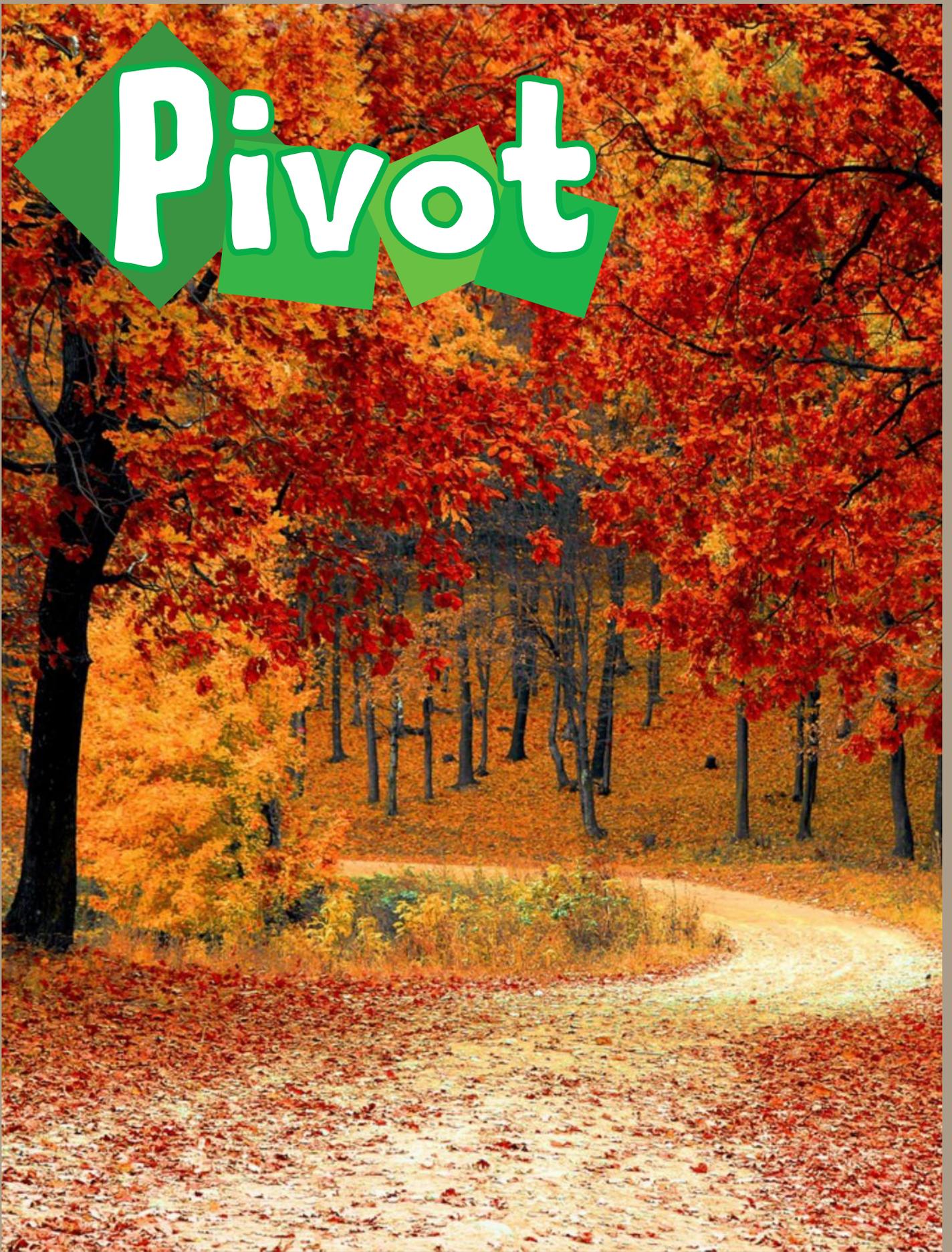


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EDITORIAL

One positive result of the covid pandemic was the way in which people in the whole country and across the world seemed to come together to help each other to overcome the disease. Now that the worst is behind us, it's sad to see how many divisions are opening up again, in our politics, in the increasing East/West tensions and war in Ukraine and in the gap between rich and poor.

All the same, change is an integral part of the lives of every one of us, something that has been brought home to us very forcibly as a nation in the sad death of Her Majesty the Queen. Reflecting that, the theme of this edition of Pivot is Moving on/Moving in. Rev Karen James, who moved in as our minister in June tells us something about her life and background. Several members of our church community have moved on recently, and Linda Shah and Jon and Marie Wright share their experiences with us. Our community has also welcomed refugees from Ukraine, and one of them, Elena, tells us something of what it is like to move in to a completely new environment. Linda Chester's article 'All Change' gives us a Christian perspective on change.

