The United Messenger

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Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne

Harvest Services

St Barnabas - 6th September

(United Service with River of Life Church)

Broadway - 27th September

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Message from the Editor...

DEAR READERS

Welcome to August's Magazine.
To see it in colour go to:
https://www.broadwayunitedchurch.co.uk/

Thank you to Mona for all the photos she has sent for this issue; and a lovely article from Dawn about her Duke of Edinburgh award. (See page 20).

Pauline sent me a lovely picture of her sun-flower, *very impressive*.

Other information from Parishpumps.co.uk

Mick

ON BEHALF of all Broadway United Church and St. Barnabas Church, I am very grateful to my dear Brother Michael and sister Chris.

Thanks so much for everything and may God's blessings continue to strengthen you and your lovely family.

Mona

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)

FIRSTLY, I would like to say huge thanks to you all for the beautiful cards, heartfelt messages, flowers, and emails you sent to us to celebrate the arrival of my precious grandson, Caleb Noah. We are all truly thankful for your love, kindness, prayers, and good wishes. Your thoughtfulness has touched our hearts, and we deeply appreciate each and every one of you. He is very beautiful addition in our lives, in other words, our lives have been changed wonderfully.

It is often said that the only constant in life is change. Whether we welcome it or resist it, change is part of our lives. 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, we can think of changes in our own lives - a move to a new home, new country, new community, the arrival of a child, retirement, the loss of a loved one, or changes within our church family, as by the grace of God, our dear brother, Revd Paul, has faithfully served the Lord among us and has now been called to serve Him in another place. We give thanks for his fruitful ministry and pray for God's continued blessings upon Paul and his beautiful family as they begin this

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new chapter.

At the same time, it is with great joy that we warmly welcome Revd Jonathan, his lovely wife Kerri and beautiful children Leo and Henry, whom God has called from the USA to serve here in Eastbourne among us. On behalf of all East Team churches, I want to welcome warmly to dear brother Jonathan, and his family. It is with great joy and a warm heart that I extend this welcome to you as you prepare to join us in ministry here in the UK.

As someone who made a similar journey from Pakistan to serve in UK, in Eastbourne, I know well the mix of anticipation and transition that comes with moving to a new land. I want to share with you my personal experience with my church family and colleagues, that you are coming to a place where you will be deeply embraced. In my time here, I have found that our churches and our colleagues are truly loving and caring. The transition may be significant, but you will find yourself surrounded by a church family that genuinely values and supports one another. We are all here because God has called us to serve Him in this place. It is a profound privilege to be part of a team where our fellow ministers and congregation members are not just colleagues, but a true family.

I am very much looking forward to the privilege of serving the Lord alongside you. May your journey be smooth, and may you feel the presence and peace of God as you prepare for this new chapter.

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you as you begin this new chapter of ministry. If there is anything I can do to support or assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to let me know. By the grace of God, my time of ministry has been truly memorable and blessed, especially through the opportunity to serve alongside Revd Paul. I look back with deep gratitude for the fellowship, encouragement, and unity we shared. With hope and faith in Christ, I look forward to the days ahead, trusting that we too will work together in harmony and

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unity, serving the Lord faithfully alongside our lovely church family and colleagues. May God guide, strengthen, and bless us all as we continue to serve Him together. As we journey through these changes, may we trust in God's unfailing guidance and give thanks for His faithfulness, knowing that He continues to lead and build His Church according to His gracious purpose.

That truth gives us confidence. Our circumstances may change, but God's love, mercy, and faithfulness remain constant.

This beautiful hymn ***'Great is Thy faithfulness'*** 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 Prayer 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 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,

Memona

Sandra Creasey's friend is hosting an **Open Garden** on Sunday **20th September** in aid of Macmillan. 2pm. At Little Down Ash Farm (past Hilliers). All welcome

Happy Birthday Glynis (Broadway)

Happy Birthday Glynis and for the invitation to all

Mona

Farewell Marjorie Wright

MARJORIE PASSED away on 3rd August 2026.

I had known her for 70 years. We met at St. Lukes where she was a devoted member of the church. She was in the choir and sang solos, she loved music and played the piano. She taught the young children in Sunday School for many years ably assisted by Joan Romain and my daughter Gill.

Majorie arranged flowers every Sunday with help from members. When it was Christmas Fair time she always had a stall which was "The Needlework stall" and she made many items including knitted items which was one of her favourite hobbies, she was always knitting even when she became ill.

Friday night was Badminton and table tennis. Marjorie used to love playing and often beat me at both games.

We were both in the youth club and had great fun arranging concerts, we even had lessons from a friend in the Salvation Army to teach us to 'play' the tambourine.

When St. Lukes closed we all moved to Broadway Church where she faithfully attended every week whatever the weather until she became too ill.

