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**St Barnabas United Church and
Christian Centre**

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The United Messenger

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



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Service of Thanksgiving for
Dee Boydell—See page 16

September 2025

***Mick Mulley** Editor*

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

Message from the Editor...

WELCOME TO September's edition of the church magazine.

Sad to hear about Rev'd David Laskey (*see page 4*).

The Broadway Coffee Evenings were well attended and after three Wednesdays £ 360 had been raised for our charities. (*See pages 10 and 11*).

We hope Elizabeth Beattie recovers quickly from her recent fall.

Please note there is a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Dee Boydell at Broadway Church on Saturday 11th October. (*See page 16*).

Thank you to Katie Lydiatt for videoing the Praise singers concert on one of the Coffee Evenings held during August. To hear their songs please visit Broadway's website on:

<https://www.broadwayunitedchurch.co.uk/Singers.html>

And scroll to bottom of page.

Thanks to Parishpumps.co.uk for the extra material for this month's magazine.

Mick

Sundays of the Month (September)

7th September	12th Sunday after Trinity
14th September	13th Sunday after Trinity / Education Sunday
21st September	14th Sunday after Trinity
28th September	15th Sunday after Trinity

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Dear Church Family

WANT to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support you have shown us during this difficult and painful time following the loss of my dear mother.

Thank you so much for all your lovely messages, emails and cards. Your beautiful messages, emails and cards with comforting messages have truly touched our hearts. It means so much to us to know that we have such a caring, kind and compassionate church family by our side. Your kindness has been a source of strength and comfort for us all. All our family back home also sending huge thanks and Christian love to you.

I am also grateful for the generous extension of my ministry here in Eastbourne for five more years. I am honoured to continue serving this wonderful community, and I look forward to the journey ahead with all of you. May God's grace and mercy continue to guide us all.

As we reflect on the love and kindness you have shown, we are reminded of these beautiful verses:

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." (Romans 8:28)

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

Thank you once again for your care, support, and compassion. We are truly blessed to have you and to be part of this loving, caring and supportive church family.

With blessings and gratitude,

Mona, Sarah, Shon, Zebi and Zee



We will be having services at the District General Hospital in Eastbourne on the following days at 3:00pm:

September 7th

Please do join us so we can worship and support our community together

Rev David James Laskey 1936 - 2025



Rev'd David James Laskey
25 May 1936—17 August 2025

WE ARE sorry to hear the sad news of David's passing away at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday evening on 17th August.

Extract from a letter from the family...

"David had been unwell for many months at times with excruciating pain which doctors couldn't seem to discover the cause for until relatively recently when it was discovered he had a large

tumour on his lower three vertebrae.

"He spent weeks in hospital at various times and we had carers at home but for the past eleven weeks he was an inpatient at our wonderful St. Wilfrid's Hospice here in Eastbourne.

"The Cremation for David will be at Eastbourne Crematorium followed by a service of Thanksgiving at Victoria Baptist Church, Eastbourne. These will take place on Thursday 18 September. 12 noon at Eastbourne Crematorium followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Margaret & David's church where they were members.

"At David's request no black to be worn [smart casual/informal] and immediate family will provide flowers. Donations if wished to be shared between St. Wilfrid's Hospice and Care for the Family".



PRAY *Eastbourne*

A **NEW** team, with the promotional and practical support of Churches Together Eastbourne, is inviting Christians and churches across the Eastbourne area to unite together in prayer for our town.

<https://prayeastbourne.co.uk/>



Pray Eastbourne is taking part in the National Week of Prayer, 6th-14th September

Guest singer and songwriter Graham Kendrick will lead us in praise and prayer – Saturday 6th September 10am at Beachy Head (opposite the car park) and 1.30-2.30pm at Bankers Corner in the precinct.



Led by Graham Kendrick and John Pressdee leaving Beachy Head opposite the carpark at 11.15 am and walking down to Eastbourne Town Centre for 1.30 pm praise and prayer.



Knock knock

What do you get when you cross an atheist with a Jehovah's Witness?

Someone who knocks at your door for no apparent reason.

150 years of the Keswick Convention

AN ICONIC Christian convention is celebrating 150 years this year. From the humble beginnings of a vicar holding a meeting on his vicarage lawn back in 1875, the Keswick Convention now runs a year-round Christian teaching ministry and attracts 15,000 to its annual three-week summer convention.

