

The United Messenger

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

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Message from the Editor...

DEAR READERS

Welcome to July's Magazine. To see it in colour go to:
<https://www.broadwayunitedchurch.co.uk/index.html>

You can find the link on the right of the screen below the picture of the Church.

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Hymns for professionals

Dentist:	Crown Him with many crowns.
Contractor:	The church's one foundation
Obstetrician:	Come, labour on.
Golfer:	There is a green hill far away.
Politician:	Standing on the promises.
Librarian:	Let all mortal flesh keep silence.
Barrister:	In the hour of trial.
Dry Cleaner:	O for a faith that will not shrink.
Census taker:	All people that on earth do dwell.
Tax officer:	We give thee but thine own.
Traffic patrol:	Where cross the crowded ways of life.
Credit card user:	A charge to keep have I.

Sundays of July

5 th July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity
12 th July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity
19 th July	Seventh Sunday after Trinity
26 th July	Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Dear Church Family

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

IT IS often said that the only constant in life is change. Whether we welcome it or resist it, change is part of our human experience. Children grow up, families change, careers begin and end, friendships develop, and circumstances shift in ways we never expected. Some changes bring joy and excitement; others bring uncertainty and loss.

Most of us find change difficult because we naturally prefer what is familiar and comfortable. Yet the Bible reminds us that change is essential into the pattern of life. As Ecclesiastes tells us:

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Throughout Scripture, God calls people into new situations. Abraham left his homeland to follow God’s promise. Moses led the Israelites into a new future.

The disciples left their nets to follow Jesus. None of these changes were easy, but through them God accomplished His purposes.

My dear brothers and sisters, perhaps we can think of changes in our own lives, may be a move to a new home, care home, change in our physical health, financial ups and down, the arrival of a child, retirement, the loss of a loved one, or changes within our church family. Such moments can bring both hope and anxiety. Yet God assures us that He remains present in every season.

Even when we cannot see what lies ahead, God is at work, bringing new possibilities and fresh opportunities for growth.

While everything around us changes, there is one thing that never changes—God Himself. Hebrews 13:8 reminds us:

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

That truth gives us confidence. Our circumstances may change, but God’s love,

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Broadway United Church

Coffee Morning

*Every second Saturday of the
month*

11^h July 2026

10am

St Barnabas Church

Coffee Morning

*Every first Saturday of the
month*

4th July 2026

10am

*Come along after you do your
shopping*



The Broadway United Church

Church Meeting - Change of date

Our next Church Meeting, which had been due to take place on Sunday 12th July, will now take place after the Service on Sunday 9th August.

Steve Waters

Church Meeting Secretary

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mercy, and faithfulness remain constant.

This beautiful hymn reminds us: “Morning by morning new mercies I see.”

Each new day is a gift from God, filled with His grace and care. As we face the changes before us, may we trust not in our own understanding but in the One who walks beside us through every transition and every step.

Let us Pray:

Gracious and loving Father, in a world that is constantly changing, we thank You that Your love never fails and Your faithfulness never ends.

Help us, guide us and lead us to trust in Your providential care and guidance. When change is difficult, give us courage to move forward in faith. So, we could embrace change with faith. When we face uncertainty, remind us that You are always with us.

Open our hearts to the new things You are doing among us and help us to follow you. May Your Holy Spirit strengthen us, encourage us, and fill us with hope, love and unwavering faith. We ask this through Jesus’ precious name, Amen.

With every blessing,



Mona

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 contact Hazel Elrick St Barnabas
Church for confirmation.

Broadway United Church Birthdays July 2026

3rd Victoria Boakye

30th Neil Holland



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If your birthday is not listed please see June Phillips

St. Barnabas Church - Pentecost Sunday

ST BARNABAS Church service of Pentecost Sunday, church Meeting and fellowship.

Special thanks to friends who did prayers in six different languages in the service and thanks to Shon, Sarah and Zebi for making headbands for the service.



Poem from Glynis (Broadway)

Round and milky white, a million miles away
But just above my head, peeking through my bedroom window.
Smiling at me from her ethereal, chalky white face
With button eyes, black as coal, and shiny.
With a long, smooth finger
She beckoned me to follow her,
Through the whispery, thread-like clouds on high I floated
To dance among the stars.