Yvonne and I regularly visited Marjorie to keep her in touch with her church and she and I always chatted about old times. She was devoted to her brother and all the family.

The family Visited her often and were with her when she died. You will be greatly missed by us all.

Sue Sanders

St Barnabas Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday

5th September 2026

From 10am

St Barnabas Church

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY 2026

At St. Barnabas we have a very informal meeting each Friday at 11am for an hour.

We are reading through Acts bit by bit.

We are a very friendly group, sometimes up to seven people, not always the same seven

Not everyone is able to come every week but anyone who does come is very welcome to just turn up.

Bring your own bible or use a church copy

Hazel can be contacted at 07891 788867

Letter from the Asthma and Lung Society UK

(See page 9)

Dear Yvonne
On behalf of everyone here at Asthma + Lung UK I would like to offer my sincere condolences on the death of Bryan William Farmer.
We are grateful to receive the gift of £440.00 which has been so generously donated in their memory. This donation is vital in changing the lives of people affected by lung conditions and a loving tribute to Bryan.
I hope it will be of some comfort to know that money raised in honour of Bryan will contribute to Asthma + Lung UK's work. Our vision for the future is a world where everyone has healthy lungs. We won't stop working until that happens.
Donations made in memory are extremely valuable to Asthma + Lung UK and we recognise their very personal nature so thank you once again for your generous support.
If you have any queries, please call us on 0300 222 5800 (option 2) or email us at
info@asthmaandlung.org.uk
With very best wishes
Karin Littman (Supporter Care Team)

Thank you from Yvonne Joyce

WE HAVE received a letter from the Asthma and Lung Society UK thanking us for the donations given in memory of our father Bryan Farmer (see page 6).

We recognise many of you donated to this charity as was the wishes of our late father and on behalf of our family we would like to sincerely thank you all for your generous donations and support you have given me and my family it is much appreciated.

Also, the interment of ashes in the church gardens back in June with immediate family, although emotional and moving, went very well - ending with a memorable meal afterwards at the Hydro hotel, Eastbourne. The hotel was often frequented by Dad when he wanted to celebrate something special, so a fitting venue.

Warmest regards, God bless you all.

John & Yvonne

Neil and his puzzles

WE WOULD like to celebrate our dear brother **Neil** and his wonderful hobby of making jigsaw puzzles.

Neil is a very talented, creative, and wonderful member of Broadway United Church. He especially enjoys completing **1,000-piece puzzles**, which takes great patience, concentration, and skill.

Over the years, he has completed **nearly 50 puzzles** - an amazing achievement!

We are very proud of you, Neil. **Well done!** Your creativity and dedication are truly inspiring. Keep enjoying your wonderful hobby!

Mona

Broadway United Church Birthdays

September 2026

9th Nathaniel Boakye

16th Roger Blackman

If your birthday is not listed please see June Phillips

What God won't ask

GOD WON'T ask what kind of car you drove, *He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.*

God won't ask how big your house was, *He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home*.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, *He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.*

God won't ask what your highest salary was, *He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.*

God won't ask what your job title was, *He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability*.

God won't ask how many friends you had, *He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.*

God won't ask in what neighbourhood you lived, *He'll ask how you treated your neighbours.*

A young clergyman, fresh out of theological training, thought it would help him better understand the world if he served as a policeman for a while before taking on a congregation.

He studied hard and passed the exams; passed the physical; and then came the all-important final interview. One question was: "What would you do to disperse a frenzied crowd?"

He promptly responded, "I would pass an offering plate." He got the job.

25th Anniversary of 9/11

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, on Tuesday 11th September 2001, terrorist attacks demolished the Twin Towers in New York. They killed 2,996 people and injured more than 6,000. Events like 9/11 raise the inevitable question: *Why does God allow such suffering to take place?*

There are no easy answers to this question! We cannot fully understand why such things happen, although we live in a fallen world, where people make real choices. Yet the Bible affirms that God identifies with our suffering, supremely when Jesus experienced suffering and death.

It is on the Cross that God knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unjust attack. *'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?'* (John Stott).

What does this mean? We cannot know why God allows evil and suffering to continue, but we do know that He does love and care for us: *'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* (John 3:16).

God loved us enough to fully engage with the mess of the world.

We also can view such events in the light of resurrection. Jesus said: *'I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me will live'* (John 11:25).

Resurrection points to the restoration for us of the life we lost. New heavens and new earth point to a world and relationships restored and perfected

Many of us will remember where we were 25 years ago this month, on Tuesday 11th September, when reports began to come in of planes crashing into skyscrapers in New York. For those of us who were at work, the shock was such that little work got done the rest of that day. Instead, we gathered round the nearest television we could find, watching the news unfold, watching the loop of film as the planes flew into the Twin Towers.

