appreciate you all for your commitment, dedication and faithfulness to God and to one another.

Last month, we were blessed to learn and reflect deeply on important teachings of our faith. We especially meditated on the Ascension of Jesus on May 14, Pentecost Sunday on May 24, and Trinity Sunday on May 31. Each of these moments are deeply rooted in our Christian faith, reminding us of the incredible promise and power that we receive through the Holy Spirit.

We recall how the 120

followers of Jesus gathered in unity, praying together and earnestly waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had assured them that they would receive this divine power—referred to in Greek as “Dunamis,” from which the word “dynamite” is derived. This power is not limited to a select few; it is a gift for all believers, as prophesied by the Prophet Joel in the second chapter. Equipped with the Holy Spirit, the early church went forth, engaging in powerful ministry as documented in the Book of Acts.

We are all called to continue this legacy of ministry, fulfilling the Great Commission that Jesus entrusted to us, empowering every follower of Christ to be His witnesses in the world.

Let us give thanks to the Lord for our lives, our families, and our church community. We are blessed with a wonderful congregations and supportive neighbourhoods, and we should remember the importance of our

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involvement in ministry, just as the early church did, we can read in the book of Acts.

I encourage each of you to persevere in your fruitful ministry. As we step into June, let us pray that God will be with us, guiding our paths and enriching our lives. Jesus has promised us the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit, bringing comfort in the assurance, "Lo, I am with you to the end of the age."

Dear brothers and sisters, I also want to request you that please remember all of the bereaved families, who are going through times of sorrow, pain and loss. May the Lord give them His own peace and comfort. Also pray for those who are in hospital in your daily prayers and also pray for all who are

suffering from mental health difficulties, anxiety, loneliness, and emotional struggles. let us pray and ask God to grant us wisdom to be His faithful witnesses in all that we do.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, which empowers us to carry out Your work. Help us to walk in faith, serving our community and fulfilling Your Great Commission. May we seek Your wisdom in our daily lives and draw strength from one another as members of the body of Christ. Guide us as we continue to grow in Your love and grace. In Jesus' precious name, we pray. Amen.

Wishing you a blessed and fruitful month ahead.



**Mona**

Broadway United Church

# Coffee Morning

*Every second Saturday of  
the month*

**13<sup>h</sup> June 2026**

**10am**

St Barnabas Church

# Coffee Morning

*Every first Saturday of the  
month*

**6<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

**10am**

*Come along after you do  
your shopping*

## **Boasting**

Three boys in the schoolyard were bragging about their fathers. The first boy said, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, they give him £50."

The second boy said, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a song, they give him £100."

The third boy said, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

## 'Our Marilyn Monroe'

**ONE HUNDRED** years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1926, the American film actress, model and sex symbol Marilyn Monroe was born. Remembered for *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, *The Seven Year Itch* and *Some Like it Hot*, among others, she died in 1962.

Her original name was Norma Jeane Mortenson, and she was born in Los Angeles, spending much of her childhood in foster homes; she lived for a while with evangelical Christians Albert and Ida Bolender, as did her mother, Gladys Monroe. She married James Dougherty at the age of 16, and later Joe DiMaggio, the baseball star.

Marilyn suffered a great deal from endometriosis, and although she became pregnant on three occasions, she had no children. Her character was contradictory: she was probably bipolar, but combined an apparent naivety with an extremely shrewd business intelligence: some estimated her IQ at a very high 165. She certainly had a spiritual

side, but this was rarely obvious.

When she married Arthur Miller in 1956, she converted to Judaism because she identified with Jews as an oppressed group, and she retained this spiritual connection after they divorced.

Monroe's career in films started when she was spotted by a photographer while she was working in an aircraft factory. She was always seen as a pin-up, and it was an image she cultivated. She wore white to draw attention to her blondness (though she was naturally brunette) and wore deliberately revealing clothes.

As far as politics were concerned, Monroe was a democrat, admiring Abraham Lincoln and giving her backing to civil rights. Her closeness to the Kennedy family – she was rumoured to have had brief affairs with both the president, JFK, and his brother Bobby – came at the end of her life. She died of a barbiturate overdose at her Los Angeles home.



