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## EDITORIAL

Mahatma Gandhi said  
*"You must be the change you wish to see in the world"*.

When we were looking for quotes about *Change* (this edition's theme) this was the first one that we found. It is a challenge for us all and also makes us think about changes that would be meaningful for us.

Our contributors have provided a variety of approaches to the subject which include the everyday, the inevitable, the natural, the avoidable (that we humans are causing), the needed (which we may be resisting), and many more. Nonetheless, we have barely touched the surface, in all probability, so there is much to think about.

To give you a flavour of other quotes we found, which you can ponder on; how about these:

- "If you change nothing, nothing will change"*
- "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending"*
- "Change your thoughts and you change your world"*
- "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude"*
- "To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often"*
- Everyone thinks of changing the world but no one thinks of changing himself"*
- Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.*

Most of these are by well-known people. We'll leave you to find out who!



# A Moving Experience

Rev Karen James



Dear Friends,  
I have moved house.

It all sounds so simple but as I am sure so many people can testify, moving home does not always go smoothly. There have been complications, it has been stressful. People have gone out of their way to offer help and try to smooth out some of the impact and for that I am very grateful. The change will be beneficial. Now I am installed in my new manse, as we call the residence of a Methodist minister, I can begin to see how to make it home, and to appreciate the benefits of living more centrally to the four churches I serve.

In the midst of all the disruption I was being encouraged by so many that it will all be worth it, yet in that moment I needed to lament what I was leaving behind- I was so caught up in the messiness and uncertainty of it all, I had no capacity for imagining beyond that moment in time. I think that that is true of any call to change, regardless of the circumstances. When we are confronted by change, whether it is invited or not, there is that moment moving from one state to the next that can be a struggle.

In the wilderness, “the whole congregation of the Israelites” (Exodus 16:2) grumbled to Moses that they would have been better off staying in Egypt, when their uncertainty over access to food and water rose to the fore. They had already forgotten all that God had done for them. The initial excitement of the change morphed into one of doubt, and realisation that the journey would not be easy or straightforward but would require some commitment from them – namely to trust God.

Even in the middle of their complaining God’s response was gracious; manna (bread) and quail were provided enough for their needs, and water (follow this part of the story in Exodus Chapters 16 and 17).



Change is a part of our lives, every day there will be some small thing that we manage and adapt. But change is not always easy and it does come with a time of uncertainty – living between two possibilities. It is in this time that we can face the change, to acknowledge that things will be different, and to prepare ourselves for the new way of being. But we do all that knowing God is there in the middle of the messiness and difference with us.

I am fully aware that my particular experience of change, though one of huge upheaval over the last few weeks, is still one of privilege. I may have been without an address but this was for a short period, and I had the ability to choose where I would stay in the meantime. This is in sharp contrast to the asylum seekers, refugees, migrants whose lives have been changed beyond recognition as a consequence of war or famine or other political or environmental issue. Who are entirely reliant on the good graces of this country and others, and who are all too often the focus of blame and hate.

And there are so many people who are living in poverty, desperate for things to change for the better - living in a constant state of uncertainty and facing prejudice. It is exhausting and often demoralising. How can we listen well to people’s experience and desire for change so that we are better equipped to respond more meaningfully?

Whatever changes you are facing in life, know that you do not have to face them in your own strength alone.

*If I say, ‘surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night’,  
Even the darkness is not dark to you;  
The night is as bright as the day,  
For darkness is as light to you.*

Psalm 139:11-12

Every blessing

*Rev Karen*

# Karen Greene

## a tribute

Robert Maguire

*In 2013 the church decided, after much thought and discussion, to appoint a full-time children and families worker. The brief would be to work with children aged 5 to 11 and their families to try to serve an age group who were not well represented in our church.*

*The post was advertised, interviews were held and we found exactly the person we were looking for. Karen Greene had been a youth minister in her church in the USA. She had come to live in Dorset with her husband, Rev Colin Greene, and was enthusiastically seeking an opportunity for a new Christian ministry with young people. Karen joined us in January 2014, and was with us until Covid struck in March 2020, bringing her ministry here to an abrupt end. During this time I was privileged to work closely with Karen. In June this year she lost her very brave fight against cancer. I was very honoured when Colin and his family asked me to pay tribute to Karen and her work in our church at her funeral.*

When, in 2013, I was asked to work with the church's soon-to-be-appointed Children and Families worker I was somewhat reluctant. However, once I had met Karen all that changed. It was impossible not to be affected by her enthusiasm, vision and energy.

Starting work here in January 2014 was quite a challenge for her. First of all, there was that terrible commute from Marnhull. It was a particularly wet winter and spring, and the Dorset roads were under water on many occasions. A lesser person than Karen would have given up and come back in the spring – but not Karen! She battled through the dark and the wet and still arrived smiling. I'm not sure if she was still smiling when she got home – you would have to ask Colin!

The next challenge was that she literally knew no-one but was expected to suddenly produce a children and families programme from thin air. She really had to work hard to get to know the church but more importantly the local families who seldom came to church. Where do you start? Karen always used to say that you have to start with what you've got but it wasn't much. She talked to the parents who came to Messy Church and the Mums



who came to the toddler group, but more was needed so she went about getting known at the local schools. Some of them were less than welcoming – they wondered who this dynamic American woman was who had burst on the scene full of ideas. But those who cautiously let her in to take assemblies were rewarded by some fun services – and the children loved her. Before long children in the street would be greeting her with *Hi Karen* and coming up to her for a high five.