For an earlier generation, it was 'I remember exactly where I was when President Kennedy was

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shot'. These moments are ones which stay with us. They could be called 'hinge moments' when something changes, a new direction is taken, a moment that has such a profound effect on the world that history sets off in a new direction. Those horrifying scenes on 11th September 2001 led to many of the troubles we see in the Middle East today, and the West's responses to them.

But hinge moments do not *have* to result in wars and loss. As Christians we can say that the life, death, resurrection and teaching of Jesus was one such pivotal moment. Christians were accused of 'turning the world upside down', such was the effect of their radical and transformative message.

For one thing, we no longer throw unwanted babies out onto a rubbish heap - as Romans did - because the Christian message proclaims all have value before God, and there are better ways to deal with unwanted souls. It took a great deal longer, but slavery was abolished because of the tireless work of Christians. Western society is underpinned in all its fundamentals by the precepts of the Christian faith, and that influence is felt around the world in such proclamations as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We are not just economic units, not just parts of a machine; we are individually loved and valued since we stand in the image of God.

So, in spite of all the destructive forces that we may meet, may we be able to say with St Paul, 'I am convinced .....*that nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'* And God bless you as you discover more and more of that infinite love.

The Revd Paul Hardingham

A little boy at Sunday School learned about the time Jesus went to a wedding and changed the water into wine. "And what did you learn from that story?" asked his father afterward.

The boy thought for a moment and answered, "If you're having a wedding, make sure Jesus is there."

Coffee morning

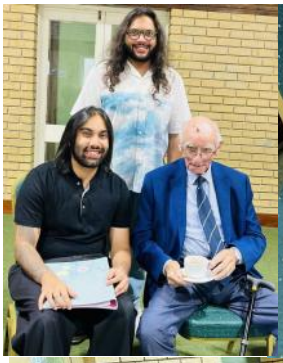
at John's House

A huge thanks to dear brother John for hosting wonderful coffee morning at your beautiful home. Also thank you so much for all friends who attended, may God's blessings continue to be upon you all.

Mona

Broadway Service and Fellowship

St Barnabas Service and Fellowship



Duke of Edinburgh's Award celebrates 70 years

IT WAS back in February of 1956 that Buckingham Palace released a press announcement outlining plans for a trial period of 'The Duke of Edinburgh's Award'.

It was the post-war era, and His Royal Highness wanted to help boys bridge the gap between leaving formal education at 15 and starting National Service at 18. He also wanted them to build self-confidence and a sense of purpose to support them into their future. A youth programme, he believed, would improve their skills and equip them to make valuable contributions to their communities and society.

In 1956, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award pilot was launched to national voluntary youth organisations. It soon expanded to include Local Education Authorities, the Armed Forces and some schools across the UK.

After the first year, 7,000 boys had started a programme and 1,000 Awards had been achieved. Girls were allowed to join the programme in 1958. Since that first year, millions have joined the DofE Award programme.

The DofE continued to evolve, and programmes took on their current format of Volunteering, Physical, Skills, Expedition, and Residential at Gold level in 1980.

In 2020, DofE participants stepped up in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. The volunteering efforts of 330,000 young people equated to an investment of almost £8.5 million in a time of need.

The DofE says: "It hasn't been the easiest few years for young people. From the ongoing aftermath of the pandemic to the anxieties of the cost-of-living crisis, the future doesn't always feel certain.

"But, in seven decades of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), we've learnt one thing: never doubt what young people can do. Time and time again, we've seen that when young people are given the chance to prove to themselves what they're capable of, there's no limit to what they can achieve.

"We're here to celebrate and champion every young person. To provide a safe environ-

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Grandfather talked often about the 'good old days', when the cost of living was much lower. "When I was a lad," he exclaimed, "my mother could send me to the local shop and I'd get some mince, two pints of milk, some bread, some tinned rice and a magazine – all for less than a pound!"

His young grandson protested: "You couldn't do that now. They got those video cameras everywhere you look."

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Saturday

12th September 2026

10am

ment of support and challenge that grows as they do.

"Whatever their ability, interest or background, DofE offers young people the chance to strive for achievement, overcome obstacles, and set their minds to a personal challenge. Because when you prove to yourself that you're ready for anything, nothing can hold you back. Our Founder HRH Prince Philip once said: 'There is more in you than you might think.' And, here at the DofE, we help you realise that."

Prince Philip passed away in April 2021, but his legacy thrives thanks to the tireless support of the new Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward.

More info at: https://www.dofe.org

Read Dawn's experience of achieving her Duke of Edinburg Gold award on next page.

Dawn's Experience of DofE

WALKING IN thick fog, with a heavy rucksack, looking for a footpath across the Yorkshire moors is just one of my Duke of Edinburgh memories.

