

Pivot



The Magazine of

Broadstone Methodist Church



Number 33
Autumn 2021

Donations
welcomed

Published by
Broadstone Methodist Church
The Broadway, Broadstone, Dorset BH18 8DP
Telephone 01202 600696
www.broadstonemethodist.org.uk

Contact us
methodistchurch1@btinternet.com

Ministerial Team Telephone
Rev Betto Viana 07525 771370
Deacon Gil Judge 07801 426483

Editorial Board Printed by
Annette Brooke Tony Bowyer Print
David Spracklen Unit 1 Croft Road
Brian Tucknott Bournemouth BH9 2TL



CONTENTS

	Page
What a Week!	3
Reflections	4
Fratelli Tutti	5
Zoom Bible Study	6
Prayers and Thoughts	7
Offering a Safe Harbour	8
The Power of Love	9
God's Help in Unexpected Places	10
Prayers and Thoughts	11
Broadstone Musical Market	12
Prayerful Reflection	14
Worldwide Artistic Community	15
Photographic Memories	16
Prayers and Thoughts	17
Progress?	17
Turning Back the Years	18
Prayers and Thoughts	19
Guiding during the Pandemic	20
Café Church	22
Diary	23

EDITORIAL

Are you coping with everything the world is throwing at us?

If you are anything like me and trying to keep several balls in the air, you will be feeling just a little bit (or maybe a lot) stressed, anxious or even depressed; and in need of a time of quiet, calm or help. We are not alone!

Everyone, at some time in their life, maybe quite often, has need of a period of reflection, review, restoration. For many, just the pressures of everyday living are all they can cope with – their challenges and difficulties are so all consuming they are only able to survive because others extend a helping hand – there is no time to pause and reflect.

In this edition of Pivot there are many reflections on the difficulties experienced in our daily lives in our country and on tragic events across the globe. Alongside these we can think of so much for which we are grateful. When choosing the theme the Editors felt that it would be appropriate to focus on prayer and we hope that you will feel as inspired as we do as you read through the 'favourite' prayers submitted by so many different people.

It would be interesting to count how many times 'Zoom' has been mentioned in articles in this edition. It reminds us that technology has enabled those of us able to access it to continue meeting with people, to worship together, to discuss issues and much more. But there are disadvantages, not the least that its existence has excluded people from some of these activities and increased social isolation.

It is wonderful that, despite the on-going pandemic, many now feel confident in venturing out and resuming activities that help their daily lives and we have pleasure in sharing some photographs of the recent, splendid, Broadstone Musical Market. For some, activities had to change through the pandemic and its impact now has to be thought about carefully as the need to return to 'normal' approaches. Others need to be more cautious and continue to explore activities 'on-line'. Yet others are now mixing both and are continuing with activities begun during the pandemic and resuming things that had been on hold. Then there is an amusing tale from one who wishes to be a teenager again – I'm not sure that's such a good idea!

PICTURE CREDITS unless shown below, photographs were supplied by the authors

Front Cover	Martin Brecht, Unsplash	page 12-13	Mike Brooke plus one by Margarete Tucknott
page 2	Martin Brecht, Unsplash	page 14	Mike Labrum, Unsplash
page 5	Ashwin Vaswani, Unsplash	page 18	Alexey Marcov, Pixabay
page 6	Aaron Burden, Unsplash	page 19	Stephan Wusowski, Pixabay
page 7	Dylan Ferreira, Unsplash	page 20-21	Girlguiding UK
page 8	Lachlan Gowen, Unsplash	Back Cover	Ronald Plett, Pixabay
page 11	Josh Hild, Unsplash		

WHAT A WEEK!

DEACON GILL shares her thoughts



Greetings

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy and peace.

As I reflect over the week that has past, I can truthfully say my emotions have been all over the place. I have felt devastation, concern, helplessness, and compassion for those in Haiti and Afghanistan and then, I have been in awe of parents of children with special needs and I have applauded and praised God for charities, their volunteers and supporters who have God's heart of compassion for the homeless, for those with mental health problems, for those children living in areas of deprivation that fall within the boundaries of our circuit and for those who desire to share the wonderful teachings, life lessons, love and forgiveness contained within God's Word, the Bible.

On Thursday evening at 5pm I joined 245 other people from all over the world to pray for the people of Haiti and of Afghanistan. Thank you to our senior stewards and those responsible for passing on the invitation from *Christian Aid* to join the prayer meeting – it was a humbling and thought-provoking hour that I would not have wanted to miss. As we were led in prayer for Haiti, I was reminded how blessed I am and how much I take for granted; like having a tap – and not only having the tap but that when I turn the tap, water comes out of it; like flicking a switch and lights come on; like when I close the door and the curtains at night, and know I am safe. None of the above is true for the people of Haiti.

Then, as we prayed for Afghanistan, we were reminded what a Taliban government might mean for the women and girls of Afghanistan and I found myself thanking God for the countries where I grew up and for the education I received. I am embarrassed to admit I don't think I have ever said a prayer of thanksgiving for those things.

Have you heard of *Daisy Chain*? It takes place every Thursday morning during school holidays at

Upton Methodist Church, is run by the head teacher at their nursery school, their senior steward, and volunteers from the congregation, and it is for children with learning disabilities. What a wonderful environment they have created, it is a safe space, a space where no one is judged, and a space where, for a couple of hours parents can relax. And as I talk to the parents, I am in awe of them and I take a few moments on my own to pray for them, to give thanks for them and to ask God to continue to infuse them with strength, to surround them with support and encouragement and I give thanks for *Daisy Chain*.

And so the week ends with Deacon Suzie and I making a presentation in the hope of securing funding to set up a *Godly Play* room at Victoria Park Methodist Church. But before we make our presentation six other organisations make theirs, and I sit listening to all the wonderful ministry taking place outside in the community where there is just so much need and I praise God for each one and I praise God that each one including ours received the funding they were seeking without any debate or opposition just acknowledgement of the wonderful work being done by these charities.

In *1 Timothy 1:3* Paul writes to Timothy that he thanks God for Timothy, and he constantly remembers him in his prayers. Well, I give thanks to God for all of you at Broadstone Methodist Church, for how you have embraced the *Churches Together in Broadstone Peace and Justice* group, and for how you have embraced the Mission Forum Group and for your willingness to try new ways of doing 'Church' in order to share the love of God with as many people as possible, thus fulfilling our commission.

We will launch our first 20/20/20 service on Sunday 24 October at 4pm. Why 20/20/20? Because the format of the service will be twenty minutes of praising God in song, twenty minutes focused on God's Word and twenty minutes of reflection and prayer. Our hope is that this service will be fully ecumenical and appeal to those busy

with other things on a Sunday morning and who prefer a less traditional style service.

And so, may we take a moment to give thanks to God for every way in which we are blessed and may we pray without ceasing for Haiti and Afghanistan. May our hearts overflow with generosity of praise and support for those who minister where we are not able.

Jesus, speaking of His return in *Matthew 25:31-46* says that whenever we feed the hungry, give a drink

to the thirsty, show hospitality to a stranger, clothe the naked or visit the sick or those in prison we do it to Him.

With love in Him

Deacon Gill

your co-worker in God's vineyard

REFLECTIONS

GLORIA DENNIGAN

**The Lord is my Pace-setter,
I shall not rush,**

**He makes me stop and rest
for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness,
which restore my serenity.**

**He leads me in ways of efficiency
through calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.**

**Even though I have a great many things
to accomplish each day,
I will not fret
His presence is here.
His timelessness,
His all importance
will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the presence of my activity.
By anointing my mind
with His oils of tranquillity;**

My cup of joyous energy overflows.