Karen had been told by lots of us when she arrived that her ministry here was not going to be judged by how many new faces there were at our regular services. But, somehow, after a grace period of a few months, people did begin to speculate on when the invasion of new families was going to happen. Well, of course, it doesn't work like that. Karen tried various things to draw children in – a summer event in that first summer of 2014 was an early attempt. But she soon realised that you need to engage the parents as well and so she began initiatives such as the ladies craft group. You might imagine something quite calm and orderly but, although I was not encouraged to be part of it, I was surprised one evening to see Karen bringing in workbenches and jig saws – yes into our immaculate coffee lounge. I feared the worst but, the following day it was back to being pristine, and at least one of Karen's ladies was so hooked, she went out to buy her own equipment.

Karen's recipe for drawing families in was to provide fun, food and fellowship. These were all present in two of her other innovations - Broadway and Thirsty Thursday. Broadway was all things to all age groups. It began with a family meal. Karen thought nothing of making a hot meal for 40 or 50 people with different menus for adults and children. Following the meal there was a creche for the youngest, craft activities for the younger children and games in the upstairs hall or chat with Christine for the older ones. In the meantime, the adults had discussion time covering topics from the spiritual to the severely practical – but all devised by Karen to help with the business of living a good life and all building real fellowship within the community.

She then saw a gap in the provision of after school activities for younger children. The older ones tended to congregate at Costa but there was nothing for the younger ones, so Karen started Thirsty Thursday to provide a space for parents and younger children to come in and get a drink and a home-made cookie and play some games after school. She was kind enough to share her cookie recipe so you may be able to sample one later this afternoon.

As Karen drew in more families some of the parents began to make suggestions on what else was needed. One suggestion which she took up was the need for a youth group in a safe environment where good standards of behaviour would be part of the ethos. This was duly started, and the children were asked to give it a name. They came up with *Ufee*. It ran on Monday evenings and at one point we had 80 children enrolled. Of course, we needed



more leaders and Karen persuaded a number of parents to join the team. This was great except that the children of those leaders had to stay around the building while we cleared up, which meant they were still noisily enjoying themselves when the members of the Monday evening prayer group arrived – a combination which did not always work!

Was it all plain sailing – of course not. Most things that Karen tried worked well but not without a considerable amount of negotiation and effort to get them set up. You would be surprised how long it took us to find a free afternoon for Thirsty Thursdays and as for getting Karen her own office! It eventually was the little room by the front door but that almost didn't happen as it was earmarked for the sale of charity Christmas cards every December. But she got there in the end.

Karen saw her time here as her personal ministry to the young families of Broadstone and it was this conviction which kept her going through the high points and the low points. I never saw Karen admit defeat – she just came up with a new idea, a new direction, something else to try. She insisted on high quality – the cookies had to be home-made, the food freshly prepared and the coffee made from beans – not instant. And of course, the same attention to quality went into her children's talks, event planning and everything else she turned her hand to.

Karen's energy and enthusiasm never flagged. She never ran out of ideas. She knew every child and every parent by name and treated each of them as though they were her special friend. Her love and empathy were boundless. There are so many people here today who will always be grateful to her for the inspiration she gave, for the love she shared, and for the legacy she left in all of our hearts.



# Joan Jackson

## thank you

Joan was born into a strong Methodist family in Wigan. Her mother was the organist and choir master of the local Methodist Church, and her father was a Local Preacher and the Superintendent of the Sunday School. This was the time when Sunday School was in the afternoon, there were services both morning and evening, and good Methodists were involved in all these activities. So Joan soon became a member of the choir and also, as a young teenager, a teacher in the Sunday School.

She decided to become a teacher and trained at a Church of England college in Cheltenham. While she was training, her parents moved to Chichester, so when Joan completed her course, she took up a teaching post in Bognor. In the Methodist community at Chichester, she met Gordon Newton, a young man training for the ministry. They were married after his training, and their first appointments were in Wellingborough and Bradford, where they had their two children, Helen and Paul.

In Bradford, Gordon became successfully involved in a Methodist project of the time, known as industrial mission, and he continued that involvement when he moved to Bolton after five years in Bradford. However, Gordon and Joan were unhappy in Bolton, so they contacted a minister friend, who happened to know Rev George Yates, and he suggested that they might consider an appointment in the Poole Circuit. As a result, Gordon and Joan and their family moved to Broadstone Methodist Church in 1978, living in the York Road Manse.

After five years, Gordon told Joan that he was leaving her, and leaving Broadstone. In that difficult and challenging time for Joan, she was given very strong support by members of the church, support she still fondly remembers. This helped her deal with the trauma of the situation, and to restructure her life. She continued her involvement with young people, teaching at Broadstone Middle School, running the Youth Club at Church, and taking groups to MAYC events in London.

She actively participated in a Circuit music group, Seventh Heaven, which for several years produced Christian musical shows,



shows that Joan herself produced. Roger Jackson, who at the time was working at Maidment Court for MHA, and whom Joan had first met several years previously, joined Seventh Heaven, and in 1993 Joan and Roger were married.

Since that time, and even more so since she retired from teaching, Joan has been at the centre of the life of Broadstone Methodist Church. She's been a Church Steward twice, giving encouragement and leadership to us all particularly in the challenging period immediately after Rev Sue Gowling's departure at the time of the covid pandemic.

As well as being a very effective worship leader, Joan, for several years, led the Church Choral Group whose music enhanced many of our services. She helps to organise our regular Messy Church session, she used to cook for the Luncheon Club, she's been part of the team running the regular Day Centre at the URC Church - and all this on top of the loving care she devotes to Roger, as his health deteriorates.

Joan has had many challenges over the years, some particularly painful, but she feels strongly that her faith, summarised in the phrase 'Let go - let God', and the fellowship, friendship and acceptance that she's found in the Methodist community has helped her cope with these changes, and become a stronger and more resilient person.

Joan may have 'retired' from many of the routine tasks of the church, but she remains an active and integral part of the Church. We give thanks to Joan - and to Roger - for their steadfast support to Broadstone Methodist Church. We thank God for Joan and for all her many, many contributions to the life of Broadstone Methodist Church over the last 46 years, and for all those still to come in the future.

