



The Broadway United Church

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**St Barnabas United Church and
Christian Centre**

Kingfisher Drive, Eastbourne

THE UNITED MESSENGER

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



**Remembrance
Sunday**

10th November

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Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (01323 739785)

Rev'd Paul Tabraham

November

2024

Nativity Sets

FOR THE last ten years, we have displayed our large collection of Nativity Sets (we have over 100) in various churches in Norfolk over the Christmas season.

People from the community, as well as the churches, enjoy looking

at them and choosing their 3 favourites. We have a free draw at the end of the weekend and nativity themed prizes are given out!

This year, the Sets will be displayed at Emmanuel Church on Saturday 30th November from 10 am – 4 pm and on Sunday 1st December between 12 noon and 3 pm. We have large ones, small ones, sets from different countries, sets made of many different materials, homemade sets, most with an interesting story to tell. Of course, the greatest story of all is

told in all the sets – a child on a school visit last year pointed out her favourite figures and said “I like that one the best because it tells us about Jesus”.

Everyone is welcome at Emmanuel

where we will have all our collection displayed but we will also be bringing

a small selection to The Broadway on 22nd December where they can be viewed before, and after, the service.

Since moving to the Eastbourne area in July this year, we have been pleased to get to know folk from different churches. We are looking forward to this opportunity of engagement with both Emmanuel and The Broadway, please do join us in praying for the outreach involved in these displays.

Jacqui Horton and Jen Woodfin



Message from Rev'd Mona

DEAR CHURCH Family,
May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace as we trust in him, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

John 15:13 is a beautiful statement by our saviour Jesus Christ,

“Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

In this month of November, as we see many people wearing beautiful “Red Poppy”, broaches and badges or wearing ties and scarves with this symbol; it is a great reminder that we acknowledge and remember our veterans’ services and sacrifices. We honour their selflessness, courage and dedication. It is a time for us to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have served and continue to serve our country. They have fought for our freedom and peace.



My dear brothers and sisters, we need to remember that as we are singing,

“Make me a channel of your peace”

We need to be peacemakers in our homes, neighbourhood, community, town, country and world.

Let us honour their memory by serving our communities and love our neighbours as ourselves. Let us renew our commitment to work together for the peace, unity and harmony.

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Let us remember their commitments, hardships, and challenges, and express our gratitude and appreciation for their sincere services.

Let us pray together,
Loving and gracious Father, we come before you with gratitude and humbled hearts. We remember all of the sacrifices of our veterans, who sacrificed their lives and those who are still working wholeheartedly and sincerely for our freedom and security. We lift up to you their families, give them your peace and comfort. Grant them your strength and

healing. We ask your peace for our world, especially where there is no peace because of war, conflict, discrimination and violence. Help us to spread the good news to the world and as we remember the service and sacrifices of our veterans, may we remember the ultimate sacrifice of your only begotten son, our saviour Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave his life for all. We ask these prayers in Jesus precious name.

Amen!

Your in Christ,

Mona



The Poppies of Remembrance Sunday

I**N LATE** 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of all the destruction. Tens of thousands of bright red Flanders poppies began to put out tentative shoots across the endless vistas of mud. These resilient little flowers had actually flourished in the middle of so much chaos and destruction, because their seeds grow when exposed to sunlight, through disturbances to soil.

We all know that these endless fields of cheerful poppies, growing in the midst of such misery and destruction, were what inspired the Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, to write the now famous poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.

A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in the UK.

The Royal British Legion, which had been formed in 1921, ordered nine million poppies and sold them on 11 November that year. Ever since then, the red poppy has been a symbol of Remembrance, of support for the Armed Forces community, and also of hope for a peaceful future.



Rooms

When the vicar moved his family into the large Victorian vicarage, a member of the congregation asked the young son how he liked his new home.

"It's great," the little boy replied. "At last I have my own room, Mike has his own room, Jemma has her own room, and Bobby has his own room. But poor Mum is still in with Dad."