**Surely harmony and effectiveness
shall be the fruits of my hours.
For I shall walk
in the pace of my Lord
and dwell in His house
forever.**

Japanese version of Psalm 23
by Toki Miyashina

These words were sent to me on a card soon after I had moved into my flat in Broadstone (on 1 July). At the time there were many boxes waiting to be unpacked and I had little energy to tackle the job! That I had got thus far would not have been possible without the great help friends had given me.

As I am the sort of person who gets up intending to do a multitude of tasks and finds, to my irritation, at the end of the day only one, or possibly two, things have been accomplished, these words spoke to me and stopped me in my tracks. I have found myself coming back to them again and again.

Have you been helped by God, by family, by friends? This question appeared on the Broadstone notice sheet of Sunday 8 August and jumped out at me! My immediate thoughts were "Where shall I begin?"

There is so much that I could say. I am certain that moving to Broadstone was the right thing to do. How it happened continues to amaze me. I am sure that God had it in His plans for me and have known His Peace throughout all that has happened. I have been richly blessed by God and by friends who have shown me real love, care and concern and I thank God for them.

Perhaps the words of this version of Psalm 23 will be helpful to you.

FRATELLI TUTTI

DAVID ENDICOTT reflects on the Encyclical of Pope Francis

If you have not read this encyclical, I would urge you to do so and to consider and take heed of the message. The message is in the title – 'Brothers All'. Very simply – we all have a responsibility to each other, whoever we are and wherever we are born. None of us could choose our parents or the family we are born into, where we are born, the race we are, the conditions we will live in, whether they be wealthy and prosperous or deprived, living in the depths of poverty.

Fratelli Tutti is the third encyclical letter of Pope Francis and was published in the latter part of 2020. It was the basis of the Churches Together in Broadstone (CTiB) Lent Sessions held via Zoom this year with members of St John's Church, Broadstone United Reformed Church and St Anthony's as well as Broadstone Methodist Church – certainly a broad church! (forgive the pun).

There was however very wide agreement between the church members who participated, with what Pope Francis was saying. Dismay at the state of the world, that we should not turn our back on suffering, that we should have the capacity to love according to "a universal dimension", the right to live with dignity, dealing with immigration and migration, politics to respect the rights of all, kindness and unselfishness, the promotion of peace.

This encyclical was issued now because the problems of the world have been exacerbated by the pandemic. It is a challenge to us all to take the pandemic as an opportunity to make things better. Pope Francis devotes a chapter to the parable of the Good Samaritan. We are challenged to respond to our brothers and sisters in need – whoever and wherever they are. We should look out for and respond to threats caused by the pandemic, unrest, conflicts, poverty, greed..... I could go on.

I have often thought that if there were a starving child outside our house I hope that we would feed



and look after that child. On the other hand, a starving child on the other side of the world is still starving nonetheless and if they can't be helped locally, then we must have a duty to that child too.

This may all sound very ideal and altruistic but radical action is necessary.

Following the Lent discussions on Zoom a CTiB Peace and Justice Group has been formed with representatives from the four churches. It is at an embryonic stage at the moment but the hope is that we can do something at least to improve matters.

What Pope Francis has to say is encapsulated in *Matthew 25 vv 34-36* : *Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me...*

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

DAVID WRIGHT tells of his experience

This weekly Study Group was set up by Deacon Gill Judge and the first meeting took place on Wednesday 27 January 2021. A break was taken during Lent as some members joined Churches Together in Broadstone Lent Study Groups and there was also a break during the main summer holiday period.

I feel a complete cheat writing these reflections, as I have not been a member of this group for very long. However, it is many years since I was last in a Bible Study Group, so hearing the present Zoom one at Broadstone was stimulating.

I was weaned on study groups of one kind or another, both when training to become, (and remain!) an Engineer, and when belonging to a series of Methodist and United churches. Among these groups, for me, were those for Local Preachers' training. (I was once an active Local Preacher, but, after retirement, I had to give it up for complex family reasons.)

Chatting on Zoom has really taken off since the Covid pandemic got underway. Those who had not heard of it before, like me, are now addicts! It is ideal

for a study group, if there are not too many members on it each time. Too many & there are likely to be problems with the sound, echoes and feedback. We usually have about 6 screens each session, some with two people. It also makes it easier for the leader to control our runaway enthusiasm.

Being a lot older now, I felt more relaxed, more at ease, in this Zoom group. There is also something about Zoom itself, which also helps me to let go. The regulars are a good crowd, full of fun, and yet very serious when the occasion demands – sometimes. None of us are young, so lack the latest knowledge on the streets, but we all enjoy talking, especially talking about the Christian faith. Each of us has different personal beliefs and different views about the Bible itself, so we don't always agree, yet we agree more often than not.

It is called Bible Study, but it has been via other books. The group's book I first experienced was *Questions God Asks Us* by Trevor Hudson. The Questions were all the words of Jesus; simple-sounding ones like 'Where are you?' and 'What is your name?', to flummoxing questions like 'Do you understand what I have done for you?' This book

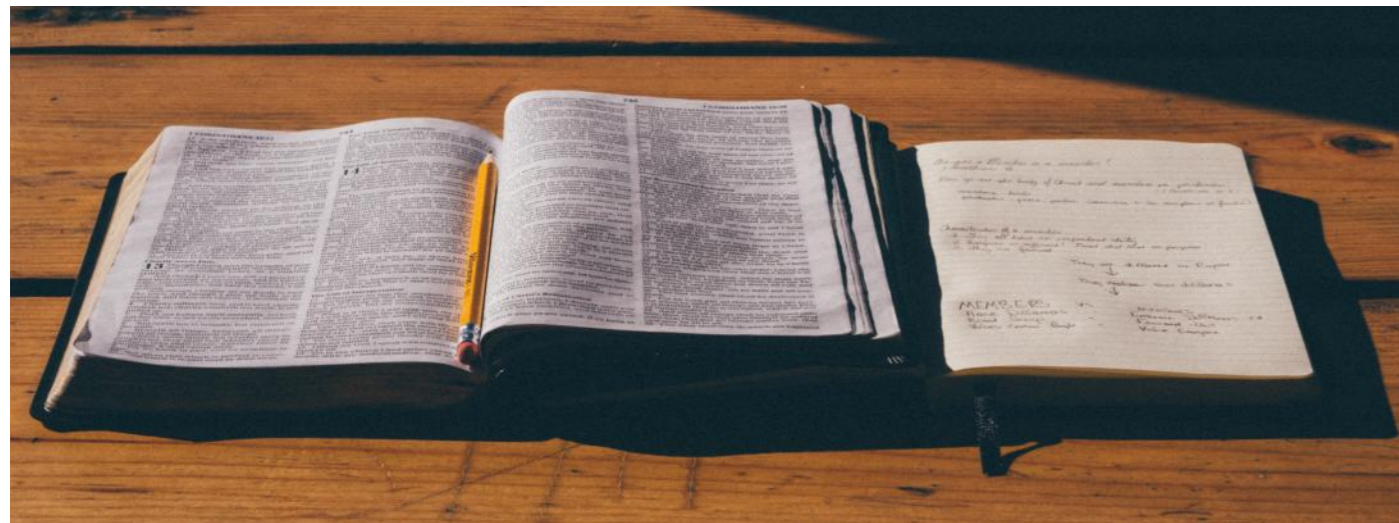


gave us plenty to chew on. The present book does, too. It is a Methodist Church publication *Talking to God with others – Sharing your Faith*. It was chosen, because three of our regulars had been thinking of suggesting it, as most of us find its subject a very difficult thing to do. The book starts with a reminder of our Methodist calling and continues with chapters including 'Always be Ready', 'Talking about Jesus' and 'Talking about Church'. It reminds us to listen before talking, and to remember we don't know all the answers, very few of them in reality. I personally, find it difficult to talk about any subject to casual acquaintances, but easier to chat with people I know better. Being a dyed-in-the-wool coward, I tend to wait until the other person speaks to me. Before I was virtually house-bound, I used to find the Church's Coffee Shop a great place for meeting new people.