# Doreen Barnes

nominated as a local hero  
by attendees of Broadstone Methodist  
Church's Coffee Mornings

On Mondays during term time Doreen is part of the very industrious Knit and Natter Group meeting in the Church Sanctuary. Not only can she be found there on Mondays but she also appears in the coffee lounge on most days when it is open – always with her knitting! She says, 'I really enjoy coming, everybody is so friendly and welcoming'.

Doreen was born a Cockney in 1933 in Roman Road in the East End of London where her parents ran a Baker's shop for the owners. Her parents were up very early each morning to bake the bread. The family lived above the shop and Doreen was the youngest of twelve children. She rarely attended school but her father insisted that all the children spoke properly. Her mother died when she was ten and by then she could knit and she has been knitting ever since! In 1951 she joined the WRENS and was sent to Scotland. Her first posting was to Arbroath as Officers' cook and it was there, that she met her husband. They married in Arbroath in 1952. He was posted to Salisbury, to Boscombe Down, so they



moved there. He originally came from Northampton and they also lived there.

At present Doreen lives independently downstairs in a house where her daughter and son-in-law live upstairs. For the last 12 years she has been knitting little coats and hats for the premature baby unit at Poole Hospital and can usually be found with several at various stages of construction and in a variety of colours, including some suitable for Ukrainian babies. She says that she also has a number of coats laid out on tables at home ready for stitching together. If travelling into Bournemouth by bus, Doreen takes her knitting with her so that she does not waste time on the bus! She enjoys chatting to those who come into the coffee lounge and always loves a good laugh.

## CROSSWORD

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Answers on page 20

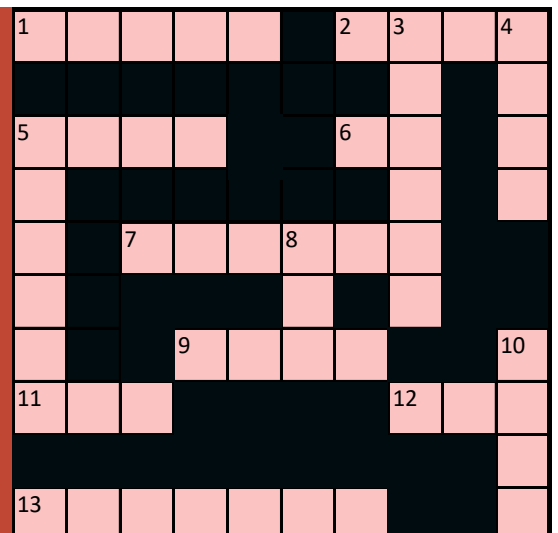
### CLUES ACROSS

- 1 King David's great, great grandmother
- 2 1 Kings 16:23
- 5 Built an ark
- 6 Where Abraham came from
- 7 Named her son Samuel
- 9 A rushing, mighty ?....
- 11 Cain went to live in ...? (Genesis 4:16)

- 12 Abel's mother
- 13 Isaac's half-brother

### CLUES DOWN

- 3 Sister to Lazarus
- 4 Modern Chaldea is called
- 5 Zadok the Preist and .....? The Prophet
- 8 Joshua's father (Joshua 1:1)
- 10 Jacob's first wife





Fairtrade Fortnight 2024 takes place from Monday 9 September to Sunday 22 September 2024, a change from its usual February timing. Organised by the Fairtrade Foundation and supported by communities, faith groups, businesses and individuals, it's a celebration of 30 years of the FAIRTRADE mark, highlighting how this pioneering initiative has had a life-changing impact on farmers and workers across the world.

Launching its "Be The Change" challenge, the Fairtrade Foundation aims to use its anniversary year to urge even more of us to get behind its global farmer-led movement, for a fairer future. The success of the Fairtrade movement does show that individuals can create change by their actions.

Did you know there are OVER 4800 Fairtrade products available in the UK? We're probably all aware that it's not just about tea, coffee, chocolate and bananas - but we might not have appreciated the full range of Fairtrade products that are available - a list that includes cotton, flowers, gold, beauty products, wines and beers, spices, fresh fruit, dried fruit, nuts and much more besides.

Since Fairtrade was launched 30 years ago, more than 600 towns and cities from all over the UK have signed up to support the mission. Nearly 2,000 Fairtrade groups have sprung up in universities, communities and places of worship, while tens of thousands of children in Fairtrade

schools are learning about trade justice for the farmers and workers who grow their food. Broadstone Methodist Church became a Fairtrade Church in January 2008 and we use Fairtrade tea, coffee, hot chocolate and sugar in the coffee lounge and for all our church led meetings. Globally, millions of farmers and workers in 70 countries benefit from Fairtrade – by receiving a fair price for their produce and a Fairtrade Premium.

In 2022 alone, sales of Fairtrade products in the UK generated approximately £30m in Fairtrade Premium for farmers and workers to invest in business and community projects of their choice, including healthcare, education and environmental initiatives – more important than ever given the global cost of living crisis.

As the Earth heats up, farmers in the low-income countries now urgently need to fund climate change adaption to protect their livelihoods and crops.

The 30th anniversary year will see the Fairtrade Foundation campaigning for farmers to earn a fairer price, receive a greater share of power in supply chains, and access the financial resources they urgently need to tackle the climate crisis.

*To learn more about the impact of 30 years of UK sales of Fairtrade goods on farmers and workers around the world, or to find out what steps we as individuals could take to make trade fairer, please visit Fairtrade Foundation's website [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk)*





# Knit and Natter

Terry Millard



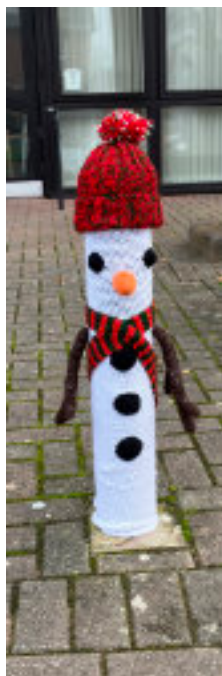
Changes to our lives are happening all the time, but it is how we learn and adapt to these changes that make our lives richer.