Broadway United Church Birthdays (November)

8th Imogen Lydiatt
11th Terry Dorset
26th Mick Mulley



Happy Birthday

Broadway United Church

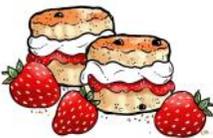
Every second Saturday of the month



9th November 2024

10.00am

In the Church Hall



The Poppy - A poem for Remembrance

The poppy is a symbol of those who fell in war
It's red or white or purple
They live their lives no more
It's black or pink or orange
It's yellow and is blue
Colours of remembrance
Of each and every hue

From country lanes and fields of wheat
To seas of cloying mud
To yellow gas and broken mind
The earth seeped up the blood
Then amongst those churned up fields
Within the seas of grey
The precious seeds, released, then grew
To cover where they lay

So red is for remembrance and hope for future peace
Purple and white for animals, their love will never cease
A poppy black for Africa
And blue forever France
And pink is for compassion
Let's give their love a chance
Orange stands for renewing health
And yellow, our future optimism
A world to stand so strong in faith
With peace and love bound, risen
We live because they gave us
All that they had to give
On seas of grey in ceaseless noise
They gave so we could live
So ever more be grateful, and never do forget
They gave their lives before us
For folks they'd never met.

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Broadway United Church

Hampden Park

Christmas Fair

16th November 2024

10-12noon

Various Stalls including Gifts, Cakes, Bottle Stall,
Books, Bric a Brac & Raffle

Everyone welcome



£1 Entrance fee includes a drink of tea or coffee

Children free

Coffee Morning at St Barnabas Church



Baptism of Tahlia and Archie

JUST wanted to say thank you so much for all those that attended the recent baptism of Tahlia and Archie my great grandchildren

A very special thank you to Rev'd Memona for taking the service; for Zeerak who took the photos; to Kath who provided the candles and bibles and to you all for the lovely welcome and kindness shown to my family.





They were delighted to be accepted into the Church Family and thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Jenny Carey



Alice in Wonderland - 30th November

MY DAUGHTER
Rachael's dance
company,

South Coast Ballet, are putting on their annual production at the Congress Theatre. Rehearsals are well underway. The two ladies in the wardrobe department are being kept very busy with the many costumes. Theatre.

This year the company of 60 dancers from about 20 dance schools in the South East area, will be creating the story of Alice in Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll.

My granddaughters, Imogen and Zoe, will both be performing again, as will Alan Gower. Some of you will know Alan from the Broadway lunch club.

On the 17th November, between 11am - 1pm, some members of the cast can be seen near Shades, in The Beacon

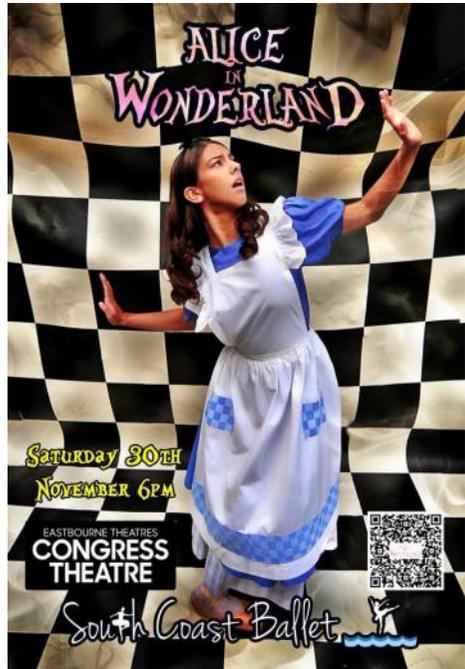
If possible, please support these young dancers, and not so young, as they are working hard during the rehearsals.

Alice in Wonderland
Congress Theatre
30th November 2024

6pm

Thank you.

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Treasurer's Report - Broadway Church

W **E ARE** Assessed to share the costs of CENTRAL SUSSEX UNITED AREA and the UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

As our membership now totals 60 people we are asked to pay our percentage share. i.e. the URC expenditure is over £22 million pounds! Our share in this Financial Year we are asked to pay URC £10,920 and CSUA £9,240 a total of £20,160 for the year.

You will all see that the accounts show that our Church Collections amounted to £16,547.00

this last financial year.

The last five years we have had to rely on our reserves. We have constant bills to pay, cleaning and utilities and repairs. Etc. made up from letting our premises. But still we are not meeting our commitments.

We did have £50,000.00 in reserves in 2019. We are now down to £25,000.00 reserves.

Please think carefully of your part in what you pay in Standing Orders, Envelopes Etc.

The November Charity is YMCA, Pat's Charity.

John Donoghue

An important part of our church Sunday's is the fellowship shared after the service with the refreshments.

We have a very small band of stalwart ladies providing us with this tea and coffee. We all would be delighted if any of you ladies or men would care to join us.

I would be very pleased if you felt you could add your name to our rota list.