We Protestants centre our faith on the Word of God, in practice, on the Bible and Jesus Himself, as the living Word. So that is why we want and need to study the Bible and its surroundings. In our Zoom Bible Study Group, a mixed lot, we each use different translations of the Bible. Mine is the Good News version, others use the New International Version, (NIV) or the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). Last time we looked something up in the Authorised Version or King James Bible. This can sometimes show us different aspects of the picture. I find that reading the same Bible passage after the study session, as well as during it, can be most illuminating; a totally new slant on the same words.

In conclusion, I feel challenged by the study, yet enlightened. It helps me to bring the Bible's words to life.

If you would like to join a Bible Study group in the autumn watch out for details in Church notices or contact Broadstone Methodist Church Senior Steward, Joan Jackson.



PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

We invited you to share your own, or a favourite, prayer or thought, and throughout this issue are your submissions, high-lighted in panels like this one. We hope you find them helpful.

Submitted by Janet Baker

John Henry Newman

If I am sick
may my sickness serve you

If I am sad or worried
may they too serve you
in some way

Lord, support me all day long
till the shadows lengthen,
the evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and the work is done.

Then grant me safe lodging,
holy rest
and peace at last. '

John Wesley on Prayer:

Whether we think of,
or speak to God;
whether we act or suffer for Him
when we have no other object
than His love
and the desire to please Him
then all is prayer.

Proceed then with much prayer
and the way will be made plain

OFFERING A SAFE HARBOUR

JOAN JACKSON thinks about recent experiences

How often have you heard someone say, 'We're all in the same boat'? Recently I saw an article which said *No we aren't*. We may be in the same storm but we all have different boats. That was something which set me thinking especially as we were down at Lake Pier recently when so many different vessels were searching for the young man who had gone missing. There was the Pilot boat, a couple of different Lifeboats, two of the Royal Marine craft, a few fishing vessels, several pleasure boats and some jet skis as well as the Coastguard helicopter circling overhead. They were all very different but had the same united purpose.



Each one of us may be experiencing storm conditions, especially in this pandemic, and hopefully can find a suitable 'boat' in which to ride out the storm. Hopefully our church fellowship can offer a safe harbour where we can find rest and encouragement. not only in the building but through the caring for each other and our friends and neighbours.

A special thank you to all our pastoral visitors and 'buddies' who have kept people in touch and also to all those who have organised the on line worship materials and the different Zoom services and meetings. I'm sure we've all had to improve our IT skills but have benefitted immensely.

Thanks, too, to all those working hard to maintain a safe environment in our building as we begin to open up again for the many activities which take place on our premises. It's been wonderful to see the coffee lounge in operation again - even if things are a little different- and the attendance for Sunday worship is growing as people regain their confidence. We're still operating with some social distancing and mask wearing but it's been heart-warming to be able to sing again and have both bread and wine for Holy Communion.

However let's not forget that there are still many people caught up in the storm and try our best to be a 'lifeboat' for them. We need to be aware of the needs of our community, listen to the cries for help and see what we can do. When we celebrate our Harvest Festival at the end of the month we will once again have the opportunity to support the Poole Food Bank and also through our gifts to *All We Can* offer help and support to those in need further afield, especially those struggling after the recent earthquake and devastation in Haiti.

One of the things which has struck home comes from

Really Listen

a poem by Michaela Youngson

*The more people learn to
really listen to each other,
the more peaceful the world will be,
the closer we will be to living in God's will..
God's voice will be heard, saying,
'At last you have allowed me to exist..
At last you can hear my voice..
At long last, my child,
you have learnt to love me.'*

THE POWER OF LOVE

REV ELIZABETH RUNDLE



A meditation to follow a Sabbath miracle

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God

Luke 13:10-13

How could He have seen me?
Scores of people packed the synagogue that Sabbath,
I was at the back, leaning part behind a pillar.
Oh, He was good to listen to...
He didn't take no stick from Pharisees ... they didn't like Him.
We did!

He'd been several times to our synagogue.
A good Rabbi ... always got a crowd with Him.
I couldn't stand for long so the pillar gave me support.
I never dreamt He'd see me.
But - He did. He saw me and He called to me.
Me!
Nobody bothers with me,
Disfigured, useless, creased with pain...
Nobody bothers with me.

I couldn't look at Him,
But I felt His eyes penetrate my deepest need.
Eyes that held no revulsion, no blame,
only Love.

Then, in front of all that crowd He *touched* me
The Rabbi from Nazareth touched *me!*
And in a blazing surge of power
Love saw me
Love touched me
Love made me whole...
And I looked into the face of God.

GOD'S HELP IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

REV LINDA CHESTER remembers her favourite aunt

How can it possibly be September already!

Surely, I can't be the only one to think that these past months have simply flown by? I have to look back at my diary to actually remember all the things that have happened - it's so easy to forget as one week turns into another. And it's interesting the things I remember best, not necessarily the most recent events.

I suppose it's been quite a mixed few months, with all the usual ups and downs, but also a few unexpected things thrown in. My favourite aunt had to be taken into care and, sadly, as the months went by she continued to deteriorate physically as well as having dementia. Little did I think that when the time did arrive for me to take her funeral service, Covid restrictions would be in place and all the Methodist Churches in her circuit in Somerset would be closed. I had already drafted ideas for what I would do; I realised we would be restricted with numbers, need to keep our distance and wear masks. Obviously we wouldn't be able to sing, but at least I had found her favourite hymns and music on CD with choirs or congregations singing. She was a gifted musician, playing organ and piano, so my cousin Adrian and I felt music would be an important part of the service. Although the little church she had formerly attended would be closed, I was sure the main church in Burnham-on-Sea would be open. I hadn't bargained for all the Methodist Churches in a 20 mile radius to still be closed!