These changes can be something small from buying a different cereal to something more life changing due to the health of our loved ones. My granddaughter is due to start middle school in September, so there has been great excitement with the trying on of a new uniform and the slight apprehension of being the younger year at the school instead of the older year.

*All this is possible with the help of the church and the kind sponsorship of Lesley Shand Funeral Directors, who pay for our teas and coffees. They also supply the group with wool to help us knit for the many charities that we support.*

Hopefully you will have noticed the bollard covers change outside the church with the seasons too.

Some of our Knit and Natterers due to ill health are no longer able to attend our group on a Monday but they are always in our thoughts and prayers. They also continue to make items from home to support our charities when possible, which we greatly appreciate. We of course always welcome new people to the group and have been fortunate to see some new faces recently - why not come and join us?



At Broadstone Methodist Knit and Natter Group we see the seasonal changes when we are making the different items for our charities, from Easter baskets in the spring, poppies for the Royal British Legion and on to hats, scarves and gloves for the homeless in the winter.

The Broadstone Methodist Group meet every Monday (term time only) between 10am and 12 noon in the Sanctuary at the 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 Life on the Island of Jersey

Anne Beasley



Jersey is a British Crown Dependency, and is defended and internationally represented by the UK government. The Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey is the personal representative of His Majesty the King on the Island.

The largest of the Channel Islands, it is divided into twelve 'parishes'. Grouville, St Brelade, St Clement, St Helier, St John, St Lawrence, St Martin, St Mary, St Ouen, St Peter, St Saviour and Trinity. They are an integral part of Jersey's heritage and its society today.

As you drive around the island it is not long before you see a church. There are 16 Anglican churches, 1 Baptist, 2 Elim Pentecostal, 1 Christian Spiritualist, 7 Independent Evangelical, 1 Jehovah's Witness, 1 Synagogue, 8 Roman Catholic, 1 Quaker, 1 Salvation Army, 2 URC and 8 Methodist, plus 4 which were closed but now used in the community.

When we visited in the Spring I was privileged to preach at two of the Methodist Churches, St Martin in the North of the island and St Aubin in the south. We also worshipped at our daughter's church, Georgetown Methodist Church in St Saviour. St Martin Methodist church, where I preached on 29 April, has a lively community of people. I sat quietly as they came in and took their seats, wondering what to expect from me as they had never seen me before. The service began and we stood to sing the first hymn. Well, I was blown away by the singing! It was amazing and took my breath away. Apparently, many of the congregation have been members of choirs all their lives and there is a thriving choir at the church itself. A warm, welcoming congregation who made us feel very much at home. On 24 May I preached at St Aubin Methodist Church, overlooking the harbour and said to be the best view from the pulpit in the Methodist Connexion. I can vouch for the accuracy of that

Right  
**St Helier Methodist Church**

Below, from top  
**St Martin Methodist Church**  
**St Aubin Methodist Church**  
**Georgetown Methodist Church**  
**Interior of St Helier Methodist Church**



statement, it is stunning! Again we received a very warm welcome, as we had at their weekly coffee morning on the Thursday before. A warm welcome also at Georgetown Methodist Church where we worshipped on other Sundays.



On 1 June our granddaughter, Ellie married Dan at the Town Church in St Helier, a building with the most beautiful stained-glass windows. A forward-looking church with a play area for young children tucked away out of sight. A godsend for the day with our two very young great grandsons!

If you would like to know more about the activities of the Jersey Methodist Circuit you can have a look at the Circuit Newsletter on the Jersey Circuit Website. It is heartwarming to see what our brother and sister Methodists on an island off the coast of France are doing!

# Pause for Thought *a reflection*

Rev Linda Chester



**However we may feel about it, change is all around us; it's a regular part of our lives.**

We all like to hold on to certain things and cling to the familiar and often much loved possessions, routines or ways of doing things. But it is a fact of life that we change and evolve as does everything else around us. We just can't stand still and remain in a vacuum, change is all part of growing, moving on, discovering the new and sometimes better alternatives.

Last weekend we had a family gathering in Somerset. In amongst everything else my cousin took me for a short spin in his new car. Well, although I'm extremely happy with my own car, just six years old, what a difference riding with him! There was so much new technology that my mind boggled. Even his sitting position is automatically recorded, so when he gets out of the car his seat moves back and when he sits in again the seat returns to his previous most comfortable position, without him even moving a muscle. At one point I even wondered whether there was something to touch to produce an iced coffee on demand! It seems now that nearly everything is available, at a price, and many are employed to dream up new, seemingly inviting inventions and ideas, to try and tempt us into spending our money.

Although I have a scientific background, technology has changed and is continuing to change so rapidly, I freely admit I can no longer keep pace with it. Thinking in particular of changes in communication, I feel exceedingly old when I look at my nieces, nephews and now great nieces and nephews seemingly effortlessly using *tiktok*, *facetime*, *whatsapp*, *giffgaff* etc. while I still happily use emails, texts, phone calls and I even send real cards and letters. They must smile and think, "How quaint", but I no longer mind as I happily accept my limitations. Isn't it good that we're not all

*Above and Below*  
**Some of the changing means of communication over the last hundred years.**

How many have you used?



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the same and there are lots of younger folk who can do all these things which I cannot. We need each other's gifts and understanding.

With all the constant changes in communication, I'm exceedingly grateful and humbled by the one type of communication which never changes. I am, of course, thinking of our communication with God, through prayer. I can't imagine what it would be like to have a day, or even half a day, without prayer. Our faithful, loving Heavenly Father is always available at any time of the day or night. There are never any restrictions or time limits. We are never cut off or left on our own. We don't even need to learn any new terminology.