## St Barnabas Church

# BIBLE STUDY 2026

We are continuing to meet for an informal Bible study every  
Friday at **11am** (for about an hour)  
Everyone is welcome

*Bring your own bible or use a church copy*

*This is normally every week but with two exceptions this month: -  
12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>h</sup> (it's possible we could still meet on the 26<sup>th</sup> but that  
needs to be confirmed)*

Hazel Elrick

## Broadway United Church Birthdays

June 2026

7<sup>th</sup> Christopher Capon

11<sup>th</sup> Emily Febvre

18<sup>th</sup> Chris Mulley

20<sup>th</sup> Caroline Braybrook

21<sup>st</sup> June Phillips



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*If your birthday is not listed please see June Phillips*

## From Denise (Broadway)

**As WE** see the trees and hedgerows burst into bloom and the beauty of nature all around us, there is no more joyous sight to announce the arrival of Spring than seeing new born lambs.

Recently a few of us from Church had a trip to see some ewes and their lambs. The

afternoon began with a lovely drive in the Sussex countryside to reach a barn belonging to Megan Capon, Ros and Tony's Granddaughter.

The ewes were in individual pens with their little lambs; some only a few days old or just born. It was very special for me to be able to hold two little black lambs - they were smaller than my poodle!

Sue Sanders and I also



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## Treasurer's Report - Broadway

**THE COMMUNION** Collection from the past three months were:

- March - Beachy Head Chaplaincy was £122.00
- April - The World Mission Fund was £92.00.
- May - Christian Aid and was £123.00.

The June Charity will be for Methodist Homes for the Aged, Nursing Home in St. Leonards-On -Sea.

The Offertory for April including Standing Orders and Envelopes amounted to £1,578.00 The amount raised in hiring of our premises came to £1,018.00. The expenses for the Ministry for April including URC and CSUA was £1,615.

Utilities for April was £593.75 and the cleaning of the Church premises was £461.72. The United Messenger was £18.75 for April. Please donate 50p towards the magazine or view it on line at <https://broadwayunitedchurch.co.uk> for free.

**John**

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bottle fed two older lambs born in February - they were so strong pulling at the bottles!

We then all enjoyed a picnic together before, finally, we went to watch Megan and her border collie working in the field rounding up some of her sheep, which was truly amazing.

We all learned so much from Megan and what was very clear to see was how much she loves what she does and cares so much about her lambs and sheep.

A really lovely afternoon.

**Denise**

# St. Barnabas Church - more

**St. BARNABAS** Church having breakfast while learning about Jesus prepares breakfast for Disciples and asked Peter, “Do you love Me?”



# Morning lesson with breakfast



## Southern Synod Spring School 2026

**T**HE SOUTHERN Synod Spring School 2026 was a wonderful and enriching gathering of more than 30 ministers and church leaders at High Leigh Conference Centre.

It provided a meaningful opportunity for learning, reflection, fellowship, and mutual encouragement.

This year's theme focused on "Binding Anxieties." We were deeply inspired by the teaching and guidance of Revd Fiona

Bennett. Through our journey with Abraham (Genesis 11–25), together with insights from Systems Theory, we explored ways to discover nourishment and hope for ourselves and our ministries while living and serving in an anxious world.

The Spring School was also a joyful time of fellowship and reflecting on our own faith journey and the providential care of God, within our churches and communities.



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# Terry Dorset

**I**T IS with deep sadness that I write to share the loss of our beloved brother, Terry. His passing is a great sorrow to us all, and we grieve together as a community.

Terry was a faithful believer and a true witness to the Lord. He lived a life devoted to Christ and regularly took part in our joint services, coffee mornings, carol services, DGH Hospital services, friendship days, and many other activities.

This heartbreaking news has touched us all deeply. I have been in contact with Sharon, Terry's sister, and have shared our heartfelt condolences. She is very grateful for your prayers and support during this difficult time.

As we mourn Terry's passing, let us continue to uphold his family and friends in our prayers. May God grant them peace and comfort.

He will be dearly missed, and his legacy of faith and kindness will remain in our hearts.