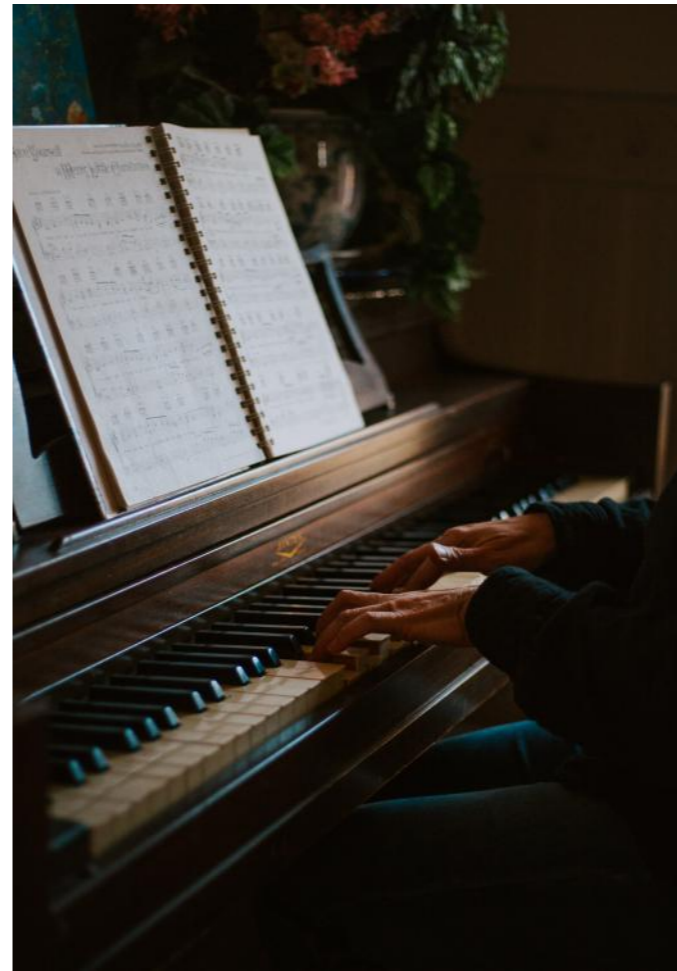
As I hadn't been allowed to visit Auntie Sylvia at the care home, and even Adrian her only son had only been allowed to see her once in 6 months, feelings and emotions were running high. But, there was nothing for it, I'd have to devise a suitable service to take at the graveside with no music and just hope the weather would be cold rather than pouring with rain. It was still only 1 March. So much prayer went into planning that service, I felt quite



helpless at times. It just wasn't what I'd wanted for her, especially after six months of isolation in a care home. At least I'd been allowed to put together a lovely paper Order of Service, including pictures of her beloved local beach and the sea.

A few days before, I suddenly had the idea of asking my sister and my other two cousins if they would be willing to share a brief memory of Auntie Sylvia, following on from my eulogy. Although I knew there was no way they would normally offer, under the circumstances, I hoped they would see it as offering additional support to Adrian who had been her sole attentive carer for many years. They all agreed!

The day dawned and I was up early to allow plenty of time to drive over to Burnham, about two hours, so a good time to reflect and pray. I knew there would probably be about 20 of us, with family, friends and neighbours. She'd lived in the same house for 67 years, and within a mile radius of Burnham on Sea all her life, and she was well known as being quite a character! She was a complete hoarder and would never throw anything away; she



was determined, self-opinionated and said exactly what she thought, but I also knew her as the caring, fun aunt who always made time for me when I was growing up. There was always plenty of laughter when she was around.

I think my biggest concern was how to lift the dismal feeling of just meeting in the cemetery, with no uplifting church service first and no refreshments and chat to follow. We were going to celebrate her life remembering the good things, while on the other hand keeping the simple service completely dignified. 'Over to you, Lord', I prayed.

Well, were we blessed! The day was cold and crisp, but no rain. Having grown up in the same road as my aunt, I knew the friends/ neighbours who came and so I was able to greet them at the cemetery gate by name. I'd already arranged with the funeral director for me to arrive early to take my aunt to the grave, so I could walk with Adrian to lead the group over, quietly sharing memories as we walked. Everything went like clockwork, and although there were a few tears, there were lots of smiles. The extra memories shared were so positive and added to a lovely communal atmosphere as we stood together in a semi-circle. Quite unexpectedly, it became the service I had really wanted for my dear aunt. And afterwards everyone was saying how much they had enjoyed it!

A PRAYER

Marie Wright

Heavenly Father,
today, as I wake and
look at all you have given
to the world,
I give thanks and praise.

Our world is full of hopes
and dreams.

But the world can be
a difficult place to live
in times of troubles
and heartaches.

I pray for all in need
of your loving care
wherever they may be.

Bring hope and dreams
to life for all.

In the name of
your beloved son, Jesus
Amen

THE SERENITY PRAYER

Submitted by David Spracklen

Reinhold Niebuhr

God, give me the serenity to
accept the things
I cannot change,
the courage to change
the things I can,
and the wisdom
to know the difference.

BROADSTONE SCOUT GROUP

GILL McDONALD, Group Scout Leader, reflects on how Scouts have continued through challenging times

As I reflect on the past 18 months, these are just some of the activities that have engaged us all, or qualities that we have seen within our local community. Each one of these values and qualities are also integral to the Scouting ethos, never more so than during the pandemic.

Connecting with people in new ways

Within a few weeks of lockdown in March last year, every one of our nine units was engaged in virtual Scouting. The first lockdown was particularly hard on many young people's mental health. They had no social contact with their friends from school, therefore they really valued the opportunity to meet with their Scouting friends on Zoom. The photos show better than anything, some of the activities they enjoyed.

Trying new experiences

We managed to keep camping, even if it was in our back gardens, or a den indoors, and in May we held Broadstone's Big Camp At Home. We still had all our favourite elements of camp, as you can see from the photos, including a virtual campfire sing-along with whole families joining in round their campfire.

Exploring the outdoors

Of course, this is what Scouts love to do most but our resourceful leaders found other ways to engage our young people and their families in exploring



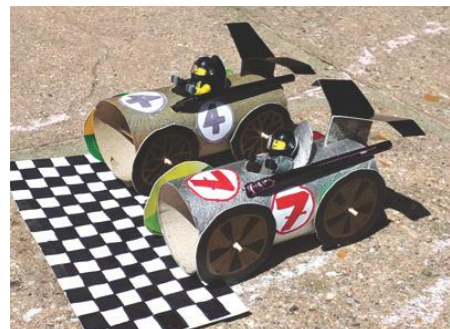
The whole family joined in with camp cooking

the outdoors as a family. When was the last time that you planned a cycle ride which, when tracked on Google Maps, would draw the picture of a Christmas tree?

Discovering new treasures within the local area

It was not unusual to find our young people out with their families, completing a virtual eye-spy or map reading activity whilst out on their daily exercise. The lockdown gave the whole family an opportunity to experience first hand what our young people do when they are dropped off at Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Our challenge to make something out of a toilet roll



Camping at home, or in a den indoors



Orienteering expeditions with our parents.



A socially distanced evening playing with bubbles



Archery at Butchers Coppice Campsite



Outdoor activities seem much more special now

Supporting our own community

We understand how important the local Remembrance Day commemorations are for members of the community. Some of you might have seen the video that we produced and circulated amongst our local community – I know that many people in Broadstone were grateful to have the chance to reflect on those that have served our country, not only in war, but during the pandemic as well.

Resilience, resourcefulness and flexibility

As we prepare our young people to take their place in the world, these are some of the key qualities that they develop through Scouting. They are also some of the qualities I have seen in the fantastic leadership team that we have at Broadstone Scout Group. Some of them have been pushed right out of their comfort zone with virtual Scouting, and the challenges we have faced since our return to Covid-safe Scouting have been absolutely immense. But they have all been truly amazing and given up

so much time to ensure that our young people have continued to have a great Scouting experience.

As we have returned to face-to-face Scouting since Easter, the most striking thing is how much more our young people have enjoyed the return to activities, even the simple things like a blowing giant bubbles and building a simple bridge over the stream in Delph Woods. Our leaders really have gone above and beyond to ensure that this term has been amazing fun, after a year of Zoom.

We still have bridges to cross within our Scout group, not least a severe shortage of volunteers since the pandemic (one Beaver colony is temporarily suspended with no leaders). But I pray that the Lord will look over us and help us find ways together, as a community, to overcome the challenges we still face.

If you know any adults who might be interested in experiencing the fun of our activities, whilst helping to continue the adventure for the young people of the future, please do get in touch on gill.mcdonald@broadstonescouts.org.