**Prayer is the most precious gift of communication which never changes and is freely available to all, regardless of age, background or race. Aren't we blessed?**

We hold on to our God as 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 millions of Christians around the world have found to be true.

Similarly, when Christians were being persecuted by the Romans and Jews in the first century, they were sent a letter which we know as the letter to the Hebrews, containing a wonderful verse; **"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."** Hebrews 13:8

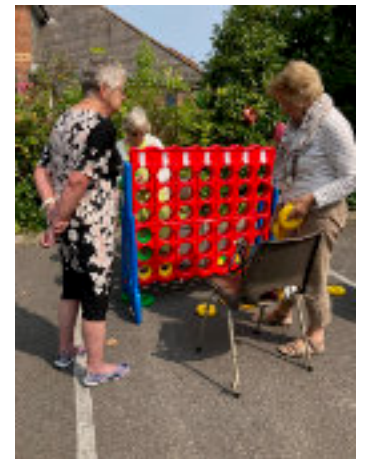
In a world full of change we hold on to the message of hope, love acceptance and peace which never changes. Prayer remains our lifeline.

**"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

# Fun and Games at the Garden Party Sunday 18 August

*A special thank you to Di Skinner and Terry Millard for organising our second consecutive Summer Garden Party. Fun and games were provided for all the family and a challenging picture quiz was available in the Sanctuary. Delicious cakes and savouries were served with tea and coffee in the Coffee Lounge.*





## QUIZ Submitted by Lynda Hurrell

All answers begin with the Letter L. Answers on page 20

1. Molten or partially molten rock (magma) that has been expelled from the interior of a terrestrial Planet (such as Earth) onto its surface?
2. Musical about a florist and man-eating plant?
3. You receive a text or email with LOL. What is being said?
4. What is the Italian car with a bull on the logo?
5. The nickname for King Richard 1st?
6. Three very well known and loved British Poets?
7. Fields of beautiful blue Flax produce which seed?
8. The small River Lym (Lim) flows out from which Dorset town?
9. Can you name 7 English cities beginning with the letter L?
10. In computer language, what does the L of LAN stand for?
11. Which Baltic country has the capital Riga?
12. This major Irish river runs through Dublin?
13. 20th century British prime minister who's double barrelled name begins with L?
14. German national passenger airline carrier?
15. A "leap" is the collective name for which animal?
16. Louisa May Allcott wrote this well known and loved novel about the four March sisters?
17. English city on the River Aire?
18. European country bordered by Austria and Switzerland?
19. What is the lightest metal in the periodic table?
20. The most westerley headland in mainland England?

# A Hidden Treasure

Ray Cornick



*God in hiding, waiting in the dark, blowing over the formless void, speak a word of light and life, we pray, and make something out of this nothing once again.*

*God hidden in plain sight, divine treasure to be found in seeds and soils, yeast and dough, birds and trees, hunger and thirst enemy and neighbour, bread and wine, open our eyes, give sight to our blindness and make us to see you once again.*

*God hiding in me like water, underground rising, seeking out, bursting out, pouring out, come Holy Spirit come and make me full to overflowing once again.*

## God's Game of Hide and Seek

Have you ever played Hide and Seek or hidden a surprise for someone? Maybe you find God in hiding from you when you pray or come to church. Mark Slaney takes up this theme in this extract from his prayer.

The whole object of hiding something or someone is to be found. How and when do we find God. Slaney says 'speak a word of light and life out of this nothing and make something once again'. As we pray let's keep at it. Don't despair of the hidden God ever hearing you. Don't feel you are speaking or thinking into a void, whatever you do or think don't switch off and say that's that!

Perhaps the key words of this prayer are, 'once again'. We may have known times of joy and light in the past or perhaps we've always struggled, but there is help. Find a book of prayers which will often set your own prayers and thoughts dancing to God's tune. Talk to God. Listen to God. Be with God Don't put a time expectation on your prayers; a minute in the presence of God is so worthwhile. Few of us can manage long times of meaningful prayer, so keep at it.

## Open Our Eyes

This next paragraph has a series of opposites eg. Hunger and thirst, enemies and neighbours, and goes on to say 'open our eyes'. This is an advance on the

previous paragraph moving on a stage from the negative to the positive.

It is so important to get a battery into a device the right way round, but sometimes the polarity of the socket is hard to see - maybe it's my eyes! Get it wrong and at best there is no light, no sound, no phone. At worst you wreck the device. The good news is that it just doesn't happen like that with God. God is a loving Father and like our fathers he doesn't give up when we fail to make contact. Slaney goes on to talk of bread and wine and the nub of the Holy Communion Service is found in a morsel of bread and a sip of wine. Not enough to feed a sparrow yet more than enough to feed our souls when taken in the power of the Holy Spirit. Seeds and soil, yeast and dough, hunger and thirst, enemy and neighbour.

God may be hidden from us in so many ways in our Christian life,, but he waits to reveal himself and extend his love. 'Open our eyes'

## The Water of Life

For fifteen months of my National Service I was dealing with water. The peak of the task was to evaluate a piece of equipment that could convert sewage to safe water on the battlefield. Many samples later we were convinced enough to drink the water so produced. Imagine my delight when I learnt a couple of years ago that the same equipment is now in use in disaster zones. Slaney writes 'come Holy Spirit and make me full to overflowing once again'. One of the most important parts of church life is nurturing and as the Spirit flows through the love we have for one another so we are all able to grow. Water is essential for all living things. Prayer, nourishment and the water of life are all vital to the Christian. If God seems to be in hiding let us not hide from him in our spiritual life. Thanks be to God that ultimately he reveals himself in Jesus.

