

The Broadway United Church

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The United Messenger

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Service at Broadway and St Barnabas on 9th November 2025

November 2025

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Message from the Editor...

DEAR READERS

Thank you for your support in producing this magazine.

There's going to be a lot on for the next two months. We have Rev'd Brian Wightwick at Broadway Church and a joint service at St Barnabas Church with River of Life, both celebrating Remembrance Sunday on 9th November. I have included a poem written by Glynis Avery (Broadway Church) especially for Remembrance Day. (See page 22) Broadway Christmas Fayre on 15th November. (See page 25) A Friendship and Prayer Day at Broadway Church on 1st December (See page 28).

Two performances at Eastbourne theatres from members of Broadway congregation. On the 7th our own Imogen is performing in her mother's Ballet company (See page 14) and another member from Broadway Church is at the Winter Gardens the following week in Star Light. (See page 15).

Dr Dawn and Mick Mulley are preparing an All age Nativity Service on 7th December at Broadway.

Mick

Sundays of the Month (November)

2nd November Fourth Sunday before Advent

9th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

16th November Second Sunday before Advent

23rd November Sunday next before Advent - Christ the King

30th November First Sunday of Advent

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Dear Church Family

"May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Jesus Christ." Philippians 4:7

AS WE approach Remembrance Sunday this November, we need reflect on the profound significance of this day. The month of November is a special time for remembering those who made profound sacrifices for our freedom and well-being. Across the UK and in many other countries, we pause to honour and pay tribute to these brave individuals who selflessly laid down their lives in service to their nations. This collective remembrance allows us to reflect on their courage, ensuring that their sacrifices are never forgotten. As we gather to commemorate their legacy, let us be inspired to live lives of gratitude and service in appreciation of their dedication.

It is a time to honour and remember the courageous individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Their selflessness and dedication to our

country remind us of the values we hold dear and the liberties we enjoy today.

In remembering those who have fought and died for our freedom, we honor their love for our nation. They laid down their lives, inspired by a deep sense of duty and commitment.

Their sacrifices remind us of the price of peace and the ongoing responsibility we share in upholding the freedoms they fought to protect.

This month also leads us to reflect on another significant sacrifice, sacrifice of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who gave His life for us out of immeasurable love. Through His sacrifice, we are offered salvation and the hope of eternal life. He died to free us from the shackles of sin and death, providing us with a path to reconciliation and peace. As it is written in John 15:13

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

As we remember those who served our country, may we also recognize the unconditional love that Jesus Christ has for each of us. Let this Remembrance

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Special Services at St Barnabas Church

E SHARED our Harvest Festival service this year with The River of Life, who also share our building. It was a very joyful occasion.



We will be sharing with them again for Our Service of Remembrance on 9^{th} November at 10.30am ready for the Act of Remembrance at 11.00 am with our Nation.





Val Attwood and Allie Bowles

Kath Shaw writes...

ACK IN August we commemorated 80 years since VJ day and now we have the annual time of remembrance in November. I remember that Chris (Hicks) wrote a piece about his dad serving in the far East during the war.

My dad also served in the 14th, so called 'forgotten' army, out in Burma.

Words like Rangoon, Kohima, Imphal and the river Irrawaddy were familiar to me as a child but dad didn't talk a lot about the horrors encountered there.

One time I do remember him telling us was one night in the Burmese jungle he was below ground in a dugout. Suddenly two enemy boots appeared just above his head and right on the edge of his hole. Dad said he could easily have killed the soldier or been killed by him. Dad and his companion froze hardly daring to breath and thankfully the other soldier moved on without hearing them or falling into their dugout.

When the end of the war came in August 1945 the young officer for whom my dad served as batman was assigned to go back to India/Burma to help with the aftermath; he promptly signed dad up to go too as he wanted him with him! So, it was in August 1946 that we finally got dad home.



I was nine months old when dad left and five and a half years when he returned. It was much later in life that I began to (Continued on page 8)

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Sunday inspire us to honour both the sacrifices of our heroes and the love of Christ that guides us in our daily lives.

Let us keep this message of remembrance and love in our hearts, working to show the kindness and sacrifice that both our fallen heroes and our Saviour represent. May God grant us wisdom to do so.

Amen

Yours in Christ,



Mona



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Grave Certainties

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man with no family or friends. The service was to be at a cemetery some distance away. As I was not familiar with the area, I got lost and finally arrived an hour late.