As we and our church move on into the future, we have suggestions for the 20th anniversary of our building next year, and highlight the continuing need for volunteers to maintain the many community activities which take place on the premises.

As always, we hope that you will enjoy reading these and all the other articles.

If you have any suggestions or views about this edition of Pivot, please do contact one of the editors: Annette Brooke, David Spracklen, Brian Tucknott.

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MOVING IN

REV KAREN JAMES



Dear Friends,

In June I took on pastoral charge of Broadstone Methodist Church and so I am in that strange in-between stage in that I am newly ‘moved in’ as it were but I have been in the Poole Bay Circuit for three years with charge and serving churches in Upton, Lytchett Matravers, Wool and Swanage.

I arrived as a probationer in 2019 having completed two years of study and training at the Queen’s Foundation in Birmingham. I think I spent most of those first few months in a bit of a daze getting to know a completely new area, learning people’s names and faces, trying not to get too lost, trying to apply all the theory into practice and still having studies and essays to complete.

By March 2020 I was beginning to find my feet a bit and then of course, we went into lockdown and all of my colleagues and I, regardless of their previous experience, were having to work out what it meant to be a minister and to do ministry during a pandemic. And that became my ‘normal’. At the moment I have been a minister longer under pandemic restrictions and guidance than I have in ‘normality’. As restrictions lifted and we were able to do the familiar activities and share in the familiar events I realised that many of these things I am experiencing properly for the first time- despite living in the area for three years. It is a strange position to be in, not so much moving on as discovering.

And yet, looking back, the course of my life has never been a clear cut, as the crow flies journey, or very rarely, nor has it ever stood completely still. Sometimes it has meandered – there were expected changes such as going to university and other times there were painful

twists and turns – unexpected and seemingly endless and certainly not part of the plan! We will all experience times of moving on and moving in – for some of us it will be through our own choices and for others of us it will be a consequence of other people’s actions, of violence and conflict, or illness – where choices are removed or severely limited. And as a community we must learn to balance the variety of feelings and experiences that people will have, to support and encourage each other as well as challenge. Moving on and moving in isn’t just about physical space, it can also be a mindset too – perhaps our perceptions of people or places or groups need to be challenged or developed, perhaps we need to move on in our thinking about ourselves.

In all circumstances, the good and the bad, I have pondered this verse from Jeremiah 29:11 “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

As I move on and in this place, I look forward to sharing in the wonderful work that goes on already and I am eager to anticipate the ‘what next?’ part of this journey alongside you all. It seems appropriate to end with some phrases from this well known blessing.

*May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.*

Every blessing

Rev Karen James

ALL CHANGE

REV LINDA CHESTER



Mention the word, "Change" and immediately people are suspicious or fearful.

I suspect few of us embrace change as a new adventure or an exciting new beginning to a fresh chapter in our life. As human beings, we all tend to cling onto what we know best, feeling it's safer that way. Certainly change is not always for the better, but equally sometimes we can become stuck in a rut and the phrase, "We've always done it this way," is frequently echoed in churches around the country!

I'm the first to admit that there are many ways of tackling anything and one particular way is not necessarily the only way forward, or indeed the right way. Often we do like to feel that our way is best. But I'm learning that it's good to have an open mind and at least listen to and respect other peoples' way of doing things. I believe that an openness of heart and mind has positively moved the ecumenical movement along in the past years and it's so good for churches of all denominations to work together when we can, while respecting each other's different styles or emphasis in worship. Aren't we fortunate in the way Churches Together in Broadstone are working together. It's such a blessing to be part of that.'

At the present time, we are bombarded with change and uncertainty in the world around us; forthcoming changes in government and a new PM, constant changes in technology, communication, transport, education agriculture, roads and rules on the road...the list continues. It seems every time I go shopping prices have changed. I never know whether certain items will be in stock, and I find it so irritating when the larger stores change groceries around in the aisle. I just get to know where everything is and they decide to re-sort whole isles. Grrr.

Sadly, for some people, their circumstances change in a major way overnight through no fault

or decision of their own, e.g. tragic victims of war, ill health, bereavement or an accident. While on a happier note, a new birth completely changes life for the whole family.