*Based on the theme of the 23/24 Methodist Prayer Handbook I have written a reflection on a prayer by Rev Mark Slaney which can be found on page 95 and is reprinted with permission.*

# Broadstone Community through the Years

Annette Brooke

## Changes in our local community

What have been significant changes in Broadstone over the last fifty years or so? Below are a few of my thoughts:

### Broadstone Railway Station

#### – originally known as New Poole Junction

Up to 1966 we had a railway station in Broadstone providing a passenger service with four substantial platforms. Up to 1977 goods traffic still ran to Wimborne. Today, of course, the site is occupied by Broadstone Leisure Centre, its car park and the roundabout. We do have the benefit from the Castleman Trailway providing walking and cycling access to Wimborne and Upton Country Park and also the Broadstone Way – sometimes called the Relief Road despite ending up in the middle of Broadstone! Have these changes led to a better lifestyle?

### Population Growth

It is difficult to find accurate figures matching a specific boundary for Broadstone but Margaret Roebuck and Julia Wenham in their book, 'A New History of Broadstone', quote a figure of 4000 in 1965 and the figure for the current Broadstone ward is 10,289 from the 2021 census. During that period there would have been the completion of West Way, the development of Pinesprings Farm, the construction of Twin Oaks and many smaller developments. It is interesting to note how Broadstone has retained its individual identity throughout this period of growth.

### Schools in Broadstone

Broadstone First School dates back to 1872 but accompanying the population growth in the area; Springdale First School opened in 1966, Broadstone Middle School opened in 1971, and Corfe Hills Upper School opened in 1977 in Broadstone, although for a short period it

Above

**Broadstone Railway Station taken in 1969**

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Below

**Broadstone Shopping Centre**



operated in the old grammar school building in Wimborne. By 2000, Corfe Hills had 1600 pupils but is considerably smaller today. Over the years I have been proud to be a parent of Corfe Hills pupils, a governor at the school and currently I am Chairman of the Members for the Academy Trust.

### Broadstone Shopping Centre

Although the population growth will have given rise to increased retail demand our shopping habits have changed over time with 'out of town' supermarkets and shopping centres and of course, with online shopping. Online banking has more recently affected the provision of local banking services. In 1970, Lloyds, Midland, Barclays, National Westminster and TSB all had a presence in Broadstone. The Centre included two wet fish retailers, two shoe retailers, two ironmongers, two garages, two telephone boxes, two off licenses, one electrical appliance shop as well as two supermarkets, two butchers, two chemists and the Post Office with Sorting Office in Dunyeats Road. Today we see estate agents, more barbers and hairdressers, restaurants and charity shops and a new Post Office. Broadstone can still be described as having a thriving Centre albeit with a different mix of goods and services on offer and a mix which constantly changes.

My conclusion is that the ability to respond to change has enabled Broadstone and its residents to prosper yet still retain its community spirit and identity.

I suspect there are many different answers to the question 'what significant changes in Broadstone have there been over the last 50 to 60 years' and invite you to discuss your 'selection' with others (perhaps in the coffee lounge). I wonder whether you will reach the same conclusion as me.

*With thanks to George and Jacqui Hattemore for their recollections of Broadstone businesses, from which a small selection was made.*

# Climate Change as it affects us

Mike Brooke

We are all very familiar with changes in the weather we experience: one minute it can be sunny and hot and the next cloudy, threatening rain and blowing a gale. While such changes can be dramatic, they are more likely to be less pronounced and gradual in nature. This is because what has happened immediately before affects what happens immediately after. Such changes in the weather must not be confused with changes in climate though they can be an expression of climate change. The simplest definition of climate is average weather, if there can ever be such a thing. So, changes in climate are likely to occur over far longer periods of time consequently we might not notice them immediately.

The UK's climate has for a long time been classified as a west coast maritime climate characterised by westerly winds, moist air with regular rainfall throughout the year and relatively small temperature variations from one season to the next. But is this general description still valid today? If we look at temperature and rainfall data for the last 60 years, for example, then we might begin to question the description.

Between 1961-1990 and 1991-2020, the average temperature of the UK increased by 0.8°C, rainfall by 7.3%, and sunshine by 5.6%. As might be expected, the average temperature increased the most in central and eastern England (more than 1.0°C) and least in Scotland and Northern Ireland where the rise is closer to 0.7°C. Similarly, eastern England has seen the greatest increase in hours of sunshine, rising by more than 13%.

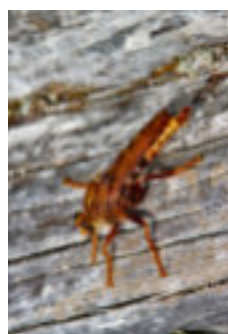
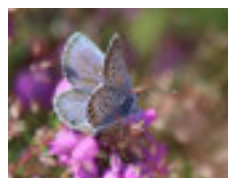
It follows from this that the number of days when the air temperature falls below freezing is likely to have decreased. Would you believe the average reduction is 11 days, giving our plants a longer growing season? Putting it another way, average temperatures we experienced in Dorset between 1961 and 1991 are now being



*Above*  
**Broadstone Flood**

*Below*  
*Top*  
**Silver Studded Blue Butterfly**

*Bottom*  
**Hornet Robberfly**



experienced in Yorkshire, some 250km further north. We are of course experiencing even higher temperatures.

Because air can hold more moisture as it warms up a consequence of higher average temperatures is an inevitable change to our rainfall patterns. The annual average has increased by more than 10%, especially in the north and south-west where the number of days with more than 1mm of rain has increased by 5.6 days. Not only this but we are experiencing far heavier downpours and a greater frequency of severe storms.

Average temperatures are increasing over the whole globe, which may account for what appears to be a change in our seasons with hotter drier summers and warmer wetter winters reflecting current Mediterranean conditions. If this is the case, then we will all need to change how we currently live. The greatest risks will be the intense heat, wild-fires and flash floods, all of which are occurring with greater frequency across both Europe and the UK.

