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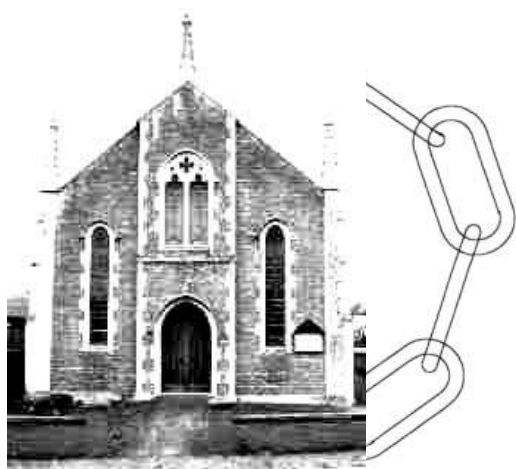
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**BREAN**



**BRENT KNOLL**



**EAST BRENT**

**WEST HUNTSPILL**



**BURNHAM on SEA**

# Minister Letter

## From Conway Crescent

‘And they all lived happily ever after’. That’s the way books should end, according to a survey of British readers in which 41% said they preferred novels which made them feel better.

The survey also revealed reader’s desires to rewrite classics! They wanted to see Cathy marry Heathcliff in Emily Brontë’s *Wuthering Heights*, have Rhett Butler return to Scarlett O’Hara in Margaret Mitchell’s *Gone with the Wind*.

Responding to the results, author Adele Parks said that to date she has always given her characters a happy-ever-after ending or at least a happy-near-future one. ‘I think my readers deserve happy endings; there’s enough grimness to deal with without me adding to is.’

Our recent news has been overwhelmed by such tragic events. The loss of life and trauma of these past week weeks is unparalleled, causing any good news or indeed other news to be overshadowed by the enormity of these events.

Yet among the grim reality of these days we’ve seen the signs of love and respect and the sharing of the pain by complete strangers – brought together in the shared agony. The outpouring of money and prayers has indeed restored our faith in humanity.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 [NIV]

We cannot change these recent events, but we can in response become a more compassionate and sensitive for others, and in some small way change ourselves and others.

God Bless you all.

Jim McKnight

# Calendar

## JUNE

- Sat 24th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Sun 25th CONFERENCE SUNDAY  
Fri 30th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill

## JULY

- Sat 1st 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Wednesday Group  
Wed 5th 3.00pm on B/H Afternoon Tea at the home of Dorothy & Cedric May at 6 Brightstowe Road  
Fri 7th 7.00pm W/H An Evening of Hymns from Sunday School at West Huntspill  
Sat 8th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Wed 12th 12.00 B/H Communion Service  
Wed 12th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch - Dorothy  
Sat 15th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning At Burnham.  
Sat 15th 9.30 for 10.00 Circuit Prayer Meeting at Uphill  
Sun 16th 2.00pm Garden Party at Burnham Hospital See page 5  
Mon 17th 2.30 - 4.00 B/H Afternoon Tea ,Cake & Chat - All Welcome  
Sat 22nd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Fri 28th W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill

## AUGUST

- Sat 5th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the Stewards & Thursday Fellowship  
Sat 5th 10.30 - 12.00 B/K Coffee at Brent Knoll  
Sun 6th 4.00pm BR Open Air Link Service at Brean  
Wed 9th 12.00 B/H Communion Service  
Wed 9th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch - Barbara  
Sat 12th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Sat 12th 10.30 - 12.00 B/K Coffee at Brent Knoll  
Wed 16th 3.00pm on B/H Afternoon Tea at Church by Barbara Williams  
Sat 19th 10.30 - 12.00 B/K Coffee at Brent Knoll  
Sat 19th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H St Margaret's Hospice Coffee Morning At Burnham.  
Sat 19th 9.30 for 10.00 Circuit Prayer Meeting  
Sun 20th **LAST DAY FOR THE SEPTEMBER LINK**

Mon 21st 2.30 - 4.00 B/H Afternoon Tea, Cake & Chat – All  
Welcome  
Fri 25th 10.00 - 12.00 W/H Coffee, Cake & Chat at West Huntspill  
Sat 26th 10.30 - 12.00 B/K Coffee at Brent Knoll  
Sat 26th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Mon 28th 11.00 on Stall in Manor Gardens- Fete

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat 2nd 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Fund Raising Coffee Morning by the  
Choir  
Thur 7th 2.30pm B/K LINK Committee Meeting  
Sat 9th 10.00 - 12.00 B/H Shoppers Coffee at Burnham  
Sun 10th 10.30pm E/B Harvest Festival - East Brent  
Wed 13th 12.30 B/H Church Lunch –Daphne  
**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent,  
W/H West Huntspill**



**Easter Offering 2017.**

All the monies that have been collected for this year's Easter Offering have now come in.

The final total raised was £840 which was down on that which has been raised other years, but in spite of that many churches have given a larger sum than previously.

Many thanks to all who were able to contribute.