A myriad of diamonds in her long, white gown
Trailing far below, to softly caress the earth with her moonlight.
“This is Heaven” she whispered quietly gesturing around her.
Shooting stars with rainbow encrusted meteor trails
Lit up the atmosphere....
Passing gently overhead, around , engulfing me with colour
Gently embracing me in a warm wash of iridescent light.
Holding me, suspended in time.

The stars formed into a sparkling crown
Above her graceful head
Anointing her luminous hair with royal grace
A true queen of heaven. Artemis.
When she spoke, the words fell from her eyes
Slowly curving and arching around her crown
Illuminated by the stars...
“Welcome to my World, my love, Welcome”

I could not speak
My words had left me

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Stay overnight - Mid Wales Church

WALKERS AND visitors can once again book overnight stays at St Gwrhai's Church in Penstrowed, Powys, as the 2026 champing season opens.

Champing, a blend of 'church' and 'camping', offers exclusive overnight access to historic churches no longer used for regular services. The church accommodates up to four guests and includes a fully equipped kitchen in the adjacent hall, an indoor toilet, and secure space for bikes. Dogs are welcome.

Located an hour from both Aberystwyth and Shrewsbury, the site is well placed for exploring the

Cambrian Mountains, which lie 20 minutes away and include nine Dark Sky Discovery sites. The Severn Way — a 215-mile walking route to Bristol — begins nearby, and guided walking groups operate in the area.

For more information visit champing.co.uk.



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My heart and eyes too full of the wondrous beauty of the skies.

I slowly raised my hand to caress her translucent cheek
And found myself, once more, back behind my bedroom glass.

She was gone.

The heavens dark and broody.

I had broken the spell.

I had dared to reach out, to touch her.

Glynis Avery © 2026

Rev'd Paul's Farewell Message from Mona

As we celebrate the remarkable journey of our dear brother, Revd Paul Tabraham, who has dedicated 12 years of his life to serving as a church minister, it is with both joy and sadness that we are gathered to say huge thanks to you.

All friends have written their lovely messages to you, expressed their memories through beautiful cards. They baked cakes and refreshments and I am pretty much assured that this Memory Book will be like a treasure to you.

With so much love we present this memory book to you. This book is a testament to your hard work, talent, and brilliance, reflecting the countless lives you have touched and the profound impact you have made in our community. Each page is filled with heartfelt memories, words of gratitude, and cherished moments shared with you.

We are grateful for your unwavering commitment and the love you have shown us all. Though you are moving on to new journey, new adventures, your legacy will forever remain in our hearts.

As we are gathered together, we reflect on the extraordinary

journey of your fruitful ministry over the past 12 years. Your unwavering dedication, compassionate leadership, and inspiring sermons have not only strengthened our faith but also the spirit of unity and togetherness have been developed among us.



Your ability to connect with people from all walks of life has transformed countless lives, leaving profound impact on our hearts. As you begin this new chapter, know that your legacy of faith and fruitful ministry will continue to

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inspire us. We are immensely grateful for your guidance and the profound impact you have made in our lives. Thank you for being a faithful shepherd, and may God bless you abundantly in all your future ministry and faith journey.

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your dedicated service, unwavering commitment, and faithful leadership.

Your sense of humour has brought warmth and joy to many occasions, helping us to navigate both challenges and celebrations with a smile. We thank you for the positive impact you have made on our congregations and community, and we wish you every blessing and happiness in the next chapter of your ministry and life.

Prayer:

Loving and gracious Father, we thank You for the life, ministry, and faithful service of Your servant. As he prepares to leave us and take up his new appointment as Superintendent, we commit him and his family into Your loving hands. May Your protection surround them wherever they go, and may Your mercy and grace go before them each day.

Lord, continue to strengthen him for the work You have called him to do. Grant him wisdom to lead, discernment to make godly decisions, and peace that surpasses all understanding. Fill him with courage, joy, and renewed vision as he begins this new chapter of ministry.

Bless his family with good health, unity, and happiness. May they experience Your presence and provision in every circumstance. Let doors of opportunity open before them, and may they be a blessing to all those they serve.