The funeral director and hearse were long gone. There were only the diggers left and they were eating lunch.

I went to the side of the grave and looked down. The lid was partially covered with soil. The diggers stared at me over their sandwiches, and I sensed their reproach that I had deserted this dead man in his final hour of need. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before, and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."

Apparently, I'm still lost....

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student admitted that he had prayed for the assistance of God.

The professor carefully studied the answer page and then replied, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

How many minutes can you concentrate?

OST OF us can watch television for only about 15 minutes, or read a book for about 14 minutes, before we lose our concentration.

Most of us blame our social media notifications as the reason.

A recent survey by Perspectus Global for Lingo by Abbott, found that Instagram, Facebook, WhatsApp and message alerts were named as the main culprits.

Overall, it seems we can

focus for only 11 minutes on a virtual work call, or 13 minutes in a face-to-face meeting, or 12 minutes writing a work email.

We even seem to lose concentration at family gatherings, after only 14 minutes. Overall, four in five of us say that we get distracted easily, and that we lose our focus around eight times each day.

What about you? Why not take up the challenge, and 'time' your losses of concentration for a day?

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realise how hard those years must have been for my mum and thousands like her. A single parent bringing up a toddler, never knowing what was happening to her husband or if he would ever return. As we had a spare bedroom we had a succession of service ladies billeted on us throughout.

Dad never claimed the Burma Star to which he was entitled. He said he never wanted to go to war, he went and did his duty and that was the end of it. I'm sure his faith and his great sense of humour got him through many a fearful time. I am so thankful that my dad never suffered serious illness or was captured and came home safely. We made up for those missing five years and I had him for the next forty-five years. I still miss him very much and am very proud of him.

Ed. Thank you Kath for this contribution

Community Lunch - Broadway

Date: 28th November 2025 Price: £6 Time: 12.45

Fruit Juice

Meat (Beef) Pie, Potatoes and two Veg

Rice Pudding and Fruit

Tea or Coffee

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

St Barnabas Church Saturday 1st November 25 Call in before you do your shopping

Christian Voices

HRISTCHURCH
METHODIST Church,
Springfield Road,
Bexhill, TN40 2BX, near
Bexhill Hospital,

On Saturday 15th November they are having a coffee morning at 10am followed by a performance at 11am by a group called *Christian Voices*.

They raise money for charities of the church's choice.

They are a family group, and perform short parables from the Bible. They write and act the short plays, with a singing accompaniment all completely composed by themselves.

We've seen them a couple of times and it's well worth a visit.

The last play they did was the parable of the lost coin. Very well done.

It's all finished by 12noon, so a couple of hours at most.

I'm hoping this might be of

interest to the members of St Barnabas and our small group has shown a lot of interest.

If anyone is interested then they are welcome to email me for more information.

Blessings to you

Clive Elrick

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For more information about Christian Voices please visit: https:// christianvoicesbexhill.com/ (their old web page) or https://

www.christianvoices.online/



Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing the old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment. "Only the ten Commandments."

Treasurer's Report - Broadway Church

HE OFFERTORY for September including standing orders and envelopes amounted to £1,372.50

- Coffee collections for September amounted to £44.20
- * The amount raised through hiring of our premises came to £914.00.
- * The Communion collection for October was £107.00 and was sent to The Methodist "ALL WE CAN".
- October's Coffee Morning raised £7.98.
- The Funeral Collection for our beloved Dee was £128.35
- * A Special Donation by a

devoted son of one of our members was £1.500

 Birthday cards sold for £12.80 and three bottles of wine was sold to St. Barnabas for £26.64

Outgoing

- BT for the last 3 months including broadband £103.54
- The Ministry for September, including URC and CSUA and visiting preachers, was £1,655.00
- Gas Electric and Water for September was £189.14
- Cleaning for September was £449.
- ♦ 18 Advent candles £47.99
- ♦ Travel expenses was £5.00.

The Charity for November is for The Eastbourne & Wealden YMCA.

John Donoghue

I AM delighted to have visited dear lovely sister Judy. She was very happy to receive me, and we had a lovely conversation while dear Neil brewed delicious coffee. It was a blessing to serve Judy the Holy Communion, we sang her favourite hymn, and prayed together.

As usual, she was looking great and I requested her for a picture for the church magazine, and she was happy for that, (you could see beautiful smile). She also sends much love to

you all. Please continue to pray for her and for others as well.