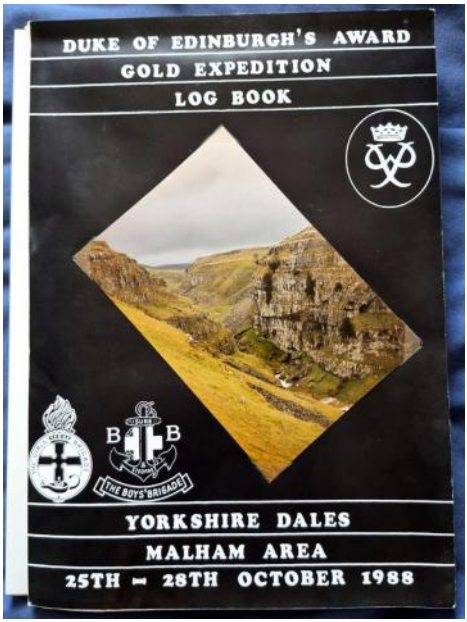
In 1988, along with five other young people and as part of the DofE, we had to plan a route in Yorkshire to qualify for the challenge.

Scrambling down Malham Tarn, cooking on a little stove, sleeping in a tent, walking through woodland and across farmland. Miles of trekking and being self-sufficient.

I loved my D of E experience, and achieved my bronze, silver and gold awards through Girls' Brigade at Victoria Baptist Church. Not by myself, in a team where we helped each other and learned together.

I learned new hobbies, studied new subjects and volunteered my time over years.

My gold award was presented at St James' Palace by Prince Phllip.



Mrs Gladys Attwater had the enthusiasm to inspire us to take part. She and my Dad drove us and waited in remote spots to mark us in at a checkpoint. There were no mobile phones in those days, remember. It was all map-reading and compasses.

I'm fortunate to have had the D of E experience and it helped me get into university and helped to develop my resilience.

Dawn

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H·R·H THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

TO

Dawn Mulley

on attaining

THE GOLD STANDARD

of

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

1992

Absent Friends

DEAR CHURCH Family,

I wanted to share that I recently had the joy of visiting some of our church members, and we were able to spend a truly blessed time together in prayer. It was a real privilege to serve Judy Holy Communion, and a very special moment of fellowship.

Lovely friends Judy, Jeanne, and Barbara were all very happy to receive a visit, and they send their love and warm greetings to you all. Please continue to keep all friends in your daily prayers.

Here are some beautiful pictures.

Mona

DGH Service

DEAR FRIENDS

I am very grateful to you for your participation and support for our service at DGH hospital. I also want to request you that if you could please come again on

27th September at 3:00 pm

In the chapel for our next service. Please don't worry for the parking pass, I will provide you.

I also want to kindly ask you to please give a lift to other friends who may need transportation.

It is great to serve our wonderful community through our services.

Blessings

Here are some pictures of our service

Mona

Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: **Friday 11th September 2026**

Price: **£6** Time: **12.45**

Fruit Juice

Gammon & Pineapple, Potatoes and two Vegetables

Chocolate Pudding and Chocolate Sauce

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

JD Hair Salon

16 The Broadway, Hampden Park

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(the salon is in Harmony Health)

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* Catering Convener
* Link with Community Lunches
* Junior Church

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* Link with Property
* Sound System

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** Dpty Authorized person for weddings*

Pauline Buchan

Alison Flynn:
** Authorized person for weddings*

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* Pianist

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Val Cornish

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* Sound system

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ST BARNABAS Rota details for SEPTEMBER 2026

6th	Vestry:	**Janice Crompton**
	Corridor:	**Allie Bowles**
	D/Steward:	**Anne Weilding**
	Reader:	**Brenda Jenkins**
13th	Vestry:	**Brenda Jenkins**
	Corridor:	**Clive Elrick**
	D/Steward:	**Hazel Elrick**
	Reader:	**Janice Crompton**
20th	Vestry:	**Janice Crompton**
	Corridor:	**Hazel Elrick**
	D/Steward:	**Clive Elrick**
	Reader:	**Allie Bowles**
27th	Vestry:	**Pat Beeney**
	Corridor:	**Allie Bowles**
	D/Steward:	**Anne Weilding**
	Reader:	**Brenda Jenkins**

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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Brenda Jenkins

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Services at St Barnabas for SEPTEMBER (09.45am)

6th	Joint Service with River of Life *(HF)*
13th	Rev'd Memona Shahbaz
20th	Gillian Wood
27th	Rev'd Andy Melvin

Services at Broadway for SEPTEMBER (10am)

6th	Mick Mulley *(AAW)*
13th	Rev'd Brian Wightwick *(Communion)*
20th	Elizabeth Beattie
27th	Rev'd Memona Shahbaz *(HF)*

ELDERS (Broadway) **SEPT**

6th	Stu and Ruth
13th	Alison and Val
20th	Kath and Denise
27th	Sue S and Sue Miller

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

6th	Sandra
13th	Pat
20th	Maggie
27th	Glynis

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

Friday 18th September please. Thank you.