Everything we touch is changing, even ourselves! Are you the same person you were 20 years ago? I doubt it. As the years pass, our attitudes, opinions, beliefs are repeatedly challenged sometimes shaken and deepen. Physically, we may not care to notice or acknowledge the years rolling by, until we find ourselves aching and stiff after a few hours gardening! It was a shock for me when they first installed the little video cameras at the self-service check-outs. Who was that pensioner with salt and pepper hair in the small viewer?

While all this change can be very unsettling, feeling we are on shifting sand, even so praise God He never changes. God is the constant point of reference in a changing world. Centuries ago, the prophet Malachi reminded the people of Judah that there is one true God who remains unchanged. *I, the Lord, do not change* (Malachi 3:6a). This is a promise which countless Christians all around the world have found to be true.

Similarly, when Christians were being persecuted by the Romans and Jews in AD 70, the letter to the Hebrews was written to them, *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever* (Hebrews 13:8). It's a verse I learnt in my teens and has always been a favourite.

In a changing world we hold on to the message of hope, love, acceptance and peace as well as the promises given to us in the Bible. Prayer remains our lifeline.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

ALL ARE WELCOME

Broadstone Methodist Church has been pleased to host many visitors this summer, in Church services and in the coffee lounge and extends a warm welcome to all. Visitors have included people staying with relatives living nearby, family and friends attending Baptisms taking place within morning services and people who have recently moved to the area.

Many Ukrainians have arrived in our area since March and the coffee lounge has provided a good meeting place. Church members have been able to give support by being available to chat.

Elena, one of these visitors, tells us a little about her background.

ELENA from Ukraine



Hello!

I am Elena Yakovchenko from Cherkasy in Ukraine. I left my home in Ukraine and travelled first to Poland and then to Germany before arriving in the UK to stay with my Host Family, Jilly and Edwin, in Corfe Mullen. I have an Uncle who is still in Ukraine but no other family. However, I do have my cat, Arseniy, who has his own passport and documents and has travelled with me.

In Ukraine I practiced massage and I liked to help people to be healthy and beautiful. I am hoping to do this in the UK.

I did not know much English when I arrived but have been learning it and getting used to your sayings and customs.

In Ukraine I had a flat, and now friends from bombed cities are able to use it. I attended a church that was very lively and had many young people. It is called 'The Light of Life Church'. The Pastor is not full

time but has a business and any spare money he uses for the church. He has also bought premises for a new church in the city where he was born. Pastor Sergei bought the house for the church only seven years ago. I have been able to link up with them at times on Facebook and U-Tube and worship with them. The church is alive and active and helps people and refugees a lot. The church was kept open when war started and people prayed about the situation.

I became a Christian 26 years ago and celebrate that. I am so thankful that I did. I know that God has been with me during this difficult time and has helped me. I am pleased to have been given such a warm welcome at Broadstone Methodist Church and to have been able to invite others from Ukraine to also meet in the coffee lounge. I now have many friends in the Methodist Church here.

May God bless us all.

MOVING ON

In recent months, several of our members have moved away from Broadstone, to be closer to their families. **Linda Shah, Jon and Marie Wright, and Paddy and Jenny Coles** have all played a huge part in the life of our Church. We thank them for all their many contributions and for their friendship, and wish them all God's blessings as they move on to the next stages of their lives.

Linda, and Jon and Marie, have written to Pivot to tell us something of their new situations.

Linda Shah

It may not have been the best idea to move house from one end of the country to another during a pandemic, but two years later I am well settled and very happy in Manchester. I live in a flat in a McCarthy and Stone development, very similar to Waterman House in Broadstone, but about 8-9 years older. I found downsizing and having to get rid of many of the things that I had been hanging onto for years, though not even looking at, surprisingly liberating – I recommend it! I have found everyone here to be very welcoming and friendly and have enjoyed getting to know a lot of new people. I have joined a painting group, reading, film and music groups and a keep fit class. I also volunteer for an

on-line charity helping primary school children with their reading, which has been very rewarding.

The biggest advantage of my move, however, has been that it has brought me so close to my daughter, son-in-law and two grand-daughters. I am able to see them frequently and it is a joy to see the children growing and developing and to be nearby should I be needed (I won't mention home schooling during the lockdowns!)

I took a little while to find a church and first approached the one where I now worship when they were still worshipping on zoom. Manley Park Methodist Church is different from Broadstone in many ways, but similar in others. It is part of the Manchester and Stockport Circuit, which has twenty churches, and our minister, Rev Ken Stokes, has oversight of four of them. It is smaller than Broadstone - it has a total congregation of about 45. It is a welcoming, inclusive, multi-cultural church family with a great emphasis on fellowship, community and care, both of people and the environment. Earlier this year I was able to participate in a church weekend away, spent at Whalley Abbey, a beautiful Anglican retreat centre, which gave me the opportunity to get to know people even better.