Mona



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The Poppies of Remembrance Sunday

N LATE 1914, WW1 erupted across Northern France and Flanders. Great swathes of

previously green fields and forests were blasted and bombed, leaving

them bleak and barren, with seemingly every living thing destroyed.

But then in the Spring of 1915, something beautiful began to come out of

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

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

And it was McCrae's poem which inspired an American academic named Moina Michael to adopt the poppy in memory of those who had fallen in the war. She got it adopted as an official

symbol of Remembrance across the United States, and worked with others who were trying to do the same in Canada, Australia, and the UK.



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

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

South Coast Ballet: The Nutcracker

Phone

Box office open Monday -Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 4pm. Open until 8pm on show days.

01323 412000

Or book on line: https://trafalgartickets.com/ eastbourne-theatreseastbourne/en-GB



South Coast Ballet (my daughter Rachael's dance company) are at the Congress Theatre this December.

They are putting on *The Nutcracker*, a Christmas favourite. Cast age range from 8 years, to mature(!) from dance schools from across the area. This will be their fourth production.

The pictures, below, shows my granddaughters, Imogen and Zoe, in their costumes for Liquorice, in the Land of Sweets. Again, Alan Gower is taking part. Many of you know Alan from Lunch Club.





Congress Theatre

7th December

6pm

(Tickets are selling well)

WILLINGDON SCHOOL OF DANCING

Presents

'Star Light'



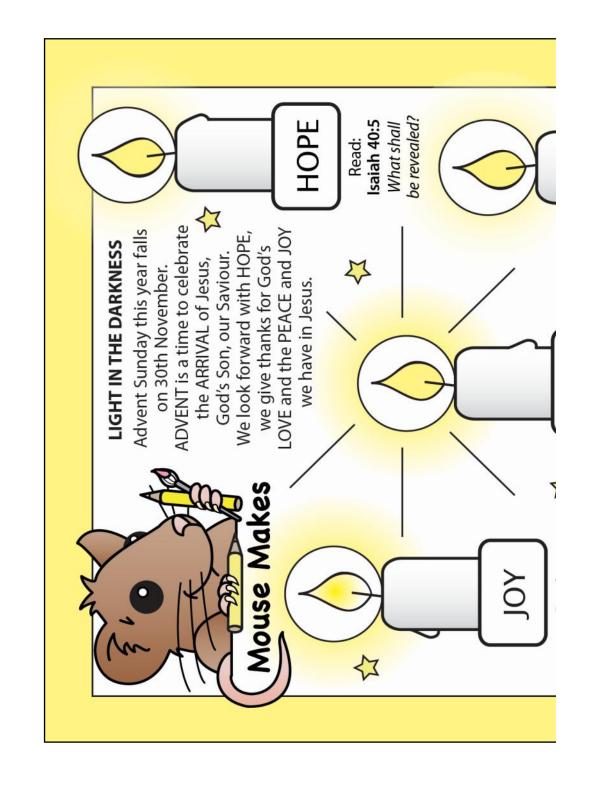
The Winter Garden Theatre Sunday 14th December

2pm and 6.30pm

Tickets: Adults £16 Concessions £15

Tickets available from The Box Office at The Welcome Building (01323 412000)

Supporting: Matthew 25, Memory Lane and Ukraine



Read:

Who is 'God's news of great joy' for? LUKE 2:10-11





How did God show He loves us? John 3:16

Read:

have peace with God? Through who do we **Romans 5:1-2** Read:



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Broadway Service - 28th September

Broadway United church service, preaching, singing, praying and sharing our thoughts in service and sharing in fellowship with friends!



Mick introduced us to two new worship songs.





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28th September Cont...









Junior church learnt about sowing seeds and harvest.

Thanks to children and teachers!



Catch up with our Housebound Members

I had the pleasure of visiting dear Vivian and Barbara from St. Barnabas Church. Please keep dear Vivian in your prayers, as Don expressed his gratitude to the church.

Barbara sends much love to everyone and keeps herself busy with her beautiful embroidery. Here is her fantastic work.





I had a wonderful visit with dear Sue Wigfield. It was great to meet her and share in Holy Communion as we sang 'Happy Birthday' to her. She sends much love to everyone, and her family is very grateful to the church.

She sent much love to you all and thankful to you all for your prayers.

