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Message from the Editor...

DEAR READERS

Welcome to October's edition of The United Messenger.
Some lovely pictures from Glynis and Maggie's cruise -
see pages 10-11

Please note there is a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Dee
Boydell at Broadway Church on Saturday 11th October - See page 8

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

Mick

Dear Lord,

So far today, I am doing all right. I have not gossiped, lost my temper,
been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or self-indulgent. I have not whined,
complained, or cursed. I have not charged on my credit card or eaten any
chocolate. However, I am going to get out of bed in a few minutes, and I
will need a lot more help after that! Amen.

Sundays of the Month (October)

5 th October	16th Sunday after Trinity
12 th October	17th Sunday after Trinity
19 th October	18th Sunday after Trinity
26 th October	Last Sunday after Trinity
2 nd November	4th Sunday before Advent

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necessarily those shared by Broadway Church, St Barnabas Church, ministers or the
editor.

Dear Beloved Church Family

"...encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do."

1-Thessalonians 5:11

GREETINGS TO you in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray this letter finds you in the abundant grace and peace of our Lord.

Dear brothers and sisters, as I take a moment to reflect on the recent weeks, my heart is full of deep gratitude for each and every one of you. During this difficult period in our life, as we grieve the loss of my beloved mother, your unwavering support has been a source of immense comfort and strength.

We are truly grateful for the beautiful cards, heartfelt condolence messages, thoughtful emails, and the countless phone calls. We are very thankful to God for you, the special care, compassion and kindness you have shown us is beyond our expectations. The prayers and encouragement you offered have uplifted our spirits and reminded us of God's faithfulness through challenging times.

In 2 Corinthians 1:3-4, we are assured, *"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles."*

Your steadfast faith, dedication, and exceptional commitment to one another and to our community reflects the love of Christ, and I am so blessed to serve the Lord, alongside you.

As I reflect on my journey in ministry here in Eastbourne, I am also grateful for the opportunity to continue my ministry with you all. We have seen God's hand working in our lives and our churches and it is a privilege to be part of this vibrant community. By the grace of God, together, we have grown spiritually and touched many lives with the love of Jesus.

As we look ahead, I invite each of you to renew our vows to serve in ministry with renewed passion and sincerity. Let us commit ourselves to our calling, embracing the work God has set before us. In Hebrews 10:24, we are encouraged, *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."*

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Let us thank God for one another. Each one of us has unique gifts and talents, let's renew our promise to use all gifts for the extension of His kingdom.

I encourage each of us to look around and see how we can support and encourage our fellow members, neighbours and community. Whether through acts of kindness, sharing our time, or simply lending a listening ear, every gesture makes a difference. Together, let's commit to serving the Lord actively, inspiring one another to shine our lights brightly and extend our hands to those in need.

Let us embrace this calling with hearts full of love and gratitude, knowing that our collective efforts can bring change and reflect the love of Christ in all we do. May we continue to grow in faith and fellowship, always uplifted by the strength and spirit of those alongside us.

God bless you all as we go on this journey together!

Thank you again for your support, your prayers, and your Christian love. I look forward to what God has in store for us in the days ahead and I am very enthusiastic/excited to walk this journey with you all.

With heartfelt appreciation and love,

Mona, Shakeel, Kamran (my brothers), Sarah, Shon, Zebi and Zeerak



District General Hospital Service

WANT to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for attending the DGH services of our East Team.

Your support, dedication, and commitment to sharing the good news with our community mean so much, and appreciated by all.

It was a true delight to lead these services alongside our wonderful East Team. Your passion and encouragement have made a significant impact on our community, and I am incredibly grateful to you all. You have attended all services happily, thanks so much and special thanks to those who played music, led Intercessory

prayers or readings in the services.

May God's blessings flow abundantly upon each of you. Amen.



Kind regards,

Mona



Mustard Seed Relief Mission - Love In a Box

NOW have the leaflets for this year's appeal to fill shoe boxes for children in Moldova.

If you can help please take a leaflet, buy your gifts, fill your box and return to Broadway by **2nd November**.