I send my best wishes to all at Broadstone and think of you all with great fondness.



Jon and Marie Wright

Jon and I moved to Poole in June 2006 as Jon had transferred there from London to look after the telephone systems and call centres in Barclays House. The move initially for me, a real town girl, was quite difficult to get used to but, within a few months I/we had settled in to 'beside the seaside' life.

It took us a few visits to local Methodist Churches to discover BMC and upon our first visit we encountered, and were welcomed by Mary Blacker, who took us under her wing, showed us around, and made us feel that we belonged immediately. Another aspect that drew us to BMC was that the architecture was almost identical to the church we



had left in Loughton, Essex, so it felt immediately home from home.

It didn't take us very long to become established members joining in with all church things. Jon joined the church band and AV rota and I initially joined the coffee rota and eventually became a steward.

Our daughter, Ellen, moved to Mere in Wiltshire in February 2021 with a post at a school in Sherborne. As she has a young daughter and needed more care time from us, we decided to move to Mere. We're buying a new house, but it is not yet complete, so we are still living with our daughter and family; maybe we'll be in by October (which year I don't know....)

We haven't yet found a Methodist home in the area – the nearest Methodist church is in Motcombe, about 3 miles away, and there is also a big circuit church in Gillingham. Because of child-care and time constraints we haven't yet visited either but we hopefully will when we get in to our new house.

We have, however, both joined Mere Art Group and also Mere Bowls Club both of which have been very friendly and welcoming. Stourhead is just up the road, with Longleat a few miles away, and interesting towns such as Frome and Sherborne within spitting distance. We have already bought annual passes for Longleat and our granddaughter, Cariad, just loves going there to see all the animals.

It's been a big wrench moving after living in Broadstone for 8 years and attending BMC for 15 but we are settling into village life slowly and it will be easier when we eventually get into our own home; hopefully soon.

We won't be cutting ourselves off completely and will be back from time to time and it will be lovely to see everybody when we do.

We wish all our friends at BMC God's blessings and best wishes for the future.

Paddy and Jenny Cole



THE PEAK PILGRIMAGE

TERRY MILLARD

As the nights draw in, I'm still enjoying a few evenings sitting in the garden doing some crochet, reflecting over the long, hot, dry summer.

I took the opportunity to complete the Peak Pilgrimage – a 39 mile long distance walking path – and also caught up with family and friends.

The Peak Pilgrimage is a long distance path, set in the beautiful Peak District National Park, starting in Ilam and ending in Eyam. As you walk along the path, if you follow the pilgrim guide you are invited into the various churches, to collect a Bible verse and have your guide stamped.

This is a great opportunity to stop and sit quietly in the cool church reflecting on your spiritual and physical journey.

St Lawrence's Church, Eyam



Over the years I've done a lot of walking, which has included urban walking, mountain walking and coastal walking, but I had never walked in this area before. After the last few years with the sacrifices and restrictions of covid, I was keen to visit the inspiring village of Eyam.

During the Plague of 1665 and 1666 the villagers displayed great sacrifice and heroism going into their own lock down. The plague came to the village in August 1665 on some cloth, infected with fleas from London. The rector persuaded the villagers to stay put in the village and not infect the surrounding communities. About 260 people died, about one third of the population of the village. Coming so soon after our own lock downs of the last few years, it was hard on not to draw comparisons. But the village was not forgotten about during the plague, for the neighbouring village of Stoney Middleton would leave food and messages for the people at the boundary stone, high above the hill of both villages.

The Boundary Stone



THE QUEEN AND THE NEW KING



**'I cannot lead you into battle,
I do not give you laws or
administer justice,
but I can do something else:
I can give you my heart
and my devotion
to these old islands,
and to all the peoples of
our brotherhood of nations'**

The Queen's Christmas Broadcast 1957



The nationwide celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee demonstrated the great love and affection in which the Queen was held. Little did we know that within a few months she would no longer be with us.

Broadstone Methodist Church members joined with the United Reformed Church to hold a special cream tea on the Sunday of the Jubilee weekend.

Stepping Stones followed a few days later, with a special party, plenty of decorations, a toast to the Queen with non-alcoholic prosecco, even more special cakes than usual, singing and flag waving!