As we say farewell today, we thank You for the impact he has made among us. May Your favour rest upon him, and may his ministry continue to bear much fruit for Your kingdom. We entrust his future to You, confident that You will guide his steps and uphold him with Your righteous hand.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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The Friday Lunch Club

THE FRIDAY Lunch Club brings people together for fellowship, friendship, and support. It helps friends from the East Team churches and community to have wonderful fellowship, strengthens their relationships, listen to each other's stories, build community connections and show Christ's love in a practical way.

I appreciate you all for what you do.

WELL DONE TO ALL!

Mona



Photos by Mona

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The Friday dinners are arranged for the last Friday of the month (except in August).

See page 16 for July's menu, time and phone number.



Church Attendance Grows for Fifth year

CHURCH OF England congregations saw their fifth year of growth in a row in 2025 with steady increases in weekly and Sunday attendance and strong growth in Christmas and Easter services, an early snapshot of official figures shows.

Overall, there were an estimated 1.023 million regular worshippers across Church of England congregations last year, up 1.4 per cent on 2024, according to preliminary returns for the annual Statistics for Mission report.

It is the fifth year in a row in which attendance both on Sundays and across the week have risen – the first time this has been seen since current records have been kept.

Just under two million people (1.96 million) joined services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day last year - up 5.5 per cent - in addition to 4.8 million attendances over Advent, a 2.0 per cent rise.

Easter attendance was up 7.8 per cent to just over one million (1.03 million).

Over a typical week an estimated 707,000 people at-

tended Church of England services, up 0.7 per cent on the previous year, and 15.5 per cent higher than 2021 when attendance rebounded after Covid.

Meanwhile average attendance at Sunday services stood at 590,000 – up 1.6 per cent on the 2024 figure. Despite this recent growth, attendance and participation remain below pre-pandemic levels.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah Mullally, said: "It is so encouraging to see the ways that God is at work in our Church. I give thanks for the clergy, lay people and volunteers who each week make people feel welcome in every parish across our country."

Debbie Clinton, the Church of England's Director for Vision and Strategy, said: "From our rural villages to our post-industrial towns, in parishes across the country, churches are reaching out to their communities and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our 2025 statistics are a testament to their hospitality and faithfulness. We praise God for all that He is doing in His Church." †

Rev'd Paul Tabraham Farewell Party

DEAR CHURCH family, I am very grateful to all of you and a heartfelt thank you to everyone for preparations for our dear brother Revd Paul's Farewell Party.

Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and willingness to help make the occasion so special. Whether you hosted, baked delicious cakes, wrote thoughtful and heartfelt messages for Paul, sang, played music, prepared the quiz, set up and cleared away tables, washed dishes, or simply shared your love and care, every contribution was deeply appreciated.

Through your efforts, you expressed your gratitude and affection for Revd Paul in a wonderful and meaningful way.

Your support, fellowship, and friendship helped create a memorable celebration and a memorable farewell.

May God continue to bless each one of you abundantly. With sincere gratitude and a HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL!

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Terry Dorset Funeral - 10th July

I WOULD like to share with you the details of our dear brother Terry Dorset's funeral service, as he slept in Christ and finished his race, as Apostle Paul says, *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* 2-Timothy 4:7

As you know, he was a faithful and kind man of God. He was a member of St Aidan's Church and St Steven's Church, now Broadway United Church, from childhood, consistently attending Sunday services and participating in East Team church's, joint events, coffee mornings, quizzes, carol singing at the railway station, DGH hospital and shopping centres, Friendship Day, and other occasions.

His funeral service will be held on Friday, 10th July at 12:30

pm at Eastbourne Crematorium.

A thanksgiving service for his life will take place at Broadway United Church at 2pm.



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The teacher's young pupils were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair colour than the other members. One of the children suggested that he was adopted. A little girl said, "I know all about adoption; I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means", said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

Broadway Service Trinity Sunday



All in the month of JULY

IT WAS:

250 years ago, on 4th July 1776 that the US Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.

250 years ago, from 12th July 1776 to 4th October 1780, that the British explorer Captain James Cook made his third and final voyage. He travelled to New Zealand and Hawaii, where he was killed in a violent exchange with the local people.