Just to say that I think this will be the last year that I am able to coordinate the collection and delivery of the boxes.

Thank you, Kath

From their website:

This project allows schools, businesses, churches and other organisations and individuals to fill shoe boxes with gifts for the children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present.

Each shoe box is picked up, checked, sealed and sent to the children via lorry. The lorries are met by the distribution teams where the precious gifts are given out to the children who are eagerly awaiting them. Then the fun begins as the children open the gifts.

The children always thank the

THINGS YOU COULD PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

BOYS 3 – 5 YEARS OLD

TOY CARS BALL JIGSAW (not small pieces) PICTURE BOOK CHOCOLATE or SOFT SWEETS	THICK WAX CRAYONS or PENCILS DRAWING PAPER SOFT TOY SOAP FLANNEL	TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTHPASTE HAIRBRUSH or COMB HAT and GLOVES NO WAR RELATED TOYS
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GIRLS 3 – 5 YEARS OLD

TOY DOLLY | Everything else as above

GIRLS 6 – 11 YEARS OLD

TOY DOLLY SKIPPING ROPE JEWELLERY BALL PLAYING CARDS SWEETS	BOOK FELT TIP PENS PENCILS PENCIL CASE PAPER SOFT TOY	HAT and SCARF GLOVES FLANNEL TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTHPASTE SOAP
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BOYS 6 – 11 YEARS OLD

TOY CAR
YOYO | Everything else as above

BOYS 12 – 15 YEARS OLD

MARBLES TRAVEL GAMES: (Draughts, Ludo, etc.) JUGGLING BALLS BASEBALL CAP PLAYING CARDS	GEOMETRY SET NOTE BOOK GLOVES SCARF PENS PENCILS	SOFT TOY SWEETS SOAP FLANNEL TOOTHBRUSH and TOOTHPASTE
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GIRLS 12 – 15 YEARS OLD

HAIR ACCESSORIES JEWELLERY NEW MAKE UP	PERFUME STICK TALC DEODORANT	DOLLY SKIPPING ROPE Everything else as above
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**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND LETTERS
SHOULD NOT INCLUDE PRIVATE ADDRESSES**

**THE COLLECTION OF SHOE BOXES
COMMENCES FROM MID OCTOBER**

distribution team and ask to say a big 'thank you' to all the kind English people who show they care.

We receive many messages from our friends in Moldova thanking us for all the hard work that goes into the Love in a Box campaign.



Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 31st October 2025

Price: £6

Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice

Chicken Casserole, Mash and two Veg

Jam Sponge and Custard

Tea or Coffee

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

St Barnabas Church

COFFEE MORNING



Saturday

4th October 25

Call in before you do your shopping

Freddie and Thea Pett

A **JOYOUS** picture of Freddie and Thea at the beach in Lincolnshire when they went to visit their grandparents over the summer.



O **N 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.



Treasurer's Report - Broadway Church

THE OFFERTORY for August including standing Orders and Envelopes amounted to £1,693.35.

- Coffee collections for August came to £65.15.
- The amount raised through hirers of our premises came to £940.00
- The Communion Collection for Eastbourne Samaritans raised £63.00.
- The August Coffee Evenings raised £73.72. for Church Funds.
- The Lunch Club donated £100.00.

Donations and Bring and Buy made £402.00 this was divided between Matthew 25 Mission and Eastbourne Samaritans.

Mathew 25 total sent £261.00 and Eastbourne Samaritans £264.00.

The Ministry for August

including URC and CSUA and visiting preachers was £1,615.00

We also need to think if we could increase our giving to cover the Ministry alone.

We are all paying to the stipend of every Minister.

About 10% given locally is used for outreach and training Ministers.

Only 3% of Funds is spent on Administration.

- * Gas Electric and Water for August was £232.41
- * Cleaning for August £449.18
- * Garden £460.00 (this is a one off).
- * The regular gardener is no more!
- * 2nd Class Stamps £6.96.
- * September Messenger £18.75.

The Charity for October is for Harvest 'ALLWE CAN' envelopes will be provided.