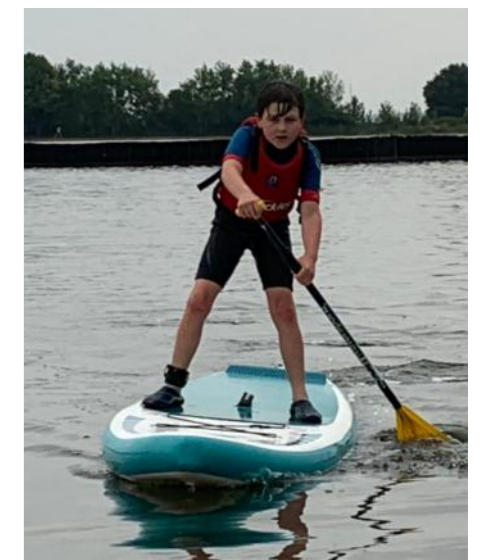
An evening of golf, thanks to Broadstone Golf Club



Did you know that Bournemouth has a Velodrome?



Paddle boarding on Poole Park Lake



BROADSTONE MUSICAL MARKET

A selection of photographs from the day

Broadstone Methodist Church was pleased to be at the heart of the first Broadstone Musical Market, Saturday 21 August, 10am to 3pm. Despite the weather the event was a great success. There were musicians playing on the grass at the front of the Church which included some excellent performances from young musicians organised by Alison Kay and the Broadstone Music Series, a talented guitarist and an excellent young drummer. There were a variety of community and craft stalls. With the help of a large number of volunteers we served teas and coffees and provided Messy Church activities all day.

Undoubtedly, we can expect even more participants at the next Musical Markets, planned for 18 September and 16 October.



PRAYERFUL REFLECTION

REV DAVID LE POIDEVIN shares an extract from the book he is writing

Many people today are looking for something that takes them out of the constant hustle and bustle that seems to go with so much of modern living. Somehow deep within so many of us there lies a mystery which again and again is very real to us and which it seems cannot really be understood except in terms of God.

In a world which needs an active, practical, social and even political application of our faith, still the true centre of it all needs to be our love and worship of the living and active God.

There are people who find prayer, or any form of Christian devotion somewhat difficult, or even impossible and indeed, if we are honest with ourselves, to some degree or other we all do. The important fact in Christian devotion is not our words; they can even get in the way. It is the reality of God in our lives. It is often simply about contemplative listening for God and waiting for him. At times prayer becomes silent, peaceful communion with God, it then needs no words, maybe not even thoughts.

The devotional or spiritual life is supremely a calm and ordered life which, though never wasting time is never in a hurry either. Essentially of course it is not a separation from our daily life. We pray as we live. Most of us are tossed about by the busyness, distractions and confusions that life in this world produces. We need time for reflection and for prayer and thereby to discover God.



A PRAYER

Submitted by Rev David Le Poidevin

Speak to us Lord
in the quiet of the morning

When we rise
remind us of your risen presence

Speak to us Lord
in the noise of the daytime

When we work
may we hear your voice in the words
of our colleagues, neighbours,
family and friends

Speak to us Lord
in the peace of the evening

When we rest
may we know the satisfaction
of work well done

Speak to us Lord
in the stillness of the night

When we sleep
may we be enfolded in
your healing presence

Father, Son and Holy Spirit
always present, always on

Source : Southampton Methodist District Prayer Handbook 2004/2005

WORLDWIDE ARTISTIC COMMUNITY

MARGARETE TUCKNOTT reflects on joining a group of artists from around the world

The experience of lockdown offered me the opportunity of participating in a ten-week online Art Course, and this opened my eyes to social media in a good way.

Before joining thousands across the world to learn more about art there were rules to be agreed to, among them, to respect members as people and to respect their work. Kindness, consideration and support to all members at all times.

Online tutorials, Zoom sessions, and demonstrations kept us all busy along with a private Facebook group where we posted our work. I have just completed this course for a second time.

I experienced an honesty and openness about people's art and their lives that I did not expect. In the height of the pandemic across the world came news of members experience of illness, loss and struggles. In return came many, many responses of support, sympathy and sometimes advice.



There was a variety of experience amongst the artists in the group and for those who were struggling to achieve there was the support and encouragement in abundance

The comment 'I am too old to do this' received the response 'never – paint, enjoy, you can do it'

The course was called Find Your Joy, and we did! It was in the end joyful and positive, we got to know ourselves and others in a good way, there was a great sense of care and togetherness throughout, quite unique. The closing Zoom meeting was moving and emotional. We had shared so much with each other.

It did not end there – connected to this group is something called *Your Art Tribe* which I joined last year. A group with 2000 members of artists from across the world = this is where we support each other and share our work online and participate in Masterclasses and other events each month. Again this is a supportive, caring community, which I am privileged to belong to.

There are some amazing people in the world. Sometimes technology works against us but, at others, it can take you on an incredible journey.



PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORIES

MARILYN AND JOHN GREENAWAY have been sorting their photographs

The last 18 months have been strange, unexpected and have given many of us time to pause, reflect, slow down, maybe take stock of ourselves. We decided that lockdown gave us the chance to tackle many jobs that we never normally have time for.

We have a vast collection of photographs in various formats that needed sorting: colour prints of family and friends, boxes and boxes of colour transparencies waiting to be digitised by the special scanner bought several years ago and many, many wonderful black and white photos gathered together when we cleared Mum's house recently.

Doing all this led us both to reflect on where we come from and the places and experiences of our past. These old snapshots of ancestors we never knew

but maybe heard about are part of our DNA. Long forgotten images of places we visited on holiday or days out, friends and acquaintances from our past are brought to mind.

Stunning views of mountains, coastlines, towns and cities remind us of the wonderful opportunities we have had to visit these places and experience the beauties of the created world.

It is perhaps the faces of our friends and family that we treasure most. Looking back at pictures of ourselves and our own children as babies makes us realise how the years have sped by. Other pictures capture the faces of loved ones we see no more. How many hundreds of people have we known over our lifetimes!



Mount Snowdon in North Wales



St Ives harbour, Cornwall

In our role as pastoral co-ordinators at BMC we have realised very strongly that people need people. One of the things that has been obvious during the pandemic is that what almost everyone wanted more than anything was to be able to meet with others, be they family or friends. Our social lives became seriously curtailed and lockdown prevented us from visiting each others' homes.

Many of us have learned to use Zoom to connect with others as well as making long phone calls. New

ways of communication have become vital to maintain and enrich friendships and family relationships. Those living alone have especially valued conversation with others, however remotely. People really do need people.

As for the photographs... much has been achieved but we still have many of the oldest ones unsorted – families are large and complicated. We now have a very small immediate family but it is good to be reminded that reaching back into the past there are many branches all with their own story to tell.



A family outing, Gillingham Dorset, circa 1900

Some we will never know, others we have discovered over time but they all depend on relationships and that person's place in their community. We are but a small part in the great scheme of things but we all need each other to thrive and go forward from the difficult time we are living through.

A Prayer for those affected by the coronavirus pandemic

Marilyn and John Greenaway

Dear God,
the virus did not respect borders.
It spread from place to place and
person to person.
It has brought grief, fear, hardship,
suffering and isolation.

Dear God,
your love does not respect borders.
It flows from place to place and
person to person.
It brings comfort, hope, justice,
wholeness and community.

Dear God, we pray for all those
around the world whose lives have
been impacted by coronavirus.

We pray for our churches
as we rediscover community and
learn new ways of being.

We pray in the name of Jesus,
our peace and our Saviour.
Amen..

PROGRESS?