Joyce Pipet



**AFTERNOON TEA**

**Wednesday 5th July**

**3.00pm onwards**

At the Home of Dorothy & Cedric

6 Brightstowe Road

Burnham TA8 2HW

Raffle & Stalls

# Friends of Burnham Hospital



## Friends of Burnham Hospital are hosting a “Garden Party”

**This is a new venture for us and we do hope you can join us.**

The event is to be held at the hospital **from  
2.00pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

A chance for you to see the hospital, our refurbished garden and partake in the following -

**CREAM TEAS      BOTTLE STALL      CAKE      STALL  
TABLE TOP SALE      “MAKE & TAKE  
CRAFT MAKING      FACE PAINTING      RAFFLE**

**IF YOU CAN DONATE ANY QUALITY BRIC-A-BRAC,  
UNWANTED PRESENTS OR BOTTLES THAT WE CAN USE FOR  
THIS OR FUTURE EVENTS** please call Ceri on 07977 191799 OR  
01278 323794 who will arrange to collect if from you.

Reaching out – If you are a “Friend of Burnham Hospital” and have not received a newsletter from me this year then it is likely I don’t have your correct email address. Send me an email on [ceri160443@sky.com](mailto:ceri160443@sky.com) and I can update our records.

Kind Regards

Ceri    Marketing and Publications



# BRENT KNOLL METHODIST CHURCH

## August Saturday Coffee Mornings



**August 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**

**10.30 am**

**Everyone Welcome**



**Donations will be collected for a  
different charity each Saturday**



On Conference Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at a Service in Coventry Cathedral, at 4.00pm Stephanie Njeru nee Hampshire is being ordained as a Methodist Minister. Stephanie has completed her training and is working in a Church in the Edinburgh District and the Forth Circuit.

Stephanie was born in Burnham and attended Sunday school. Her parents Peter & Phyl were members here for many years. They were both Sunday School Teachers and ran a very successful Youth Club.

We send our congratulations to Stephanie and all the others who are being ordained.

# BRENT KNOLL

[www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com](http://www.brentknollmethodistchurch.com)

We said in last Month's magazine how sad we all were to hear about the passing of Mary Frost back in May.

Mary was such an integral part of our church and village here at Brent Knoll from the moment she arrived in the village after her marriage to her husband Ronald. She got to know everyone and threw herself into village life becoming a member of the WI and the tennis club, helped to organise and host whist drives, was responsible for the annual Red Cross collection and helped establish and was a founder member of Good Companions.

Within the Methodist Church she was at the very centre of church life. She led the Sunday School and was involved in youth activities throughout the Methodist Circuit, although she remained a member of the Church of England. She was so glad to be part of an ecumenical community.

When we talk about Mary, we are all in agreement. Mary didn't just ask how you were. She waited for an answer as she truly cared. No matter how down anybody felt or what was going on in their lives, no-one could fail to be uplifted by Mary's wonderful smile and her genuine care and concern for all those she knew. When greeted with that beautiful smile and the words "Hello darling, how are you?" who could fail to be immediately cheered up? Our love and prayers continue to be with Mary's family and her many, many friends who will miss her so much. We mourn her passing but are thankful that she is now at peace and safe in God's loving hands.

Well summer is now firmly upon us and at the time of writing I'm sitting indoors with the blinds half closed trying to keep cool - it's an absolute scorcher but apparently the weather is going to break at the end of this week - just in time for the Glastonbury Festival so no surprise there then!

We will be holding our summer coffee mornings on each Saturday morning during August from 10.30am here at Brent Knoll Methodist Church. It goes without saying that all are welcome to join us for refreshments and a chat amongst our village, Link and Circuit friends.

From all of us here at Brent Knoll Methodist Church we wish you a happy, healthy and sunny summer break.

God bless

Rosemary Krull

Weston  
Burnham

		Jun-17	Jul-17	Jul-17	Jul-17
		25 Conference Sunday	2	9 Action for Children	16
Brean	10:30am	Trebble	at St Bridgeta	Dallimore	Marr HC
Brent Knoll	10:30am	OA	Hoare HC	Patient	Allen
Burnham	10:30am	Pipet	James HC	G Hoare	Ingrouille FS
	6:00pm	Trebble	G Hoare	McKnight	Trebble
Church Road	10:30am	Hoare HC	Allen	Luker	Lester
East Brent	10:30am	Luker	Davis	Pembro HC	Williamson
Locking Castle	9:15am	Hoare	Yacomeni/ Brown	Yacomeni	Pearce
	10:30am	Yacomeni	Brown	Yacomeni	Pearce
Milton	10:30am	Marr HC	Dare	Gale AAW	Harding
	3:00pm		Hoare		
	6:30pm	G Hoare		Hoare HC	Ingrouille
St Andrews	10:00am	G Hoare	Pipet	Erridge	Erridge
	6:00pm	Hoare	Bleadon	Victoria	Milton
Uphill	10:30am	Thomas	Marr	Hoare CAHC	Bridges
	6:00pm				
Victoria	10:30am	Dallimore	Murphy HC	Jones	JW
	6:30pm	OA	Dare	G Hoare	Hoare HC
West Huntapill	11:00am	Hill	Bridges	Horlock	G Hoare
		Gen 21:3-21 Ps 98:1-10 ,16-17 Rom 6:1b-11 Matt 10:24-39	Gen 22:1-14 Psalm 19 Rom 6:12-23 Matt 10:40-42	Gen 24:34-38 42-48, 58-67 Ps 45:10-17 Rom 7:15-25a Matt 11:18-19 18-23 25-30	Gen 25:18-34 Ps 118:105-112 Rom 8:1-11 Matt 12:1-9 18-23