The Keswick Convention was the brainchild of Canon Thomas Harford-Battersby, Vicar of St John's Keswick. He had attended a Christian conference in Oxford, and found it life changing. "Christ was revealed to me so powerfully and sweetly as the present Saviour in His all sufficiency." And later he added: "I found He was all I wanted: I shall never forget it... How it humbled me and what peace it brought."



Harford-Battersby wanted to share this joy in Christ with others. So, with the help of a

friend, he erected a tent on his vicarage lawn that summer and simply invited local people to come along.

Even that first year, it was a success. Over the week, nearly 400 people attended. And in the following years, more people came. Hundreds, thousands of them, from many denominations, eager to learn more about the Bible. Within a few years of its starting, Christians all over the world were making an annual pilgrimage to the little Lake District town, to hear the best Bible teachers that were available.

Some highlights along the way:

- 1875 - first convention, in St John's vicarage garden in Keswick.
- 1901 - the first marquee was erected on the Skiddaw Street site.
- 1969 - the second week of convention was started, aimed more at families
- 1997 - the Rawnsley Hall in Keswick was bought, to extend youth ministry

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St Barnabas Church

COFFEE MORNING



Saturday
6th September 25

Call in before you do your shopping

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- 2001 - the third week of the convention was launched
- 2015 - the Pencil Mill in Keswick was acquired, and it is now an integrated home for the Convention.

Many missionary societies and theological colleges owe their roots to the Keswick Convention: Hudson Taylor of China and Amy Carmichael of India had close ties with Keswick.

In recent times, speakers have included some of the best-known preachers in the evangelical world: John Stott, Donald English, George Duncan, David Coffey, and Anne Graham Lotz.

Today many Keswick teaching events are held around the world: in Africa, Australia, New Zealand, North America, India, Jamaica and Japan. The Convention's motto remains – 'All One in Christ Jesus'.

More at: <https://keswickministries.org>

Celebrating 200 years of the public railroads

TWO HUNDRED years ago, on 27th September 1825, the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

Inspired and supported by a prominent Quaker, Edward Pease, and backed financially by many Quakers nationally, it has been described as “the great theatre of railway operations”, sparking the explosion of railways across the world and boosting the industrial revolution. About 20 miles of the original 25 mile stretch still exist, now as part of the Northern Rail line.

The technical expertise behind it all came from George Stephenson, an extraordinary self-taught engineer whose expertise, which originated in the mines, stretched beyond railways. His *Locomotion No 1*, built for the Stockton and Darlington line, was the first steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line. He worked with his 18-year-old son Robert, who is known for creating the more famous *Rocket* four years later.

The first Stockton and

Darlington train – which in fact ran from Old Etherley Colliery, some distance north of Darlington – was led by a man on horseback with a flag. The motto of the organising committee was “At private risk for public service”.

With brakemen stationed between the wagons, the train reached 12 to 15mph and was greeted by an estimated 10,000 people at the Darlington junction, where some passengers left and more boarded. The average speed was calculated at about 8mph. Six wagons of coal were given to the poor by way of celebration.

A nine-month festival in County Durham and the Tees Valley – with artwork, spectacles and community events – is marking the bicentenary of the opening of the railway.

As a tribute to his life and achievements, a bronze statue of George Stephenson was unveiled at Chesterfield railway station in 2005. An earlier statue stands in Neville Street, Newcastle.

More info at: <https://railway200.co.uk>, <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk>

Treasurer's Report - Broadway Church

THE OFFERTORY for July including standing orders and envelopes amounted to £1,276.00

Coffee collections for July came to £60.99

The amount raised through hirers of our premises came to £631.00

The communion Collection for Mathew 25 raised £60.00

I have had donations of £505 given to me this month.

Thank you so much for this. I will always welcome Gifts for our Church Funds.

Sue Sanders (Senior Elder) and I were invited as guests at the AGM of The Eastbourne Samaritans last month at All Saints Centre, Grange Road. The Guest Speaker was Josh Barbarinde M.P. with many other distinguished guests. The Chair particularly mentioned our Church for supporting them for more than 20years. Stuart Miller and his wife Sue took us in their car and I found out that Stuart has been a Samaritan for 37 years.

The Coffee Morning in my garden raised £65.15.

The August Coffee Evenings raised, at the time of printing (3 weeks), a total of

£370

Outgoing

- The Ministry for July including URC and CSUA and visiting preachers was £1,655.00.
- Gas, electric and water for July was £216.71
- BT (3 months) £140.65.
- Cleaning for July £467.80
- Garden £50.00
- The annual Lift maintenance £593.40.
- Electrical repairs £94.80
- 2nd class stamps £6.96
- Repairs to toilet seat £34.00.