I spent an hour in the bank with my dad as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself and asked 'Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?' 'Why would I do that?' he asked...

'Well, then you wont have to spend an hour here for things like making a transfer. You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!'

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of internet banking.

He asked 'If I do that, I wont have to step out of the house?'

'Yes, yes!' I said.

I told him how even groceries can be delivered at your door now and how Amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me tongue-tied.

He said 'Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted awhile with the staff who know me very well by now..

'You know, I am alone ... this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank. I have enough time, it is the physical touch that I crave. Two years back, I got sick. The store owner from whom I buy fruits, came to see me and sat by my bedside and cried.

When your Mom fell down a few days back while on her morning walk, our local grocer saw her and immediately got his car to rush her home as he knows where I live.

Would I have that "human" touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer?

I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of Relationships. Does Amazon deliver all this as well?'

Technology isn't life..

Spend time with people. Not with devices.

Unknown writer

TURNING BACK THE YEARS (OR GROWING OLD DISGRACEFULLY)

MARTIN HOLST has a story or two to tell

I can't complain – and won't about lockdown for myself, but acknowledge it has been bad for many people.

Have you noticed that 'Take care' has crept into our culture as 'the thing to say' at the end of any encounter? It has become the usual 'parting remark' or 'sign off' for an email. This is perhaps symptomatic of the concern for 'being safe' and expecting to have an environment that is risk free.

Gradually certain risks have been eliminated or reduced through vaccination programmes, safety legislation (e.g compulsory seat belts), Health and Safety at work etc. Could it be said that we are becoming 'risk averse' and when something goes wrong 'not our fault' there is a 'compensation culture'?

The NHS now has to be careful to require patients to sign that they accept risks, and there is a huge bill for compensation where procedures 'go wrong'. This is in contrast to the acceptance in the past that honest mistakes were 'forgivable'.

I would not argue that we should fail to respect the Covid regulations about social distancing, quarantine etc. However, my choice of parting remark would be 'See you later alligator' – sadly fewer people know the appropriate response in today's world. When I am offered the unsolicited advice to 'take care' I usually accept it for the kindly way it is meant, but am tempted to say instead 'I have too much on my plate at the moment to 'take care' as well – I will live as dangerously as possible within the prevailing rules.

Bill Haley and his Comets were famous in the 1950s and identified with the song 'Rock around the Clock'. A less well known song had the phrase 'See you later Alligator, and when given in a parting remark evoked 'In a while Crocodile'. The actual phrase in the otherwise forgettable song was in fact 'After a while crocodile'



I have decided to reverse the digits of my age, so now I regard myself as a revolting 18 year old. The result of the 'off bike' experience I relate is, that for a few days, I had to use again the Philips bike I bought at the age of 18 to commute daily from Edmonton to Queen Mary College in the East End. The Sturmey Archer 3-speed gears and dynamo hub lights still work efficiently despite some 40,000 miles over the years. The significant difference is that I now wear a crash helmet. My new bike is a Genesis with 18 gears and seriously better hydraulic brakes. I can go much faster with less effort. I rely on the helmet to give protection against a premature exodus as you will see below.

An 'off bike' experience.

I was merrily going down a hill and veered off the road over what I thought was a line of kerb bricks at the same level the road. Unfortunately, it wasn't quite as I thought. They were just a little too high. All of a



sudden, I found the bike going along the line of bricks whilst I was flying off the bike at considerable speed. I landed rather heavily. After pausing to see if any major damage had been done, I rolled over and slowly picked myself up. I had plenty of clothing to prevent too many grazes, but my face was running with blood and my mouth felt strange: it turned out that my false teeth were beyond repair. The helmet undoubtedly saved serious injury. A very kind lady had stopped her vehicle and came to see if I were OK. She had witnessed the whole incident. She offered me tissues to mop up the blood, and then asked if I needed an ambulance to take me to A&E. I said I was OK, but she could see that I might need help getting home. She offered to take me back, and was most insistent that she thought it wise. At first, I refused, saying I would like to continue with my ride, but then on examining the bike, I realised it was unrideable. It was only after I accepted the offer that I looked at her vehicle: it was a private ambulance and it did not have the usual markings. I was puzzled why she had only offered tissues for my injury – surely any ambulance carries a First Aid kit. Gradually light began to dawn that this was no ordinary ambulance.

Then she explained. She worked for an undertaker. She said I could sit in the front alongside her, and the bike could lie down in the back (it did not have company). It was about a 20 minute journey home and fortunately we arrived before Margaret had missed me. She did not have to witness the manner of my return.

The injuries have been healing well. The bike was soon repaired. I needed a new top plate anyway, and had to have fittings at a dental studio: eating nuts was a little difficult for the moment!

I suppose I should heed the advice to 'take care' as they say. On the other hand, perhaps I should regard the inci-dent as a re-hearse-al. I was fortunate not to be a *croc*-odile.

A PRAYER

from school assemblies of old

Submitted by Martin Holst

*O Lord our heavenly Father,
almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us
to the beginning of this day;
defend us in the same
with thy mighty power;
and grant that this day
we fall into no sin,
neither run into any kind of danger,
but that all our doings
may be ordered by
thy governance,
to do always that which is
righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

I feel humbled by those who have, during the crisis, run into all sorts of danger for the sake of others, and have known God strength and guidance through it. I also noted in the last magazine the hymns of hope and the stories of those who were able to write of hope despite their troubles.

Jesus never promised his disciples a life free from danger but did give an assurance in Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age..

Perhaps in the way we face the future, 'take courage' and 'trust and obey' are more important maxims than 'take care'

GUIDING DURING THE PANDEMIC

ANNE LE POIDEVIN reflects on the Girlguiding' experience

When the Guides suggested, on 13 March 2020, that this would be our last meeting because of Coronavirus, I dismissed it – earlier that day I had sent out a letter about a camp in May and our plans for a summer camp and other opportunities happening in the summer term. However, 3 days later when as a leadership team we were trying to decide whether or not Wednesday night Guides would go ahead that week, the decision was made for us as Girlguiding UK announced that all unit meetings would be suspended until further notice – I don't think anyone envisaged, though, that it would be a year before face to face meetings would permanently resume! When I look back at some of the e-mails I sent last year, I realise how little we understood of the situation – when a county event due to take place in June was cancelled, I said that maybe we would be able to do a unit day trip instead – little did I know that we would still be in lockdown!

As we had the rest of the term planned, for the first couple of weeks I suggested that the girls might like to spend the usual meeting time doing what we had planned so the first Friday I know some of them did some origami flowers. Girlguiding UK also introduced Adventures at home and put some of the programme activities on the website which the girls could do on their own at home and so initially the links were shared with the parents for the girls to do if they wanted.

After Easter, I asked the rest of the leadership team if they were interested in trying zoom meetings and at first I had no response but when I asked again in May, everyone was keen so the week before the May half term we had our first zoom meeting, 10 weeks after our last face to face meeting. Beforehand, I was extremely nervous wondering how it would go and whether it would work. That evening I challenged them to cut a hole out of single piece of paper that they could walk through and to find objects for each

letter in their name. It went well and I came off it buzzing and really enthused wanting to share my excitement with everyone – I guess I hadn't realised how much I had missed it. Our initial intention was to meet fortnightly but the girls were keen for us to meet weekly and so our weekly 40 minutes zoom meetings commenced.

