

The United Messenger

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

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8th November - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

29th November - First Sunday of Advent

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From the editor...

WELCOME TO October's issue of the church magazine. After some technical issues whilst editing last month's issue I seem to have resolved the problems.

With another four days in hospital I wonder if I will reach the end of this year in tack. My heart is still causing concerns with the cardiology department and I wonder sometimes if it will survive. Both top and bottom chambers don't seem to want to work in unison. And both side have been declared as heart failures. Thank you for all your prayers.

Thank you to Mona for all the photos and updates this month, a lovely piece on Velda Brooks from Val Cornish (See page 6) and Parish pumps.co.uk for the extra content.

Broadway United is hosting an Advent Friendship and Prayer Day on Monday 7th December.

Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend and stay as long as you like. Come and go as you please. Pop in for a coffee or stay all day. 10am till 3pm.

As we look towards celebrating the coming of the Christ-child, our theme is 'Don't Be Afraid'.

As well as opportunity for adding prayers to our prayer wall and Bible study at 11am, try your hand at Hand-writing the Bible and learn how hand-writing helps re-wire the brain. There will be wordsearches and colouring sheets and a quiet space to write a few Christmas cards or something crafty.

As we prepare for the busyness of the Christmas season, give yourself the gift of time to reflect on the hope of Jesus coming to our fragmented world.

Mick

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

Friday 20th November please. Thank you.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

GRACE AND peace to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

A Time to Remember!

As we enter the month of November, we are reminded of the importance of remembrance, gratitude, and reflection. November holds a special place in our hearts as we observe **Remembrance Sunday**, a solemn occasion when we pause to honour and remember the brave people, who gave their lives in the service of their country, and all those who have suffered as a result of war and conflict.

On Remembrance Sunday, we remember not only those who made the ultimate sacrifice, but also the countless families who endured the pain of separation, loss, and sorrow. We remember those who returned from war carrying physical and emotional wounds, those who served in difficult circumstances, and those who continue to work for peace and the protection of others.

Their courage, dedication, and selflessness remind us that the peace and freedom we enjoy today have often come at a tremendous cost.

We must never take these blessings for granted, nor forget the sacrifices made by previous generations for the sake of those who would come after them.

The Bible reminds us in **John 15:13**:

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

These powerful words speak of the depth of sacrificial love. As we remember those who laid down their lives for others, we are reminded of the importance of love, courage, service, and putting the needs of others before our own.

Remembrance Sunday is also an opportunity for us to pray for our world. We live in a time when many nations and communities continue to experience war, violence, suffering, and uncertainty. As Christians, we are called not only to remember the past but also to become instruments of God's peace. Continuously.

Our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us in **Matthew 5:9**:

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of

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God.”

May these words encourage each of us to seek peace in our homes, our church, our communities, and throughout the world.

Let us pray for those who are affected by war or conflict, for families who have lost loved ones, for those serving in the armed forces, and for leaders of nations, that they maybe be guided by wisdom, compassion, and a sincere desire for peace.

As we reflect on the sacrifices of others, we should also remember the many people who have contributed to our own lives. We give thanks for our parents, grandparents, families, teachers, friends, churches and those who have gone before us in faith. Many have sacrificed their time, comfort, resources, and personal ambitions so that we might have opportunities, encouragement, and a better future.

This is a wonderful reminder that a life of faith is also a life of service. We honour the sacrifices of others not simply through words of remembrance, but through our willingness to show kindness, generosity, forgiveness, and love

to those around us.

Above all, as Christians, our thoughts turn to the greatest sacrifice of all: the sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

While we remember with deep gratitude those who gave their lives for their country and for others, we also lift our hearts in worship and thanksgiving to Jesus Christ, who willingly gave His life on the cross for the salvation of the world.

The Word of God declares in **John 3:16:**

“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.”

What a wonderful expression of God's immeasurable love! Jesus did not give His life for one nation, one generation, or one particular group of people. He gave Himself for the whole world. Through His suffering, death, and glorious resurrection, He opened the way for forgiveness, reconciliation, hope, and eternal life for all who believe in Him.

As we remember the sacrifices of the past, may we never forget the cross of Calvary,

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St Barnabas Church

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY 26

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

We have now finished Acts and are now reading James as one of the first epistles written.

St Barnabas now has a prayer tree, installed by the River of Life, it is for anyone to include a prayer request.