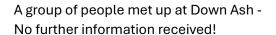
Please continue to pray for her and her family

Mona



A Coffee out...









Have your say

Participate in a research survey- Minder Sleep Attitudes Survey



Participating will help us gain an understanding of public attitudes towards sleep habits and memory problems, both of which have significant implications for physical and mental health. The survey will consist of demographic questions, inquiries about participants' general health or medical history, and questions related to attitudes and perceptions regarding sleep habits and memory problems.

If you are 18+ years and would like to take part in a 15-minute survey, scan the QR code:



(This Q code does work using Apple phones but not tested on Android phones)

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

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

So red is for remembrance and hope for future peace Purple and white for animals, their love will never cease

A poppy black for Africa
And blue forever France
And pink is for compassion
Let's give their love a chance
Orange stands for renewing health
And yellow, our future optimism
A world to stand so strong in faith
With peace and love bound, risen

We live because they gave us
All that they had to give
On seas of grey in ceaseless noise
They gave so we could live

So ever more be grateful, and never do forget They gave their lives before us For folks they'd never met.

Glynis Avery © 2024

Medical Research

AST YEAR when I was diagnosed with myeloma, I was asked if I would be interested in taking part in medical research. I agreed.

It meant I would be seen by the Research Team each time, as well as the staff on the Pevensey Day Unit. have more appointments and tests than I would if I didn't agree to the research. Samples taken are not only looked at Eastbourne DGH, but are sent to Birmingham, and London. If anything is left over. it is sent to Brighton University; I have the telephone number of the research nurse, so I can get in touch with any queries in between appointments.

Being on clinical trials isn't just for the elderly. For me I am taking medication that have been used in the past, but in a different way.

Research to go Champions meetings, where different departments will give a talk on the research they are carrying out. Each time they urge us to encourage family and friends who need hospital treatment to ask if there are any trials that they could be included in. Hopefully it will encourage different departments to look into what is available. You do need to meet the right criteria, and be over 18 years. You never know unless you ask.

June Phillips



Broadway Harvest Service

These lovely cakes were made by Suzanne, a member of Broadway Praise Singers, for the congregation to enjoy after the service.

The service was an interactive Harvest All Age Worship and there was a lot of willing participation and was led by Mick Mulley.



A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy," the boy replied. "It means: 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'



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Hampden Park, Eastbourne

Christmas Fayre

15th November 2025

10-12noon

Various stalls including Gifts, Cakes, Bottle Stall,

Books, Bric a Brac and Raffle

Everyone Welcome

£1 Entrance Fee includes a drink of tea or coffee

Children free

All in the month

TWAS

175 years ago, on 19th November 1850, that **Alfred, Lord Tennyson** became Poet Laureate of the UK until his death in 1892. He succeeded William Wordsworth and became known as the poet of the Victorian age.

Born in Somersby, Lincolnshire, in 1809, he was one of 11 children of a mentally unstable and embittered clergyman. All the surviving children, some of whom were talented individuals, suffered at least one mental breakdown.

Tennyson wrote poetry from a very early age and used it as a distraction. It was not until he went to Trinity College, Cambridge that he became happy, partly because he was popular there and partly because of the close four-year friendship he struck up with the brilliant Arthur Hallam, who sadly died young.

In the 1830s and 40s Tennyson published many poems and was granted a £200 pension by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Peel, but it was in 1850 that everything changed: he married

Emily Sellwood – an author in her own right – and the elegies on Hallam that he had been writing over the years were published as In Memoriam, to great acclaim from reviewers, public and Queen Victoria herself, leading to his appointment as Poet Laureate.

He and his wife moved to the Isle of Wight, and for the rest of his life he lived there or in Surrey. He was granted a peerage by Gladstone in 1883. His accumulated poetry, admired technically for its imagery, verbal dexterity and underlying melodies, came to epitomise the age he lived in, where established Christian faith was challenged by scientific doubt.

Towards the end of his life there was criticism of his style from newer schools of poetry, but a more balanced view now prevails, with a widespread recognition of his greatness.

125 years ago, on 22nd November 1900, **Arthur Sullivan**, the British composer, died. Best known for his collaborations with the dramatist W S Gilbert on light

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the dramatist W S Gilbert on light operas including *HMS Pinafore* and *The Pirates of Penzance*, he also wrote the music to the hymn *Onward*, *Christian Soldiers*.