As the time went on, our online programme improved as we got more comfortable with the set up; initially it was a lot of quizzes and scavenger hunt type activities but in the latter part, we completed clauses of some of the interest badges together and the First Aid skills builder and did several online escape rooms. The girls (and their families) enjoyed cooking and together we made pizzas, fudge, pancakes, gingerbread men, Easter biscuits, shortbread, chocolate cookies and on our last online cooking session we were really ambitious and had some girls cooking golden syrup cake whilst others were making pineapple upside down cake! It would not have been possible to do this in a meeting in the hall but in their own kitchens, it was and we might consider the occasional online meeting to be able to do this in future. Numbers fluctuated between 8 and 15 at first but latterly 10 girls regularly joined the meetings with others joining occasionally, but there



were some that didn't want to do online meetings having been on a computer all day and couldn't wait for face to face meetings to resume.

In the autumn we had hoped to have a one off meeting around bonfire night when we were going to meet outside and cook hotdogs. The risk assessment had been completed and plans were all in place and then the country went into lockdown a couple of days before. As a leader, it was so frustrating at that time as a lot of time and effort was spent preparing for activities that eventually couldn't take place and I think it caused some reluctance to do things and plan anything as things changed last minute.

In January, some of the unit joined a County virtual sleepover weekend. The girls had all been sent a booklet with everything they needed and it was great to see Rainbows, Brownies and Guides carrying out the various activities. Being in their own homes, it also gave the parents the opportunity to get involved and it was lovely to see whole families playing the chocolate game together and getting quite competitive. We also had a weekend of activities to do at home for World Thinking Day.

After Easter 2021, face to face meetings could resume. Like many organisations, it seems Girlguiding UK had used lockdown as an opportunity to review various policies and so after a year when it had been stressed that you didn't have to do anything if you didn't want to, resuming face to face meetings seemed quite daunting and again I was really nervous preparing for our first meeting. However, it was so lovely to see all the girls back face to face and for those that had joined us online to finally meet the rest of the unit. For the first half of term we alternated outdoor meetings with zoom and then from half term met face to face weekly. 3 girls made their promise at our last meeting, on the beach, one of which had joined us virtually last October.

I also carry out the DBS checks for 2 districts in Poole West Division. These had been on hold during the pandemic, but in May the list was updated and I had 25 to complete! Whilst this was a mammoth task, it was also lovely to have the opportunity to catch up with all the other leaders, most of whom I had not spoken to for over a year and so the checks took far longer than they should have done whilst we found out what each other had been doing. I feel privileged to have had that opportunity to talk to the other leaders and share as I went round what other units had been doing.

Nationally, Girlguiding numbers have dropped quite considerably over the last year. Whilst that's not the case for my own unit at the moment, in Broadstone some of our Brownie units already had low numbers before the lockdown so 4 of our



Brownie units have currently merged into one whilst numbers are low and until further volunteers can be found to sustain more units, although numbers do seem to be slowly picking up again with a lot of new starters in September.

I am so glad that we had managed to get away in February 2020 half term as obviously during the pandemic residential have not been possible. However, as I write this, we have just returned from a short summer camp which in itself was a challenge. Girlguiding UK had advised that residential might be possible from 17 May and so at the start of term, we had asked how many girls would be interested in a camp if it was possible. The girls were desperate to camp and were constantly asking during the term if we would be going. However, initial guidance was that residential were possible but for a maximum of 6 people including leaders! I was therefore just about to start organising some daily activities instead when the rules changed. So towards the end of term we offered the opportunity to camp but the response was lower than expected given that the girls had been asking all term. Knowing some were keen and had missed out last year, I was eager to offer something, but the numbers weren't really viable. After a lot of deliberations eventually it went ahead having offered it to the girls from Wednesday night Guides as well. The extra considerations due to Covid and the short time in which to plan it certainly made it challenging but it was great that we were able to get away for a few days.

Hopefully in September, things will slowly get back to 'normal' whatever that now is. Lockdown has given everyone the opportunity to re-evaluate things and for some leaders, they have decided to take a break from Guiding. It's given us a chance to do things differently and some of that might continue into the future.



ANNETTE BROOKE shares what happened during lockdown

A memorable Café Church took place in the coffee lounge at Broadstone Methodist Church in early March 2020, the subject was 'Death', led by the Rev Sue Gowling. Fears about the pandemic were growing which affected numbers attending and precautions were in place. Nevertheless, tea and delicious cakes were enjoyed and Sue guided us through the subject in a thought-provoking way with skill and empathy.

Normally, Café Church takes place five times a year on a Sunday afternoon and provides opportunities to chat over tea and to contribute to discussion on a wide range of topics. It is planned that our 'normal' Café Church will resume on Sunday 19 September 2021, 4.30pm.

Café Church was definitely missed and with some trepidation Mike and I offered to run Zoom Café Church, the anxiety arose from our limited computer skills! Deacon Gill Judge was there to support us and Zoom Café Church was launched in January 2021. We were concerned that the event couldn't be fully inclusive and also accepted that participants would have to provide their own tea and cakes! It seemed appropriate to have 'Life' as our first topic. Brian Tucknott led the first session and participants were asked to complete the sentence 'Life is' in advance of the session. We had power point slides, clips from YouTube, prayers and discussion and so much chat between people who were pleased to catch up with one another again. In addition to BMC members, people joined us from Southampton, from across the Circuit, from other denominations and on a later occasion from Poole Hospital. After some

consultation it was decided to make this a monthly event.

Our February topic was 'Our Extraordinary Natural World'. This enabled us to reflect on the beauty of our environment and how our appreciation of this had been enhanced during lockdown. We also touched on the urgency to tackle climate change to protect our wonderful gifts from God.

We had an excellent guest speaker for our March session, Alistair Doxat-Purser, Chief Executive of Faithworks, Wessex. We learned about the many projects in which Faithworks is involved and discussed our priorities for our mission in our community. An important message received was that so much more can be achieved by working in partnership.

In April, we looked at 'The Role of the Church after Lockdown' as Churches Together in Broadstone, with contributions from Rev Helen Bailey, Rev Lyndon Webb, Deacon Gill Judge, Rev Karen James and Deacon Nick Johnson – a very inspiring session.

Our final Zoom event was in June, with guest speaker Chris Beale, former head of Poole Voluntary Services and currently Director of PramaLife. This was very informative and helpful in our mission to tackle isolation.

It had been hoped that our June Café Church would have taken place in Broadstone Methodist Church but it wasn't to be, with so many restrictions still in place. However, we are beginning to think about ordering the cakes for our event in September! *We hope that you can join us.*



19 September
4.30pm

led by **Dr Julian Tawn**
a local preacher in our Circuit

21 November
4.30pm

see Church Notices
for details

WORDSEARCH

Answers on page 27

f	r	f	l	a	t	u	c	a	d	y	v	o
b	r	a	d	s	t	o	r	y	r	s	n	b
b	i	l	i	s	t	e	n	i	n	g	z	l
e	h	l	f	n	b	f	l	o	o	d	t	g
x	o	t	f	m	n	v	i	p	e	n	n	f
t	u	e	e	r	e	t	g	y	a	i	r	i
w	s	m	r	s	a	n	o	t	d	l	o	n
o	e	s	e	d	i	r	r	l	h	v	c	i
r	u	h	n	h	t	o	i	r	o	c	k	s
k	d	u	c	s	p	u	s	q	u	m	u	h
d	o	a	e	m	b	u	a	k	s	s	a	e
f	e	d	i	g	g	i	n	g	e	k	n	d
t	s	c	a	t	d	k	d	j	u	q	q	t

house	two	rock
men	building	rock
sand	work	Jesus
fall	difference	destroyed
digging	finished	rain
flood	foundations	teaching
listening	story	house
flat	remember	important

Golden Rules for Ensemble Playing

- 1 Everyone should play the same piece.
- 2 Stop at every repeat sign and discuss in detail whether to take the repeat or not. Listeners will love this a lot!
- 3 Carefully tune your instrument before playing.. That way you can play out of tune with a clear conscience.
- 4 Take your time turning pages.
- 5 The right note at the wrong time is a wrong note (and vice-versa).
- 6 If everyone gets lost except you, follow those who get lost.
- 7 If a passage is difficult, slow it down. If it's easy, speed it up. Everything will work itself out in the end.
- 8 If you are completely lost, stop everyone and say 'I think we should tune'.
- 9 Happy are those who have not perfect pitch, for the kingdom of music is theirs.
- 10 If the ensemble has to stop because of you, explain in detail why you got lost. Everyone will be very interested.
- 11 A wrong note played timidly is a wrong note. A wrong note played with authority is an interpretation.
- 12 When everyone else has finished playing, you should not play any notes you have left.