**Mona**



## The 2026 Bluebell Walk

**WHAT A** beautiful afternoon we had wandering the bluebell woods at Arlington. We missed those of you unable to come.



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We shared laughter, conversations, challenges, burdens, and joys with one another, strengthening our bonds in ministry and faith.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Southern Synod and the Committee members, for all the excellent arrangements, support, hospitality, and encouragement throughout the four days.

Rev'd Memona, member of Spring School Planning Group, captured a beautiful group photo of this memorable occasion.

May God continue to bless and guide us, and help us to be His faithful witnesses in the world.

**Rev'd Memona Shahbaz**

## 21<sup>st</sup> June - Father' Day

**I**N THE UK, USA and Canada, the third Sunday in June is Father's Day. It's usually a good time for sons and daughters to take their father to his favourite restaurant, or to watch a favoured sport, or whatever else he enjoys doing.

How do these special days ever get started, anyway? Well,

Father's Day began because way back in 1909 there was a woman in Spokane, Washington, named Sonora Louise Smart Dodd. That year she heard a church sermon about the merits of

setting aside a day to honour one's mother. Mother's Day was just beginning to gather widespread attention in the United States at this time. But Sonora Louise Smart Dodd knew that it was her father who had selflessly raised herself and her five siblings by himself after their mother had died in childbirth. So the sermon on mothers gave Sonora Louise the idea to petition for a day to honour fathers, and in particular, her own father, William Jackson Smart.



Sonora Louise soon set about planning the first Father's Day celebration in Spokane in 1910. With support from the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA, her efforts paid off, and a 'Father's Day' was appointed. Sonora Louise had wanted Father's Day to be on the first Sunday in June (since that was

her father's birthday), but the city council didn't have time to approve it until later in the month. And so on 19<sup>th</sup> June, 1910, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane.

Gradually, other people in other cities caught on and started celebrating their fathers, too. The rose was selected as the official Father's Day flower. Some people began to wear a white rose to honour a father who was dead, and a red one to honour a father who was living. Finally, in 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day - a permanent, national holiday.

## Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026

Price: £6

Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice

Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and two Vegetables

Fruit Pie and Custard

Tea or Coffee

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

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*(the salon is in Harmony Health)*

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- \* Catering Convener
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- \* 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 :**

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## ST BARNABAS Rota details for JUNE 2026

**7<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:            **Allie Bowles**  
                    Corridor:        **Clive Elrick**  
                    D/Steward:     **Brenda Jenkins**  
                    Reader:          **Allie Bowles**

**14<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:            **Janice Crompton**  
                    Corridor:        **Hazel Elrick**  
                    D/Steward:     **Anne Weilding**  
                    Reader:          **Brenda Jenkins**

**21<sup>st</sup>**            Vestry:            **Brenda Jenkins**  
                    Corridor:        **Anne Weilding**  
                    D/Steward:     **Anne Weilding**  
                    Reader:          **Janice Crompton**

**28<sup>th</sup>**            Vestry:            **Pat Beeney**  
                    Corridor:        **Janice Crompton**  
                    D/Steward:     **Clive Elrick**  
                    Reader:          **Hazel Elrick**

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

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**Val Attwood**

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**Brenda Jenkins**

Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator \* Worship Leader

## Services at St Barnabas for JUNE (09.45am)

- 7<sup>th</sup> John Berryman  
14<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Memona Shahbaz  
21<sup>st</sup> Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (*Communion*)  
28<sup>th</sup> Clair Bell

## Services at Broadway for JUNE (10am)

- 7<sup>th</sup> Rev 'd Paul Tabraham (*AAW*)  
14<sup>th</sup> Rev'd Brian Wightwick (*Communion*)  
21<sup>st</sup> Ian Srodzinski  
28<sup>th</sup> Dr Dawn Mulley

### ELDERS (Broadway) JUNE

- 7<sup>th</sup> Val and Denise  
14<sup>th</sup> Alison and Stu  
21<sup>st</sup> Sue Sanders and Kath  
28<sup>th</sup> Kath and Sue Sanders

### DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

- 7<sup>th</sup> Sandra  
14<sup>th</sup> Val  
21<sup>st</sup> Maggie  
28<sup>th</sup> Glynis

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

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June** please. Thank you.