Sullivan was born in 1832 in Lambeth. His Irish-born father Thomas was a military bandmaster, clarinettist and music teacher who, from 1845 to 1857 was based at the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, where his son became proficient on many of the band's instruments and composed an anthem, *By the Waters of Babylon*, when he was eight.

Arthur was drawn to classical and spiritual music of various kinds, and his huge success with Gilbert was awkward for him, as he often felt – encouraged by certain reviewers and others – that he was "capable of higher art". He was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1883, and the musical establishment felt this should end his involvement with comic opera.

By 1885 the duo had completed *The Mikado*, their most successful work, which ran for 672 performances.

Persistent kidney disease often meant that Sullivan had to conduct sitting down. He died of heart failure following bronchitis. His *Te Deum Laudamus* was performed posthumously.

100 years ago, on 10th November 1925 that **Richard Burton**, Welsh stage and film actor was born. Known for Cleopatra, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? And many more. Fifth and sixth husband of Elizabeth Taylor. Died 1984.

Also 100 years ago, on 27th November 1925 that **Ernie Wise**, TV comedian and actor, was born. Best known for his comedy partnership with Eric Morecambe (Morecambe and Wise) Died 1999.

90 years ago, on 6th November 1935 that Britain's Hawker Hurricane fighter plane made its first flight. It played a major role in WWII, especially during the Battle of Britain.

75 years ago, on 2nd November 1950 that **George Bernard Shaw**, Irish playwright and literary critic, died.

Broadway United Church

Broadway Mews, Lindfield Road, Hampden Park BN22 0AS

is opening its doors for an Advent

Friendship and Prager Dag

Monday 1st December 2025



10am - 3pm



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

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

Everyone will be welcome

Who's who at BROADWAY United Church

Elders:

Sue Sanders: Senior Elder 01323 505866

- * Pulpit supply
- * Catering Convener
- * Link with Community Lunches
- * Junior Church

Les Aisbitt:

- * Link with Property
- * Sound System

Caroline Braybrook:

* Dpty Authorized person for weddings

Pauline Buchan

Alison Flynn:

* Authorized person for weddings

Sue Miller

* Pianist

Kath Shaw:

- * Cradle Roll
- * Bible Readers Coordinator

Ruth Rowland:

- * Door stewards coordinator
- * Link with Junior Church

Val Cornish

Stu Miller:

* Sound system

Denise Woodfin

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ST BARNABAS Rota details for NOVEMBER 2025

2nd Vestry: Brenda Jenkins
Corridor: Val Attwood
D/Stewards: Margaret Vizor

Reader: Margaret Vizor

Reader: Brenda Jenkins

9th Vestry: Allie Bowles

Corridor: Janice Crompton
D/Stewards: Brenda Jenkins
Reader: Allie Bowles

16th Vestry: Pat Beeney
Corridor: Val Attwood

D/Stewards: Margaret Vizor
Reader: Janice Crompton

23rd Vestry: Janice Crompton

Corridor: Allie Bowles
D/Stewards: Brenda Jenkins
Reader: Allie Bowles

30th Vestry: Brenda Jenkins

Corridor: Janice Crompton
D/Stewards: Margaret Vizor
Reader: Brenda Jenkins

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

Who's who at ST BARNABAS Church

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Treasurer:

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Catering Convenor * Safeguarding Officer "Make Lunch" link

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Church Councillors:

Val Attwood Allie Bowles Shon Shahbaz

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Brenda Jenkins

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Readers/ Stewards Rota Coordinator * Worship Leader

Services at St Barnabas for NOVEMBER (09.45am)

2nd Gillian Wood

9th United Service with RoLife (Remembrance)

16th Strodzinski

26rd Rev'd Memona Shahbaz (Communion)

30th LA

Services at Broadway for NOVEMBER (10am)

2nd Dr Dawn Mulley

9th Rev'd Brian Wightwick (Communion)

16th Rev'd Paul Tabraham

23rd Jolly Pett

30th J Horton

ELDERS (Broadway) November		DOOR ROTA (Broadway)	
2 nd	Stu and Ruth	2 nd	Sandra
9 th	Sue Sanders & Caroline	9 th	Pat
16 th	Val and Kath	16 th	Glynis
23 ^{ed}	Ruth and Denise	23 ^{ed}	Maggie
30 th	Stu and Sue Miller	30 th	Val

Contributions for **December's** magazine should be with me by: **Friday 19th November** please. Thank you.