Thank you

Val Cornish



St Barnabas Church

Kingfisher Drive Langney

Christmas Fayre



2nd November 2024

from **10am**

Tombola and craft stalls

Pop in after doing your shopping



Remembrance - and Gratitude

T HIS YEAR Remembrance includes several significant dates from past wars.

2024 marks the 110th anniversary of the start of World War I.

2024 marks 80 years since D-Day. The Normandy Landings of 6th June were the largest seaborne invasion in history, and began the Allied invasion of Normandy, which led to the liberation of France and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Monte Cassino in Italy, the bloodiest battle of the Italian Campaign, when Allied forces finally broke through the Germans' notorious 'Gustav Line' and freed Route Six and the way to Rome.

2024 marks the 80th anniversary of the battles for Kohima and Imphal, where in northeast India the Imperial Japanese Army was held off by much smaller numbers of British and Indian troops. In Kohima alone, the defenders held off a staggering 25 Japanese attacks over 14 days in appalling conditions. When Indian troops arrived to relieve the defenders, the Japanese encirclement was broken. Amongst

the liberators was Havildar Major Rajindar Singh Dhatt of the Royal Indian Army Service Corps, from the Punjab.

2024 also marks the 80th anniversary of Operation Market Garden in the Netherlands, when the Allies managed to free Eindhoven and Nijmegen, but famously failed to capture the bridge at Arnhem. (The story is told in the film *A Bridge too Far*)

As the British Legion says, "While D-Day was fundamental to the allied victory, the Second World War was not won on any single day – or battle – and we will recognise and pay tribute to all who served from the British Armed Forces, Commonwealth and allied nations, such as those who served in the Battles of Monte Cassino, Imphal and Kohima, Operation Market Garden and the Scheldt.

This year the British Legion is also looking beyond the Second World War, to Kosovo and Afghanistan. It wants to pay tribute to those who served and currently serve in Kosovo 25 years after the deployment of the NATO peacekeeping force, KFOR, and to those who served in Afghanistan, as this year marks 10 years since the end of Operation Herrick.

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Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: **22nd NOVEMBER 2024**

Price: **£6**

Time: **12.45**

Fruit Juice

Shepherd's Pie and two Veg

Bread and Butter Pudding

Tea or Coffee

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

Those amazing Children of Israel

In Sunday School one morning young Joseph raised his hand and proceeded to ask a question that had perplexed him for some time. 'There's something I can't figure out.

According to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?' 'Right,' said his teacher.

'And the Children of Israel beat up the Egyptians, right?' 'Er, right.'

'And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?' 'Again you're right.'

'And the Children of Israel fought the Philistines and then the Moabites and lots of other tribes, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?' 'All that is right, too,' agreed the teacher. 'So, what's your question, Joseph?'

'Well what were all the grown-ups doing all that time?'

Who's who at ST BARNABAS Church

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ST BARNABAS Rota details for NOVEMBER 2024

3rd Vestry: **Pat Beeney**
Corridor: **Brenda Jenkins**
D/Stewards: **Margaret Vizer & Pauline Ruckes**
Reader: **Brenda Jenkins**

10th Vestry: **Janice Crompton**
Corridor: **Allie Bowles**
D/Stewards: **Brenda Jenkins & David Prideaux**
Reader: **Allie Bowles**

17th Vestry: **Brenda Jenkins**
Corridor: **Val Attwood**
D/Stewards: **Margaret Vizer & Pauline Ruckes**
Reader: **Pauline Ruckes**

24th Vestry: **Sharoon Shahbaz**
Corridor: **Janice Crompton**
D/Stewards: **Allie Bowles & David Prideaux**
Reader: **Janice Crompton**

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

Who's who at BROADWAY United Church

Elders:

Sue Sanders: Senior Elder
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- * Pulpit supply
- * Catering Convener
- * Link with the 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

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Services at St Barnabas for NOVEMBER (09.45am)

3rd **Rev'd David Laskey**

10th **J. Smith**

17th **Rev'd Paul Tabraham - Communion**

24th **John Berryman**

Services at Broadway for NOVEMBER (10am)

3rd **Mick Mulley - AAW**

10th **Rev'd Brian Wightwick**
- Communion & Remembrance

17th **Elizabeth Beattie**

27th **Rev'd Memona Shahbaz**

ELDERS (Broadway) November

3rd Ruth and Les
10th Sue Sanders & Caroline
17th Val and Alison
24th Kath and Stu

DOOR ROTA (Broadway)

3rd Sandra
10th Pat
17th Glynis
24th Val

Contributions for **December's** edition of the magazine should be with me by:

Saturday 16th November please. Thank you.

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