Thank you for reading this so knowing where your money is going.

The charity for September is for Eastbourne Samaritans.

John Donoghue



Mouse Makes

"Let us fear and respect the Lord our God.

He gives **autumn** and **spring** rains at the right time. He makes sure that we have the harvest at just the right **time**."

— from Jeremiah 5:24

"God... gives you **rain** from heaven and good harvests at the right times. He gives you plenty of **food** and fills your hearts with **joy**."

— from Acts 14:16-17

"May the people **praise** you **God**...
The **land yields** its harvest, God,
our God **blesses** us."

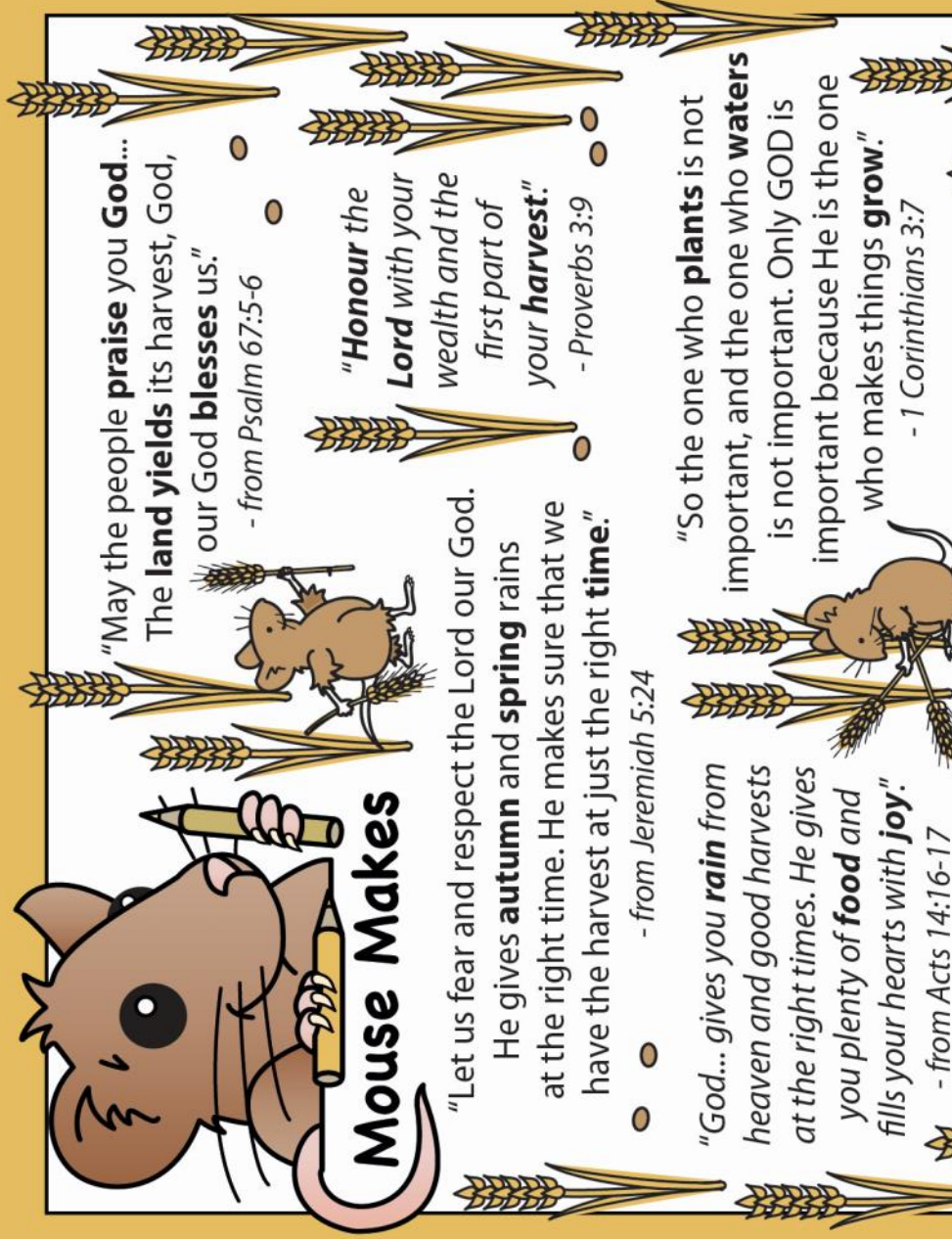
— from Psalm 67:5-6

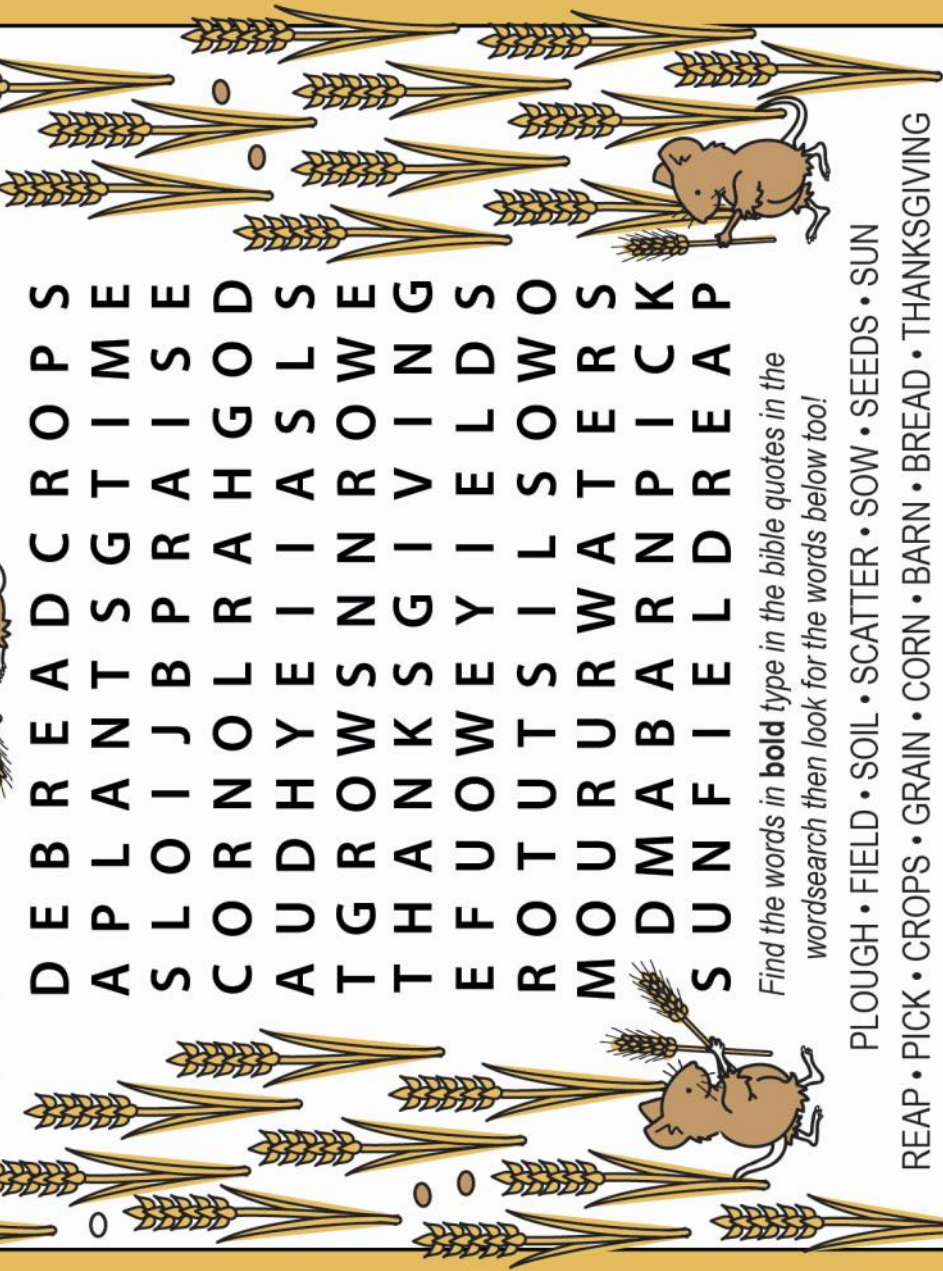
"**Honour** the
Lord with your
wealth and the
first part of
your **harvest**."

— Proverbs 3:9

"So the one who **plants** is not
important, and the one who **waters**
is not important. Only GOD is
important because He is the one
who makes things **grow**."