John Donoghue

Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

Glynis and Maggie's Cru

GLYNIS AND I were fortunate to be able to take a cruise which turned out to be fantastic. Saga were so good with Glynis's special diet, nothing too much trouble. The food was wonderful, I put on 3lbs!!! Our ship held 987 passengers, so quite small compared to some. Seven days of bliss.

Maggie



Me on our balcony at the first port of call Haugesund, a surprisingly warm day!!

The eerie quiet journey into Flam. We were on the helicopter pad of the ship at 8am!!! Crew serving sparkling wine, hot chocolate and small Danish pastries, all BEFORE breakfast! I DID NOT have wine!!

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(Left) Waterfall on our Flam scenic railway trip.



(Right) Glacier at the top of our mountain scenery coach trip



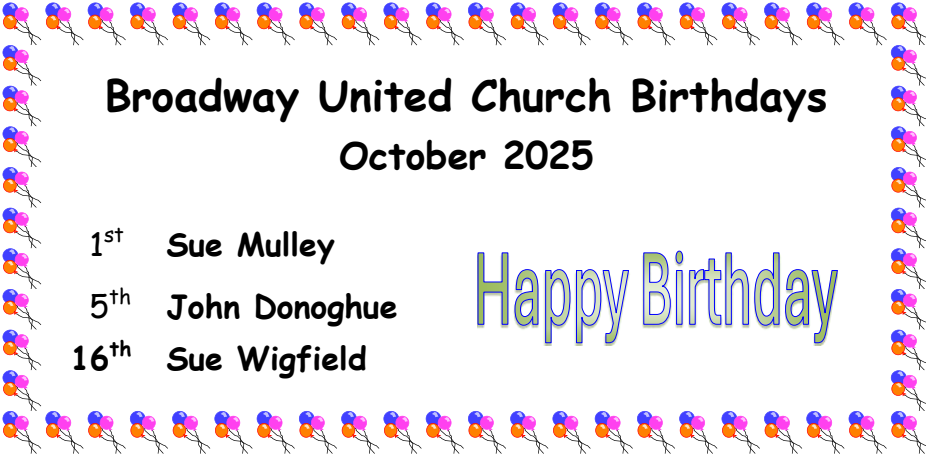
(Left) High view point at Flam.



(Right) Beautiful colourful houses at Bergen the second largest town of Norway.

Jennie and Alistair from
Trinity Church who
happened to be on
our same cruise.





Broadway United Church Birthdays

October 2025

1st Sue Mulley
5th John Donoghue
16th Sue Wigfield

Happy Birthday

All Angels?

The slightly harassed minister stood on the railway station platform with a number of lively Sunday School children, while the two Sunday School teachers went off to buy tickets.

A porter came up to him and asked: "Excuse me, are you St Michael and all the Angels?"



Broadway United Church

Every second Saturday of the month



11th October 25

at

10am

Dear Church Family

HOPE this letter finds you all well. As I have started my training at Cambridge Westminster College, by the grace of God and with your prayers, I am very pleased to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

Dear friends thank you so much for your unwavering support, help, care, and encouragement during this exciting time in my life. Your prayers have been a tremendous source of strength for me, and I am truly grateful for your kind and thoughtful farewell cards and messages. Knowing that I am in your thoughts and prayers gives me immense energy and confidence as I take these next steps.

I am blessed to have such a loving and supportive church family behind me. Your love and encouragement have provided me with wonderful opportunities to share the Gospel, and I will carry that spirit with me as I continue my training. Please rest assured that I hold you all in my prayers and share with my fellow brothers and sisters how fortunate I am to be part of this incredible community.



Once again, thank you for everything. I look forward to keeping in touch and sharing my experiences with you as I grow in my faith and service.

With all my love and gratitude,

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All in the month of October

T WAS:

750 years ago, on 27th Oct 1275 that the city of Amsterdam in the Netherlands is traditionally considered to have been founded.

200 years ago, on 25th Oct 1825 that Johann Strauss II, was born. This Austrian composer is best known for his waltzes, including *The Blue Danube*.

125 years ago, on 20th Oct 1900 that the American aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills, in North Carolina.