A number of people and organisations use the building and we want to encourage anyone to leave a request for prayer.

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

Hazel can be contacted at 07891 788867



Velda Brooks (Broadway Church)

VELDA CAME from a history of Salvation army worship at the Citadel in Central Avenue Old town to St Stephen's and on to our union with St Luke's. She loved the rousing army hymns and did herself play piano.

Post covid she was a housebound member of the church family until her death on the 15th September at Ersham House, Hailsham just three months from her 103rd birthday.

Born and bred in Eastbourne she spent all her life here and had a wealth of information about the history of the town she loved. Even in the few years of her long life that we knew her she was involved and

active in so many things into her mid 90's.

Her pleasant manner, with never a cross word, and always with a smile drew people to her as they enjoyed her company. She often asked for a hug and one lady took this to heart. Marjorie Wright, another of our recently departed members, always hugged her as she left after service fellowship.

Now they can hug each other in heaven for eternity.

In the photo below Rev Mona had asked for the oldest member of the congregation to come and light an advent candle Velda at 96 years fulfilled this.

Val Cornish



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where God's love was revealed in its fullness.

The Apostle Paul writes in **Romans 5:8**:

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

This is the heart of our Christian faith. Christ's sacrifice was an act of perfect and unconditional love. Through Him, we receive the promise of a peace that the world cannot give and a hope that even death cannot destroy.

My dear brothers and sisters, as we observe Remembrance Sunday this November, let us remember with gratitude, pray with compassion, and live with renewed commitment to the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we honour those who sacrificed their lives by working for peace, caring for one another, and passing on to future generations the values of faith, love, service, and reconciliation.

And above all, may we always remember and proclaim the greatest gift ever given to humanity: **the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, rose again in victory, and offers the gift of eternal life to the whole world.**

May the Lord bless us and our families throughout this month of November. May His peace fill our hearts, His love guide our lives, and His grace strengthen us in every circumstance.

We remember with gratitude those who gave their lives for others, and we worship with thanksgiving the One who gave His life for us all.

With every blessing and prayers in Christ,
Yours sincerely in Christ,

Mona



DGH Service



Treasurer's Report - Broadway

THE **OCTOBER** Communion
Collection for Commitment for
Life raised £109.50.

In November the
Communion Collection will be for
Eastbourne & Wealden YMCA

The Offertory for
September amounted to
£1,527.50.

The amount collected by
hiring out our premises came to
£766.00

- ◆ The Expenses for the Ministry
for September came to
£1,615.00.
- ◆ Cleaning for September was

£457.90

- ◆ Gardening £50.00
- ◆ repairs to Car Park £200.00
- ◆ Southern Alarms Annual
Service £320.34.
- ◆ Utilities came to £175.41
- ◆ 2nd class stamps £7.28.

If you are NOT paying by Standing
Order and giving by cash, would
you consider asking me for a
'Bankers Order' form?

Our AWESOME Premises
need all the help to keep up our
High Standard.

The Results of GIFT DAY
and the AGM will be in the
December United Messenger.

John

Broadway United Church Birthdays November 2026

8th Imogen Lydiatt
10th Shon Shahbaz
26th Mick Mulley



If your birthday is not listed please see June Phillips



BROADWAY UNITED CHURCH

Hampden Park, Eastbourne

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 14th November 2026

10 am–12 noon

FESTIVE STALLS

Gifts • Cakes • Christmas Cards • Books • Bric-a-Brac
Raffle

Everyone **welcome!**

Admission: £1

Includes tea or coffee • Children free

8th November - The poppies of Remembrance Sunday

IN 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.



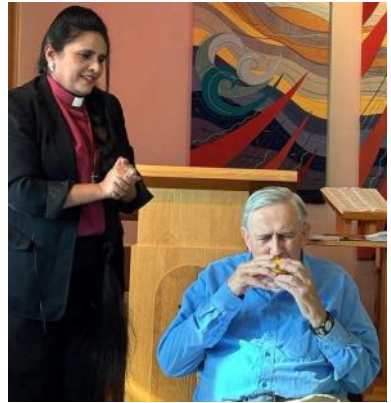
A French woman, Anna Guérin who was in the UK in 1921, caught the same vision, and planned to sell the poppies in London. There she met Earl Haig, the founder of the Royal British Legion, who was persuaded to adopt the poppy as its emblem in

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.