Café Church met to discuss 'The Platinum Years' – after enjoying tea and cakes, we looked at changes in society over the 70 years, with reference to the Queen's personal commitment and Christian faith.

The talented ladies from the Knit and Natter Group knitted and decorated a post box on the Broadway in her honour.

**We give thanks for her long
life of Service to God,
our Country and
the Commonwealth**



**May God grant wisdom
and discernment to our
new King, Charles III**

God Save the King



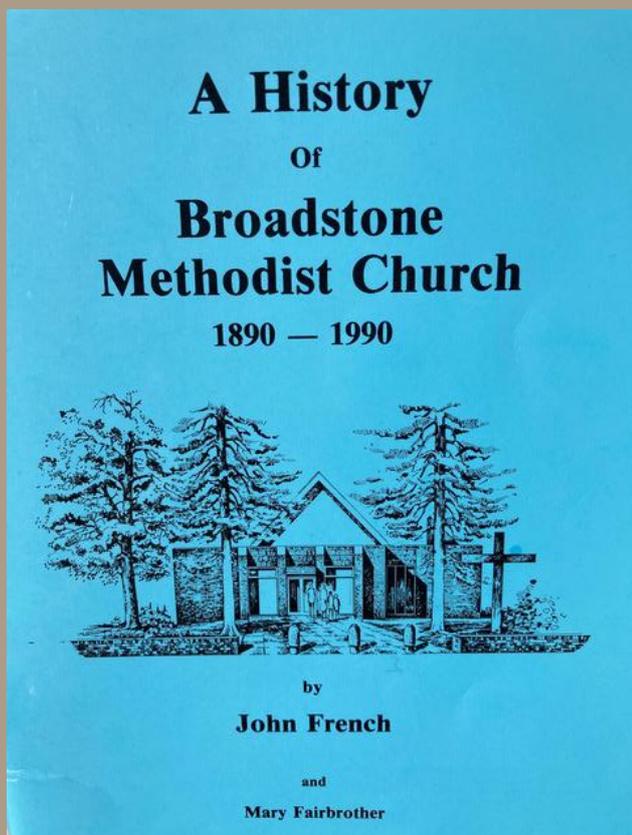
SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE *TWENTY YEARS'* ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF BROADSTONE METHODIST CHURCH 'NEW' BUILDING



UPDATING *A HISTORY OF BROADSTONE METHODIST CHURCH*

DAVID SPRACKLEN

I've been asked, as part of our plans to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of our new building in 2023, to put together a history of our Church from 1990 until now. Some of you may have a copy of 'A History of Broadstone Methodist Church 1890-1990' by John French and Mary Fairbrother, and the idea is to bring this up to date.



Church Council minutes seemed to be the starting point for this endeavour, but I've hit a stumbling block. The minutes from 1990 to 2001 seem to be completely lost, as are records



about the planning and fundraising for the new building. This means we shall need to use memories and recollections from this period.

So, I'd be very grateful for thoughts, from those of you who've been in the Church for a number of years, of items that would be worth including in our history, particularly for the period up to 2001, but also I'd like to hear of suggestions of events/activities which have taken place more recently, that you feel should be included.

I feel it would be good to have a number of photographs in the history, and there are many of these in the archives, but, again, if you have a photo of an event or person you think should be used, I'd be glad if you'd let me know.

One caveat – the history mustn't be too long, so I can't guarantee to use all your suggestions! Jackie Tewkesbury, Di Skinner and Terry Millard are working on this project with me, so please contact one of us with your ideas.

My email address: dandjspracklen@ntlworld.com

Many thanks

ECO LIVING

JOHN AND MARILYN GREENAWAY are interviewed by Mike Brooke



In this, the second interview as part of our Eco Church activities, John and Marilyn Greenaway tell us how they are adjusting their lives in response to the demands that climate change and global warming put on us all. Much of what is done at home can also be done by and in the Church.

Question 1

Climate change and global warming are now recognised as major threats to life on earth.

Does this worry you and why/why not?

This summer's heatwave has really brought the issue of Climate Change to our own doorsteps. Extreme temperatures have been experienced here in the UK as well as over much of mainland Europe. Terrifying wildfires have threatened homes and annihilated flora & fauna in so many places and lack of rainfall poses a real threat to future water supplies in much of the world. So yes it is a real worry in the here and now and as well as for future generations.

Question 2

I'm only an individual and anything I might do will have very little impact?

Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Please give reasons.