There will of course be other knock-on effects especially around our natural





*Above*  
**Stour Valley Flood**

environment. Current levels of biodiversity are under significant threat with many plants and animals facing extinction. Just three I have come across recently with my ecological work on Brownsea Island are the Grayling and Silver Studded Blue butterflies and the Hornet Robberfly.

With intense rainfall comes surface drainage issues including river flooding, for example along the river Stour, and flash floods, as occurred in the Broadway a few years ago. In this instance not only were the drains unable to cope with the volume of water but they led the water directly to the sea rather than into the ground or storage systems. Every house extension built and every front garden lost to non-permeable surfacing for car parking just adds to the problem.

If we want to leave the planet in a fit state for future generations to inherit then there needs to be action now. Successive Governments have seemed reluctant to fully commit to policies that would have enabled net zero to be reached by 2050. Should for instance more oil and gas licenses have been issued during 2023 and 2024? Why were new wind farms on land prohibited when they would have contributed significantly to carbon reduction, new jobs and lower energy costs? Much needs to change at Government level and quickly if the rate of climate change is to be slowed.

The same can be said at the individual level as well. We can choose the way we live our lives, and for far too long we have chosen a way that leads to destruction rather than one that is in harmony with nature. It is all too easy to say “I can’t achieve anything on my own” and continue to do nothing, but with strong leadership from Government and from the Church things can be different. Raising awareness of the issues, helping us to understand our relationship with the planet and providing encouragement through example can all help us to make small changes in our life-styles that would bring significant benefits for everyone.

Since installing our solar panels at home almost two years ago we have produced almost 7,000kWh of green electricity. Not only has this helped reduce our energy bills but it has enabled us to contribute a not insignificant amount to the national grid. We have also been responsible for a reduction in both carbon dioxide (6,860kg) and sulphur dioxide (180kg) production, both major contributors to atmospheric pollution and climate change. There are many other ways in which we can all adjust our life-styles but there has to be a willingness to do so. I believe that only comes from gaining a greater awareness of the issues and how they affect our and our children’s futures. And this is where the Church has a vitally important role to play.

# I wonder what my ancestors would think!

Brian Tucknott

Do you have a long memory?

Can you remember back to your childhood? My earliest memory is of playing in the mud in the very small backyard of our rented cottage with, at the front, a stoney, unmetalled road, full of holes and puddles, that remained that way well into my adulthood. Beyond that was the river lined boat building yards.

Having reached a certain age, and being less mobile than I would like, I'm prone to periods of reflection and recollection and I'm sure I'm not alone in pondering on the many changes that have happened in my lifetime.

I was born, a few months before the end of WW2, into a family with Methodism as a part of my paternal line. At a few months old I was baptised at Newhaven (East Sussex) Methodist Church. This was twelve years after the coming together of most of the different branches of Methodism in 1932 and my family had been members of the Primitive Methodists, where my great-grandfather was the Sunday School Superintendent and a great-uncle a local preacher. My mum was christened at the Anglican Church although by the time I became aware of it, my maternal grandparents were part of a Pentecostal Fundamentalist group based in Brighton who had weekly 'meetings' in Newhaven and a Sunday School in Peacehaven, which we were taken to. So, my childhood Sundays consisted of Pentecostal Sunday School in the morning, Methodist Sunday School in the afternoon and Methodist worship in the evening.

In the twelve years before my birth the two Methodist congregations had joined together in the Wesleyan building and the Primitive building had become the town's Boy's Club.

Governance in Methodist churches was separated between Leaders' Meeting (Spiritual) and Trustees' Meeting (Property). I believe it cost money to change those who were trustees, so many remained in office for years and often long after their connection with the local church had ceased. Now, all governance is with the Church Council.



*Above*  
**Newhaven Methodist Church after it became the Sea Cadets HQ**  
(CC0)

*Below*  
**St Michael and All Angels Anglican/Methodist Church, Newhaven**  
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One, to me, odd memory of my youth was that boy/girl friendships between Anglican and 'Free Church' youngsters were discouraged. There were no mixed youth clubs in Newhaven until our minister raised the possibility of starting one at our Leaders' Meeting and invited four young members to join an MAYC (Methodist Association of Youth Club) training course which he would run. Three of us had grown up together and were still only 17 years old and the other was a probationer teacher, newly returned from college, who had just transferred her church membership to Newhaven. Soon we had a waiting list larger than the number of club members. So began my many years of involvement with church youth work.



Throughout my childhood and youth our building was in constant need of repair (the foundations and boiler-house were below high water level and we were only a short distance from the river) with almost continuous fundraising required. In the mid-1960s our hall needed new joists and floor which would need a great effort to raise the funds for, a daunting task! Our minister must have shared his concern with the other clergy because a little while later he was sharing with us an offer made by the Anglican Rector inviting us to share premises with them at the then newly renovated 12th century (partly) Parish Church. It took a lot of negotiation, and an Act of Parliament, but by 1968 we were worshipping in the Anglican/Methodist Church and were entered in the Methodist history book as the oldest Methodist Church in the world.

Presbyters were always male, as were local preachers as far as I was aware as a boy although, in fact, women preachers had equal status from 1918. Women who had a calling to serve the church full-time could become deaconesses but it was not until 1971 that the first women presbyters were ordained and 1992 until a woman, Kathleen Richardson, was elected President of the Conference.

When, in 1974, I accepted a job at a printer's in Wisbech in the North Cambridgeshire Fens I found it strange to learn that in the late 1960s Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists were still existing separately and it had taken a property problem to bring the two together. This led to demolishing the Primitive building, rebuilding on that site (between shops and opposite the Anglican Church) and selling the Wesleyan building.