Hey look what's coming A new Circuit Youth Group!



Where?
Poole Methodists will be hosting this at The Spire, High Street, Poole, BH15 1DF

When?
Fortnightly on Sunday evenings in term-time, 6-7.30pm

When does it all kick off?
Sunday 12 September, 6pm.

Who's it for?
Young people aged 11-16 who are already interested in church.

What will happen there?
The young people will be involved in the planning, but it's likely to include: games, activities, quizzes, snacks and drinks, plus a bit of discussion around Christian themes and teaching.

How do I join?
We hope to send personal invitations to all young people we know of in our churches who are in the right age group. Feel free to let us know you're coming, or just turn up – both are fine!

Leaders: Kate White and Eifron Hopper
To parents: we shall be providing a parents'/carers' creche!
There will be quiet space set aside and refreshments provided to anyone who is on taxi duty for their children. This group is open to young people from every church in the Circuit, and, while Poole is pretty central, we're conscious some of you could have a longish journey. You're welcome to stick around if this is the case.

Have some queries or want to know more?
Contact Kate: KateGB@live.co.uk
or 07764 489475

EASY FUND RAISING

ALISON SCLATER is looking for ways of improving Church finances

I wonder how many people have missed our monthly Saturday 'bric-a-brac and book sales' at Broadstone Methodist Church? As you may recall it was also possible to enjoy bacon butties with your coffee on these occasions. Sadly, none of this has been possible since the pandemic began. Eighteen months on, the coffee lounge is open again which is such good news but currently just Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, 10 to 12 noon, see page 27. It is hoped, that by autumn, the coffee lounge will be open on more days and that once a month on Saturday bacon butties will be on the menu again.

We don't think it is practical to restart our monthly sales this year but we are, of course, missing the funds that were raised. It has been drawn to our attention that it is possible to attract donations from people's online shopping. Through necessity, many of us have become quite adept at online shopping and statistically, online sales have risen rapidly. Broadstone Methodist Church has registered as a charity with *Easyfundraising* and with *Smile.Amazon*.

Information on these organisations can be found via www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/broadstonemethodistchurch/ and smile.amazon.co.uk

If you shop online we wonder if you could help us by starting to shop using your usual outlets but via these organisations. *Easyfundraising* has links with over 4700 retailers including, for example, Sainsbury, Tesco, Asda, Marks and Spencer, Waitrose, Morrisons, Ocado.

I decided that I would test this system! I signed in with *Easyfundraising* with my e mail address and a password and chose my charity. I then searched on the *Easyfundraising* website for the shop I wished to use, on this occasion Marks and Spencer. I then progressed to shop just as I always do, on the Marks and Spencer website, putting items in my bag and paying Marks and Spencer by credit card. Shortly afterwards I received a notification that Marks and Spencer had donated 2p to my chosen charity! The



percentage donated does vary from retailer to retailer and with the products purchased and it is very small but the receipts will accumulate with more supporters. Similarly, *Smile.Amazon* is a simple and automatic way to support a charity of your choice every time you shop, at no cost to you. It can be activated in the Amazon Shopping App for iOS and Android phones. When you shop with *Smile.Amazon* you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as amazon.co.uk but with the added bonus that *Smile.Amazon* will donate a portion of the purchase price to your selected charity.'

Personally, I enjoy a good rummage to find bargains that I probably will return to future sales for somebody else to purchase! However, currently it is safer and easier to fundraise whilst we do our 'normal' online shopping. We do hope that you will support Broadstone Methodist Church in this way if you are an online shopper!

NOW OPEN AGAIN!

Broadstone Methodist Church COFFEE LOUNGE

for Fellowship and Refreshments

Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week
apart from Bank Holidays

10am – 12 midday

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying chatting (at a safe distance) over a cuppa!

Bible Study on Zoom Wednesdays at 7.30pm

'Talking of God with Others'

Details of Start Date and Zoom link
from Deacon Gill Judge or Joan Jackson.

Broadstone Choir

is restarting weekly rehearsals on

Tuesday 7 September
7.00pm

St Dunstan's Church
Poole Road, Upton BH16 5JA

New members are always welcome
For further information call 01202 698923 or see the web site
The-Broadstone-choir.mailchimpsites.com

The choir are planning a
Christmas Concert
11 December 2021
Details to follow

WORDSEARCH SOLUTION

f	r	f	l	a	t	u	c	a	d	y	v	o
b	r	a	d	s	t	o	r	y	r	s	n	b
b	i	l	i	s	t	e	n	i	n	g	z	l
e	h	l	f	n	b	f	l	o	o	d	t	g
x	o	t	f	m	n	v	i	p	e	n	n	f
t	u	e	r	e	r	t	g	y	a	i	r	i
w	s	m	r	s	a	n	o	t	d	l	o	n
o	e	s	e	d	i	r	r	l	h	v	c	i
r	u	h	n	h	t	o	i	r	o	c	k	s
k	d	u	c	s	p	u	s	q	u	m	u	h
d	o	a	e	m	b	u	a	k	s	s	a	e
f	e	d	i	g	g	i	n	g	e	k	n	d
t	s	c	a	t	d	k	d	j	u	q	q	t

As we slowly get more of our regular activities restarting

you can keep up-to-date by visiting our website
www.broadstonemethodist.org.uk

or you can read the **Church Weekly Notices** or check the **Noticeboard** in the Coffee Lounge

It's starting again
THIRSTY THURSDAY
(after-school club)
9 September at 3.15pm
Bradbury Hall
Broadstone Methodist Church

Special Services and Events at Broadstone Methodist Church (unless otherwise stated)

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Supper **Saturday 25 September 6pm**
Harvest Festival **Sunday 26 September 10.30am**

CTiB 'LAMENT' **Sunday 10 October 3pm**
A Service to remember the many lives lost since early 2020

20/20/20 Service **Sunday 24 October 4pm**
See explanation by Deacon Gill on page 3

Remembrance **Sunday 14 November, 10.30am**
led by Rev Robert McBain

Anniversary **Sunday 28 November 10.30am**
led by Deacon Gill Judge

United Service **Sunday 5 December**
at **The Spire, Poole**
with Poole and Upton Methodists

We are seeking to appoint a new

Parish Administrator at St John's Church

15 hours p/w £10.25 p/h

More details available on our website
www.stjohnschurchbroadstone.org.uk or contact our church warden for further information and an application form jones.g.church@gmail.com

Application closing date: 27 September

The next issue of



will be published on
Sunday 5 December 2021

Articles, photographs and other contributions should be submitted by

Sunday 7 November 2020