We recognise that our country's carbon footprint is a very small proportion of the global total but every little thing that we can do is a help. Insignificant minor deeds when all added together can make a difference and doing nothing is no longer an option. In conversation with friends, we can share ideas and there is always more that we can learn and do.

Question 3

Have you made any changes to your lifestyle that could help reduce the impacts of global warming?

Please give as many examples as you like.

We have long recycled as much as possible – our blue bin always seems much heavier than the black one when it is wheeled out to be emptied. We try to avoid buying anything in plastic packaging although this is not always possible; it is a pity that some goods come wrapped in “hard” plastic that can only be opened with scissors. It is good to see paper bags for fruit and vegetables in our food shops.

We waste very little food and compost as much as possible and the local bird population enjoy regular scraps in the garden. As far as possible we use eco-friendly and recycled household products.

We installed solar panels on our roof at the same time as the church, which significantly reduced our electricity consumption as well as feeding surplus back into the grid. Since replacing our time expired double-glazing we have seen a noticeable saving on our heating bill and hope in the long term the carbon saving will exceed the carbon footprint of the new window installation.

Transport is an obvious area where carbon savings can be made. We try to plan car journeys to combine different adjacent venues in one trip and frequently use public transport. We walk or cycle to local shops when it is possible and have not flown for some time. The next issue is to replace our car with one which is more environmentally friendly. We do try to drive in a fuel-efficient manner with a light touch on the accelerator.

Question 4

Is there a case for local churches to become involved with the issues around climate change and global warming?

If so, please explain.

At a national level our various denominations do engage in policies to reduce carbon footprints and this action should be mirrored at grass roots level by the individual local churches. Sharing thoughts and ideas with others to encourage new initiatives and different ways of doing things is so important.

Question 5

What could our church do that could make a difference?

Our church has made a start on the eco church pathway and there is always more that can be done. We need to be aware of lights that are left on unnecessarily and maybe there are times when the thermostat can go down a degree or so. We need to be always proactive in supporting any campaigns to bring the climate emergency to a wider audience.

Many people say “it is pointless me changing my life-style. I’m only one person and anything I do is so small it is in effect pointless.” Actually if we all said I am going to make some changes, then cumulatively much can be achieved and the world would become more sustainable.



KEITH WHARMBY



It was in 2006 when Keith Wharmby took over the role of Property Steward for the Broadstone Methodist Church Centre from Larry La Riviere, who had been doing it since the completion of the new building in 2003. 16 years later, just a few weeks ago, Keith stood down.

You only need to walk around the building to see what a superb job Keith has done in keeping it in outstanding condition. Larry, who had been our project manager for the building, ensured that the new church construction was of a very high quality. Keith has ensured that it's been well maintained, cleaned, regularly decorated and upgraded as necessary, so that, in spite of the heavy usage – by both church members and the wider Broadstone community – nearly 20 years on, it still has the appearance of a new building. With the support of a good team, Keith has managed to achieve this with a smile on his face (nearly all the time!), and a high level of personal commitment.

As a church, we owe him a huge vote of thanks for all the hours he's spent – including emergency calls in the middle of the night – and for all the care and attention he's given, not only to the building itself, but also to making sure that his activities have caused minimum inconvenience to all of us who use the premises.

Grateful thanks, Keith!

CONGRATULATIONS! LYNDA HURRELL



When 7-year-old Lynda Sellers stood to solemnly recite her Brownie Promise, she could never have imagined how a life-time of friendship, fun and adventure was opening up for her. Growing up in Plantation Road, it was a natural progression aged 11 to join the Waterloo Guide Company on Waterloo Estate. There she took the Guide Promise:

I promise to do my best: to do my duty to God, and the Queen; to help other people, and obey the Guide Law.

With this GG company Lynda became Youth Leader at 16 and Adult Leader at 18.

Now 50 years later, Lynda has been awarded a prestigious 50 Year Service Certificate. This was presented at the Girlguiding Poole East Division Platinum Jubilee Celebration.

Over those years Lynda held several offices: 6 years as Division Commissioner for Poole West, co-ordinating Guiding in the area, community development, and publicity for Dorset, attending County and Regional meetings. She replicated this role in Poole East when, some 30 years ago, she became involved with fund-raising for the water pipeline across Brownsea Island. This was in tandem with Scouts and the National Trust.



In 1994 the big Dorset County Camp of nearly 800 girls held near Dorchester introduced the Guides to raft-building, kayaking and general water activities. This group of happy campers spawned ideas for an unused boathouse at Parkstone Bay. Subsequently, during the summer this boathouse has now become Dorset Guide Boat Club, a hub for sailing, rowing and kayaking.