200 years ago, on 4th July 1826 that Stephen Foster, the ‘father of American music’ was born. His songs include Oh! Susanna, Camptown Races, and Swanee River.

175 years ago, on 3rd July 1851 that Charles Bannerman, British-born Australian cricketer, was born. He scored the first-ever run in Test cricket, and also scored the first century in Test cricket.

Also 175 years ago, on 24th July 1851 that the Window Tax was abolished in England and Wales. The tax was introduced in 1696 and was based on the number of windows in a house. It led to many

windows being bricked up. It was replaced by a tax on inhabited buildings.

125 years ago, on 9th July 1901 that Dame Barbara Cartland, romantic novelist, was born. She wrote 723 novels, including 23 in a single year, and sold more than one billion copies of her books.

90 years ago, on 24th July 1936 that the speaking clock telephone service was launched in the UK.

60 years ago, on 30th July 1966 that the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

50 years ago, on 29th July 1976 that the pier-head of Southend Pier in Essex was destroyed by fire. It is the world’s longest pier. It re-opened in 1986, but then a tanker crashed into it, creating a 70-foot gap. It reopened again in 1989, but two further fires, in 1999 and 2005, caused significant damaged. It reopened in July 2012.

When England won the FIFA World Cup

SIXTY YEARS ago, on 30th July 1966, the 1966 FIFA World Cup final took place. England beat Germany 4 – 2. English player Geoff Hurst became the first (and only) player to score a hat-trick in a World Cup final.

Hurst is also the only surviving member of the England team that started the 1966 final, held at Wembley, where England played all their matches. Others were spread around the country.

The 1966 World Cup was unique in that it was the only one in history that had no matches played on a Sunday, because of the Sunday observance laws in force at the time. Professional football was in fact not played on a Sunday in England until 1973-74, and then to a much lesser extent than it is now.

The 1966 tournament was also significant in other ways – not least for the famous commentary snippet from Ken Wolstenholme, still quoted today. This occurred when it seemed the crowd might be invading the pitch as Hurst advanced on the German goal. “They think it’s all over!” said KW. Pause, then as Hurst’s shot hit the

back of the net, “It is now!”

Many matches in the tournament were marred by violent play and contentious sendings-off. Vicious tackles on Pelé, the world’s leading player, put him out of the tournament, and one angry player in another match had to be escorted off the field by police. As a result, the yellow and red cards familiar to us today were introduced, as was the use of substitutes. Inconsistent refereeing was also tackled through training and clearer interpretation of the laws of the game.

Before the tournament started, the Jules Rimet trophy was stolen from an exhibition. A dog named Pickles discovered it wrapped in newspaper under a bush in a South London garden.



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Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 31st JULY 2026

Price: £6

Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice

Gammon & Pineapple, Potatoes and two Vegetables

Chocolate Pudding & Sauce

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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Who's who at BROADWAY United Church

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- * Junior Church

Les Aisbitt:

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- * Sound System

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** 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:

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- * Link with Junior Church

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5th Vestry: **Allie Bowles**
 Corridor: **Clive Elrick**
 D/Steward: **Hazel Elrick**
 Reader: **Allie Bowles**

12th Vestry: **Brenda Jenkins**
 Corridor: **Hazel Elrick**
 D/Steward: **Anne Weilding**
 Reader: **Brenda Jenkins**

19th Vestry: **Allie Bowles**
 Corridor: **Anne Weilding**
 D/Steward: **Clive Elrick**
 Reader: **Allie Bowles**

26th Vestry: **Pat Beeney**
 Corridor: **Janice Crompton**
 D/Steward: **Brenda Jenkins**
 Reader: **Anne Weilding**

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

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“Make Lunch” link

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Services at St Barnabas for JULY (09.45am)

- 5th Rev'd Andy Melvin
12th Gillian Wood
19th Rev'd Peter Shilling
26th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (*Communion*)

Services at Broadway for JULY (10am)

- 5th Mick Mulley (*AAW*)
12th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (*Communion*)
19th Jolly Pett
26th Rev'd Brian Wightwick

ELDERS (Broadway) JULY

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

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

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

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

Friday 17th July please. Thank you.