In the Wisbech Circuit I first experience the ministry of a female presbyter, albeit serving the small rural chapels. It was after we moved to Dorset before a woman was appointed to the Wisbech church and only ten years ago, here in Broadstone that 'my' minister was a woman, Rev Sue.

The Pulpit Bible was always the AV (King James) back in my youth and for many years after but gradually other versions were introduced until now the AV is hardly ever used, although it remains a very beautiful and poetic rendition.

1933 saw the publishing of *The Methodist Hymnbook* which remained the official hymnbook until *Hymns and Psalms* was published in 1983 (although a supplement, *Hymns and Songs*, came out in 1969). Our current *Singing the Faith* was published in 2011. In my childhood and youth there was also a separate School Hymnbook.

Right  
Some of my and  
Margarete's  
collection of  
Methodist Hymn  
Books and Liturgy  
Books



The Reverend and  
Right Honourable  
The Baroness  
Richardson  
of Calow OBE  
(CCO)

The liturgy has also been updated. I remember the Book of Offices and its wordy Service of Holy Communion with little congregational participation. In my time there this was never used in full at Newhaven where Communion was always an add-on after the main service and edited to be no more than 15 minutes. In 1975 the Methodist Service Book was published with more congregational responses, to be superseded by the current Worship Book in 1999.

Throughout my life, the UK Methodist Church (along with many other denominations) has been in decline. In 1932 the combined membership of the uniting groups was over 900,000. This has reduced over the years to today's approx 170,000 members most of whom are retired. Membership does not necessarily equate with worshippers as a percentage of members cannot attend services in person and not all worshippers are members (in the Methodist sense). The number of ministers has also declined as has the number of church buildings.

In recent years, the biggest changes in Methodism have brought about the possibility of a truly 'inclusive' church, with the embracing of everyone, whatever their ethnicity, gender or sexual identity, including in the ordained ministry, although there is still a way to go before many attitudes change on some of those issues.

Whatever the future holds, one guarantee is that the church will continue to change and we with it.

# Rest Awhile on our New Garden Bench

The bench was donated by John Holloway, who often plays the piano in the Sanctuary during Coffee Mornings, pictured here with his daughter Kay.

It provides an ideal resting place by the Anniversary Garden at Broadstone Methodist Church, easily accessed from the Church and the Broadway.

It also bears the plaque  
*'Be Still' And know that I am near.*



## ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD p7

#### Across

1. Rahab
2. Omri
5. Noah
6. Ur
7. Hannah
9. Wind
11. Nod
12. Eve
13. Ishmael

#### Down

3. Martha
4. Iraq
5. Nathan
8. Nun
10. Leah

### QUIZ p13

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. Lava   | 10. Local<br>(Area Network) |
| 2. Little Shop of Horrors   | 11. Latvia                  |
| 3. Laugh Out Loud or<br>Lots of Love<br>(older version)                         | 12. Liffey                  |
| 4. Lamborghini  | 13. Lloyd George            |
| 5. Lionheart  | 14. Lufthansa               |
| 6. Philip Larkin<br>C S Lewis<br>Edward Lear<br>D H Lawrence                    | 15. Leopard                 |
| 7. Linseed  | 16. Little Women            |
| 8. Lyme Regis   | 17. Leeds                   |
| 9. Lancaster, Leeds,<br>Leicester, Lichfield,<br>Lincoln, Liverpool,<br>London, | 18. Lichtenstein            |
|   | 19. Lithium                 |
|   | 20. Lands End               |



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 29 September**

UN International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste

**10.30am**

**Rev Karen James**

We welcome non-perishable gifts for the local Foodbank and Gift Envelopes will be available for 'All We Can' (the Methodist Relief and Development Charity)

followed by **Lunch in the Bradbury Hall**

Please signing up on the Noticeboard if you want to come

**Poole Bay Methodist Circuit**

## **WELCOME SERVICE**

for

**Rev Sarah Knebel  
and her family**

with **Rev Rachel Bending**  
(our new Chair of the District)

**Wednesday 11 September  
7.30pm**

**Poole Methodist Church  
(The Spire)**

with Tea at 6.00pm

**Broadstone Methodist Church**

## **ANNIVERSARY SERVICE**

**Sunday  
24 November  
10.30am**

led by

**Rev Karen James**

followed by **Lunch**

# ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



## JUNIOR CHURCH

Children are welcome to our Sunday morning services.

They join in the first part of the service and then go out to their own sessions where they take part in activities related to a Bible passage.

## WENDY HOUSE

Our popular Wendy House toddler group (for babies and toddlers up to 3+ and their parent or carer) meets every Thursday in term time from 10am to 11.30am



Story Time

## THIRSTY THURSDAY

For school age children with a parent or carer, every Thursday in term time, after school until 4.15pm.

*Refreshments, football, crafts, Godly play, and recently, bird feeding and bulb planting.*



Meets once during each school holiday

All ages welcome with an accompanying parent or carer

The next is on **Thursday 31 October**

**10am to 12.30pm**

*Light lunch included*

Do come and join us at the Church for crafts and related activities

For Wendy House, Thirsty Thursday, and Messy Church, please enter by the back entrance of the Church from the car park. For the other events please use either entrance.

# 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

We also offer  
Evening Worship  
on Zoom

or a  
Written and  
Recorded Service  
each week

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Broadstone Methodist Church

## COFFEE LOUNGE

for Fellowship and Refreshments

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday and Saturday each week**  
apart from Bank Holidays

**10.00am–12.00 noon**

We look forward to seeing you and enjoying  
chatting over a cuppa!



**Sunday 3 November 2024**  
**4.00pm**

**Rev Karen James**

will be talking about

**A Methodist Way of Life**

## Badminton Group

Mondays from 7.30–9.30pm  
in the Bradbury Hall

## Knit & Natter

Mondays 10.00am – 12 noon  
in the Sanctuary

## 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