In 1992 Girl Guides who had been put forward for selection to be Mayor's Guides visited the Mayor of Poole's Parlour in Poole. That year they proudly represented their Company with the Mayor at various events.

Becoming Division Commissioner meant representing Dorset at several Southwest venues such as Wells, Gloucester and Salisbury Cathedrals as well as a National Thanksgiving Service in Westminster Abbey.

Over the years, the Guide Movement has enabled Lynda to visit 3 of the overseas GG Centres and the International Guide World Centre, Pax Lodge in London. Her Scorpion Award recognised her visit to Our Cabaña in Mexico for a 10-day set of challenges. (Not least of which was to shake out her shoes each morning in case a scorpion had spent a comfortable night in them). Lynda also visited Our Chalet in Switzerland and Sangam in Pune, India.

The name Sangam is truly significant as in the ancient Sanskrit the name means "coming together". That name perfectly embodies the aims, inspiration and achievements of the international Girlguiding Movement.

Apart from the Dorset County badge, Lynda also wears The Gention Badge, the Dorset GG badge awarded for exceptional service to Dorset Girl Guides.

It hardly seems possible to look back over 50 years, but special memories were made in 2013, and 2015 as a direct outcome of water activities from the Dorset Guide Boat Club. Lynda and the Boat House Team, comprising 4 adults, 2 instructors, with 6 Guides, loaded Canadian canoes on a trailer, driving to Ross-on-Wye. Setting out after lunch, and camping on English and Welsh soil, they completed the 26 miles down the river Wye to Monmouth in under 3 days. The Boathouse team and Lynda, continue to run the Boat club for local groups to enjoy kayaking, and this summer 16 guides attended a 6-week course. Seven Guide Units attended 2-hour taster sessions kayaking instead of their usual Guide meeting, also 6 Brownie Packs came and enjoyed games, activities, and a BBQ.

A truly wonderful experience for the girls, their leaders and Lynda Hurrell.

BROADSTONE COMMUNITY NEWS

Community Litter Picks take place monthly on the 4th Saturday of each month, volunteers meet at 9.30am. The location depends on where the need is greatest and is announced just before each event on the Broadstone Community Facebook page. The next dates are 29 October and 26 November.



open for tea, coffee and bacon butties.. Broadstone Justice and Peace Group has been working with the organisers to aim to give this market an environmental theme.

The Christmas Tree is planned to be in place in front of **Broadstone Methodist Church** towards the end of November.

The **Christmas Lights** will be switched on at an event starting at 6pm on Saturday 26 November. There will be **Carol Singing** by the tree. Later in the evening there will be a **Concert** in the Church in aid of Marie Curie.

The Christmas Parade is due to return this year on 3 December. There will also be a **Musical Market** on this day.



HELP NEEDED

behind the scenes at Broadstone Methodist Church

People come to Broadstone Methodist Church to worship, to celebrate, to mourn, to learn, to discuss, to make music, to exercise, to dance, to play, to socialise, to chat and for tea, coffee, and cakes.

They are welcomed to a beautiful, well-maintained building, and kept warm in the winter!

This is only made possible by a wonderful army of volunteers. Since the pandemic, that army has diminished in size, as people have become older and frailer, and others have moved away to live closer to their families.

More volunteers are needed to welcome people, to serve coffee, to help with church stewarding and other activities, and to help with a range of simple jobs inside and outside of the building. Just giving an hour or two of your time per month can make an enormous difference to the Church and to you.

Please contact

Claire Errington in the Church Office.

Two of our 'Generals' are retiring and must be replaced for Broadstone Methodist Church to continue. It is possible to simplify and divide duties between more people, but help is needed urgently.

Keith Wharmby, our Property Steward, has recently retired (see page 13). Some of the many, many tasks that he has voluntarily provided for Broadstone Methodist Church have been shared between other volunteers, but we do need a Property Secretary to coordinate, record and make sure all the annual and 5 yearly checks are in order. This is a job that can largely be carried out from home.

Alison Sclater, our Treasurer, will be retiring but will be on hand to help a successor. This job could be shared. One part involves the counting of the weekly collection, recording, and paying it into the bank next to the Church. The other part involves the payment of invoices and keeping accounts.

A more detailed job description is available.

URGENTLY NEEDED

A Property Secretary

Starting date any time before Jan 2023

Church Treasurer (possible job share)

Starting date as soon as possible

The above positions must be filled for Broadstone Methodist Church to be able to continue with its present work.