— 1 Corinthians 3:7





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*Find the words in **bold** type in the bible quotes in the wordsearch then look for the words below too!*

PLOUGH • FIELD • SOIL • SCATTER • SOW • SEEDS • SUN
REAP • PICK • CROPS • GRAIN • CORN • BARN • BREAD • THANKSGIVING

13th August - Broadway Coffee Evening

Broadway United Praise Singers



Denise and Sue
the musicians



Hear the singers at:

<https://www.broadwayunitedchurch.co.uk/Singers.html>

20th August - Broadway Coffee Evening

An Evening with Glynis



Broadway United Church Birthdays

September 2025

9th Nathaniel Boakye
16th Roger Blackman

Happy Birthday

Broadway United Church

Every second Saturday of the month



13th September 25

at

10am

All in the month of September

TWAS:

1,100 years ago, on 4th Sept 925 that England gained her first ever king. He was Aethelstan, King of the Anglo-Saxons (924-927) and then King of England (927-939). Aethelstan was grandson of Alfred the Great, and 30th great-grand uncle to Queen Elizabeth II.

200 years ago, on 27th Sept 1825 that the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

100 years ago, on 7th Sept 1925 that Laura Ashley was born. The Welsh designer and businesswoman was known for her traditional printed fabrics, soft furnishing and women's clothing. Co-founder (along with her husband) of the Laura Ashley textile company and chain of shops. (Died in 1985 when she fell downstairs, aged 60.)

Also 100 years ago, on 8th Sept that Peter Sellers, actor and comedian was born. Best known

for the Goon Show, and as Inspector Clouseau in the Pink Panther film series. (Died 1980.)

90 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1935 that British driver Malcolm Campbell set a new world land speed record of 301.13 mph in *Bluebird* at Bonneville Salt Flats, Utah. First person to break the 300mph barrier.

70 years ago, on 4th Sept 1955 that Kenneth Kendall became the first newsreader to appear on screen in the UK, reading the *BBC Television News*.

Also 70 years ago, on 22nd Sept 1955 that Britain's first independent TV channel was launched. ITV ended the BBC's monopoly.

Also 70 years ago, 26th Sept 1955 that Bird's Eye frozen fish fingers went on sale in the UK.

30 years ago, on 3rd Sept 1995 that the online auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb). The first item sold was a broken laser pointer.



Dee Boydell

ON SATURDAY 11th
October at midday
there will be a service
of thanksgiving at
Broadway for the life of Dee,
followed by an afternoon tea at the
View Hotel.

Dee's daughters Kate and Emma, invite all the church family to join them. They will need to know numbers, to give to the hotel, during September. If you haven't already please let Kath know that you will be going as soon as possible, and also if you would need a lift from Broadway to The View.



Broadway United Church ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th October 2025

Just to remind everyone that our AGM will take place on Sunday 26th October.

Please could I ask for Church Reports to be provided as soon as possible to enable me to prepare the necessary paperwork for our Meeting. Thank you.

Steve Waters

Church Meeting Secretary

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

Val Cornish

Stu Miller :

- * Sound system

Denise Woodfin

People with other responsibilities:

John Donoghue

- * Church Treasurer
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- (Monthly magazine)*
- * Broadway Praise Singers
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ST BARNABAS Rota details for SEPTEMBER 2025

7th	Vestry:	Janice Crompton
	Corridor:	Val Attwood
	D/Stewards:	Brenda Jenkins
	Reader:	Brenda Jenkins
14th	Vestry:	Brenda Jenkins
	Corridor:	Allie Bowles
	D/Stewards:	Allie Bowles
	Reader:	Janice Crompton
21st	Vestry:	Val Attwood
	Corridor:	Janice Crompton
	D/Stewards:	Margaret Vizor
	Reader:	Val Attwood
28th	Vestry:	Pat Beeney
	Corridor:	Allie Bowles
	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

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Lettings * Property * Preachers Coordinator

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Treasurer:

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Email: jancrompton@hotmail.com

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

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Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator * Worship Leader

Services at St Barnabas for SEPTEMBER 25 (09.45am)

- 7th **Stuart Dew**
- 14th **Rev'd Memona Shahbaz**
- 21st **Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (Communion)**
- 28th **RoLife (Joint Service and Harvest Service)**

Services at Broadway for SEPTEMBER 25 (10am)

- 7th **Dr Dawn Mulley - (AAW)**
- 14th **Rev'd Brian Wightwick (*Communion*)**
- 21st **Rev'd Paul Tabraham**
- 28th **Rev'd Memona Shahbaz**

ELDERS (Broadway) September

- 7th **Sue Sanders & Caroline**
- 14th **Kath and Alison**
- 21st **Stu and Val**
- 28th **Alison and Sue Miller**

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

- 7th **Sandra**
- 14th **Val**
- 21st **Pat**
- 28th **Glynis**

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

Friday 19th September please. Thank you.