114 years ago on 4th Oct 1911 that Britain's first escalators opened for service at Earl's Court Underground station, connecting the Piccadilly and District line platforms.

The introduction of the moving stairways was met with a mixture of awe and suspicion, and the original wooden escalators featured a unique "shunt" exit that caused many passengers to trip.

Following their successful

debut at Earl's Court, a further 20 escalators were installed at other stations by 1915.

100 years ago, on 13th Oct 1925 that **Margaret Thatcher**, Baroness Thatcher, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90).

Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a grocer and Methodist local preacher in Grantham, and she was brought up as a strict Wesleyan Methodist. At one point just before the Second World War, the family gave sanctuary to a young Jewish girl who had escaped the Nazis.

Margaret later became a lay preacher herself, and was married at Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London, where her children were baptised.

Afterwards she and her husband Denis (later Sir Denis) attended Church of England services and became Anglicans. She felt her policies as a Conservative aligned closely with Christianity.

She was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the 20th

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century and, partly because of her resilience, aroused strong feelings both for and against, having to weather difficulties and misjudgements, such as the poll tax. Those opposing her described her policies as 'Thatcherism', but others put a positive slant on this. Her nickname of Iron Lady – first used by a Soviet journalist – aptly described her leadership style and lack of compromise.

Before becoming Prime Minister, she had studied chemistry at Oxford, and then the law, qualifying as a barrister. She became an MP – for Finchley – in 1959 and progressed to Secretary of State for Education and Science before defeating Edward Heath in the 1975 Tory leadership election, making her leader of the Opposition and the first woman to lead a major UK political party.

When she arrived at Downing Street, she adapted a prayer of St Francis beginning "Where there is discord, may we bring harmony". She died from a stroke while staying at the Ritz Hotel in London in 2013 at the age of 87, having been unwell for some years.

90 years ago, on 12th Oct 1935 that Luciano Pavarotti, Italian operatic tenor, was born. Considered one of the finest tenors of the 20th century, and one of the most commercially successful of all time. (Died 2007.)

88 years ago on 22nd Oct 1957 that The children's cartoon hero Captain Pugwash makes his television debut.

65 years ago, on 30th Oct 1965 that Diego Maradona was born. The Argentine football player, manager and coach is regarded as one of the greatest football players in history. (Died 2020.)

60 years ago, on 8th Oct 1965 that the Post Office Tower (now the BT Tower) in London was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

20 years ago, on 3rd Oct 2005 that Ronnie Barker, TV comedian, actor and writer, died. Known for The Frost Report, The Two Ronnies, Porridge, Going Straight and Open All Hours.

Jeanne Hayward (St Barnabas)

A JOYFUL visit to dear sister Jeanne Hayward residing in a care home.

During this visit, I gave her Holy Communion.

She passed on her heartfelt love and prayers to all of us in the church.

Let us continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Mona



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

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:

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ST BARNABAS Rota details for OCTOBER 2025

5th	Vestry:	Brenda Jenkins
	Corridor:	Val Attwood
	D/Stewards:	Margaret Vizor
	Reader:	Brenda Jenkins
12th	Vestry:	Allie Bowles
	Corridor:	Janice Crompton
	D/Stewards:	Brenda Jenkins
	Reader:	Val Attwood
19th	Vestry:	Pat Beeney
	Corridor:	Val Attwood
	D/Stewards:	Brenda Jenkins
	Reader:	Janice Crompton
26th	Vestry:	Janice Crompton
	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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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

01323 763249

Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator * Worship Leader

Services at St Barnabas for OCTOBER (09.45am)

5th LA

12th Rev'd Brian Wightwick

19th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (Communion)

26th Jolly Pett

Services at Broadway for OCTOBER (10am)

5th Mick Mulley - *(AAW)*

12th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz *(Communion)*

19th Jennie Macfadyen

26th Rev'd Memona Shahbaz *(Gift Service and AGM)*

ELDERS (Broadway) October

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

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

5th Sandra
12th Val
19th Pat
27th Glynis

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

Friday 17th October please. Thank you.