If you are unable to volunteer yourself, please pray that others will come forward.

WENDY HOUSE RESTARTING!

Exciting news! The Wendy House Toddler group will be restarting on Thursday 3rd November. Led by Jackie Tewkesbury supported by Lynda, Sylvia and Cynthia, the group will meet in term time from 10.00am to 11.30am in the Sharland hall and is aimed at babies to 3+. Children will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent, grandparent or childminder, for example).

The morning will include play time, a story and songs and a chance for parents / carers to chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

To get this off the ground, there are a couple of areas where help is still needed:

- a reserve who could be called on to help occasionally
- a couple of people to help get the equipment out either on a Wednesday evening or a Thursday morning before it starts.

If anyone could help with this, please get in touch with one of the team.

Please share this exciting news with anyone who might be interested.

**Southampton District
Methodist Women in Britain**



invite you to



Celebration Day

**GO AND BEAR FRUIT,
FRUIT THAT WILL LAST.**



Saturday 1st October 2022

Hedge End Methodist Church

42, St John's Road SO30 4AG

10.00am for 10.30am to 3.30pm

Morning Bible Study led by Rev Tom Stuckey

Afternoon Workshops including:

HARVEST COLLAGE

DRAMA

PRAYER WRITING

Tea and Coffee will be provided

Please bring your own packed lunch.

CHURCH NEWS

Stepping Stones meets every second Friday in the month 2.30pm to 4pm, in the coffee lounge at Broadstone Methodist Church. It provides a social event for people with dementia and their carers and for older people who live by themselves.

Please contact Annette Brooke, 01202 696523, for further details.

Café Church meets every few months on Sunday afternoons, in the coffee lounge at Broadstone Methodist Church. It commences at 4.30pm for tea, cakes and chat followed by discussion or a presentation. In September the topic for discussion was homelessness and we looked at the work of Routes to Roots. On 27 November, Rev Elizabeth Rundle and Rev Linda Chester will lead the session, drawing upon experiences from trips to the Holy Land.

Members of the **Knit and Natter Group** are now all looking forward to planning their next projects big and small. If you would like to come and join them, the group meets in a relaxed friendly atmosphere over a cup of tea or coffee, (kindly sponsored by Lesley Shand Funeral Directors) every Monday at 10am–12 noon (except bank holidays) in the Sanctuary at Broadstone Methodist Church. You can bring your own project, or you can join in one of the charity projects, where wool and needles are provided. All skills welcome.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday 20 November

Preacher
Rev Dr Chris Blake

Broadstone presents **Autumn Jewels**
music series music for everyone!

Sunday 2nd October 2022, 4.00 pm
St John's Church, Macaulay Road,
Broadstone BH18 8AR

Support talented local young musicians from our hugely successful summer school 2022.

A programme of solos and chamber music for all to enjoy!

Interval tea and cake.

Advance online booking recommended at www.broadstonemusicseries.info

A limited number of tickets will be available on the door.
Adults: £7; up to 18: £3

All proceeds to Poole Society for Young Musicians 2022-23 projects and St John's Church building extension.

POOLE SOCIETY for YOUNG MUSICIANS
Patron: Tasmin Little
Charity No: 1171893

SoundStorm music development agency
Supported by **WYMT**
Wessex Young Musicians' Trust

bsa affiliate

making music
SUPPORTING & CHAMPIONING VOLUNTARY MUSIC

Broadstone Choir

**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

**Saturday
10 December**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Weekly at 10.30am

(Holy Communion as announced)

with Junior Church and Crèche at the same time

All are welcome

Tea and Coffee served after the Service

Broadstone Methodist Church

COFFEE LOUNGE

for Fellowship and Refreshments

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday each week

apart from Bank Holidays

10.00am–12.00 noon

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 Dates and Zoom link
from Deacon Gill Judge or Joan Jackson.

THIRSTY THURSDAY

(Term-time after-school club)

3.00pm

in the Bradbury Hall

Knit & Natter

Mondays 10.00am–12 noon
in the Sanctuary

Thursday Afternoon Group

2.30-4.30pm

in the Coffee Lounge

Currently monthly on first Thursday

Badminton Group

Mondays from 7.30–9.30pm
in the Bradbury Hall



Next Session

Thursday 27 October

10.00am - 12.30pm

STEPPING STONES DROP-IN

Second Friday of every month
2.30 – 4pm
in the Coffee Lounge

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CARERS' GROUP

Second Thursday of every month
2.00 – 4pm
in the Coffee Lounge