Harvest Festival Servi



ce - Broadway Church



Photos - Mona

St Barnabas preparing for Remembrance Service



Charity Event and Tea

ABOUT 15 members of Broadway went to Little Downash Farm to support and enjoy a Macmillan tea, hosted by Sandra's friend Linda.

The afternoon was beautifully sunny and we enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and plenty of cake! We sat in the barn or outside enjoying the view across the field. Several of us won lovely prizes in the raffle.

Some went to see the animals and in particular the two week old donkey foal.



The grand total raised for MacMillan Cancer Care was a splendid £1109.90p.

Please put 19th September 2027 in your new diaries. Maybe even more can be raised!

Kath Shaw

Like God

My grandson was visiting one day when he said, "Grandma, I always think of how you and God are alike."

Mentally polishing my halo, I asked, "How is that, then?"

"You're both just SO old," he replied.

South Coast Ballet - Peter Pan

The storyline will be slightly different from the original story, to comply with today's attitudes.

Although neither of my granddaughters are taking part this year, my daughter Rachael, would appreciate any support.

The day and time are different from other years, as the Congress Theatre only had this time available.

Peter Pan - Congress Theatre - 28th November - 6pm

June Phillips





Blessed are
the Peacemakers,
for they
will be called
Children of God

Matthew 5: 9

Broadway United Church

Broadway Mews, Lindfield Road, Hampden Park

is opening its door for a

Friendship & Prayer Day

Monday 7th December 2026

10am - 3pm

Set time aside to reflect on Christmas before the season overtakes us, whether it's for 5 minutes or couple of hours.

- There will be quiet areas for contemplating
- Areas for writing (Christmas cards or a letter to a friend)
- Refreshments and mince pies at anytime
- Christmas crafts
- Word searches
- Or just chat

Everyone will be welcome



St Barnabas Church

Coffee Morning

Saturday

7th November 2026

From 10am

Still waiting

A pious man, who had reached the age of 105, suddenly stopped going to church. Alarmed by the old fellow's absence after so many years of faithful attendance, the minister went to see him.

He found him in excellent health, so the minister asked, "How come after all these years

we don't see you at services anymore?"

The old man lowered his voice. "When I got to be 90, I expected God to take me any day. But then I got to be 95, then 100, then 105. So, I figured that God is very busy and must've forgotten about me, and now I don't want to remind Him!"

Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: Friday 6th November 2026

Price: £7

Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice
Fish Pie and two Vegetables
Crumble and Ice Cream

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

JD Hair Salon

16 The Broadway, Hampden Park

BN22 OAS

07722175570

(the salon is in Harmony Health)

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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

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

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ST BARNABAS Rota details for NOVEMBER 2026

1st Vestry: **Brenda Jenkins**
Corridor: **Anne Weilding**
D/Steward: **Janice Crompton**
Reader: **Allie Bowles**

8th Vestry: **Pat Beeney**
Corridor: **Clive Elrick**
D/Steward: **Hazel Elrick**
Reader: **Brenda Jenkins**

15th Vestry: **Janice Crompton**
Corridor: **Hazel Elrick**
D/Steward: **Clive Elrick**
Reader: **Anne Weilding**

22nd Vestry: **Allie Bowles**
Corridor: **Janice Crompton**
D/Steward: **Anne Weilding**
Reader: **Brenda Jenkins**

29th Vestry: **Brenda Jenkins**
Corridor: **Allie Bowles**
D/Steward: **Anne Weilding**
Reader: **Janice Crompton**

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

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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

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Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator * Worship Leader

Services at St Barnabas for NOVEMBER (09.45am)

- 1st Local Arrangement
- 8th United Service with River of Life (*REM*)
- 15th Rev'd Jackie Horton
- 22nd Local Arrangement
- 29th Gillian Wood

Services at Broadway for NOVEMBER(10am)

- 1st Mick Mulley (*AAW*)
- 8th Rev'd Brian Wightwick (*Communion*)
- 15th Rev'd Peter Shilling
- 22nd Rev'd Memona Shahbaz
- 29th Stuart Dew

ELDERS - November 2026

- 1st Val and Alison
- 8th Sue S and Ruth
- 15th Kath and Denise
- 22nd Stu and Sue Miller
- 29th Sue S and Val

DOOR ROTA

- 1st Sandra
- 8th Val
- 15th Glynis
- 22nd Pat
- 29th Maggie