Jul-17	Jul-17	Aug-17			
23	30	6	13	20	27
OA	G Hoare	Bennett CS 4pm	Pipet HC	Allen	J. Pipet
Trapp	Pembro	Marr HC	J. Pipet	Jenks	McKnight
McKnight HC	Dallimore	Bennett HC	Hill	Davis FS	Trebble
Hoare	McKnight	4pm at Brean	Patient	McKnight	Bennett
G Hoare	OA	Hoare HC	Jenks	Luker	Thomas
OA	Jenks	Barrett	Trebble	Horlock	Pipet HC
Hoare/ Ingrouille	Pearce/ Williams	Yacomeni/ Lester	Yacomeni/ Lloyd	Pearce/ Lomanto	Bennett
Ingrouille	Williams	Lester	Yacomeni	S. Lomanto	Van der Walt
Davis	Hoare HC	Bridges	G Hoare AAW	Harding	Barrett
		4pm at Brean			
Horlock	G Hoare		Hoare	Krull	Luker
Hoare HC	Horlock	Erridge	Erridge	Williamson	Lester
McKnight		4pm at Brean	Victoria	Milton	Pembro
J Pipet	Trebble	OA	Hoare HC	Dallimore	Gale
Pullen HC	Pipet	Pembro	Barrett	Marr	Pembro
G Hoare	Hoare	SoP	SoP	SoP	SoP
James HC	OA	Williamson	Jones	Thomas	Bennett HC
Gen 28:10-19a Ps 138:1-12 23-24 Rom 8:12-25 Matt 13:24-30 38-43	Gen 9:15-28 Ps 105:1-11,45b Rom 8:28-30 Matt 18:21-33 44-52	Gen 32:23-31 Ps 17:1-7,15 Rom 8:1-5 Matt 14:13-21	Gen 37:1-4 ,12-28 Ps 106:1-4, 16-22,49b Rom 10:5-15 Matt 14:13-21	Gen 46:1-15 Psalm 138 Rom 11:1-2a 29-32 Matt 15:21-28	Exo 1:3-2:10 Psalm 124 Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:18-20



# EAST BRENT

We have all appreciated the loving pastoral care which our Church family have received from The Revd. Pam Pembro during Steve's sabbatical. Pam and her husband Peter have been attending our morning services when not preaching elsewhere, to get to know us, and has done numerous visits and phone calls where necessary, we have not received this level of care for a good many years. Thank you, Pam.

Trevor Hunt has decided to retire from local preaching and his last service was at our Church, ably assisted by Anne. It has been a joy to welcome preachers to our Morning Service that we have not seen for years, or not at all. At East Brent we enjoy having a good 'assortment' of preachers, with their different ways of looking at the Bible readings, and passing on the good news.

I don't think that anyone has noticed that the notice board on the outside of the hall has been refurbished. Does anyone read the notices?? The ramp up to the Church door is to be replaced with something more permanent, the drains and gutters have been inspected ready for the quinquennial. Many thanks to our property steward and his ladder.

We remember and send our love to those that aren't able to attend any more, and to those of our Church family who are not well. The after service coffee area is very popular, especially the biscuits, with so much chattering, it's a job to get everyone out of the door to lock up!!!

Jill Legg



# BURNHAM

Hi everyone,

Here we are in the middle of our summer though with the wind, at times it has felt autumnal.

Many of our groups have finished till September, though the Fund Raising is still going at fast speed. Note for your diary August 16<sup>th</sup> Barbara Williams Tea and Cake at Burnham Church.

We now have two new notice boards, one for Social events , the other for Church Services.

Having important meetings after Sunday services. Proving beneficial, perhaps, its the refreshments that are the incentives.

Our Church anniversary was well attended. First time for us with Rev. David Jenkins. He's on my return list

We are going through tough times. The power of prayer needed now more than ever. Do not under estimate that power. A time when committees come together. As a Church we must offer our help.

Our prayers are with those who have to make tough decisions for our future.

Our emergency services have proved time and time again how well they do their job.

Many of you will be on holiday or preparing to go, refreshed and ready to start again.

The Choir has started preparing for Harvest like Christmas it creeps up on us. We are fortunate to have three organists, who vary in their musical skills. Also two retired Ministers standing in while Steve's sabbaticale continues. Can't wait for the stories of his adventures on his return.

My Prayer – A Peaceful Safer Place for everyone.

Ann Smith.

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## **BREAN**

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It was a languorously hot day. I sat in our garden wondering whether I could possibly summon up the energy to mow the lawn. Across the way members of Locking Castle church were enjoying a break outside the Chapel in the middle of the Alpha course they were sharing. The day was shattered by the noise of an RAF Typhoon lining up its path to Weston-super-Mare Air day, clearly

using the chapel car park and our back garden as its flight path. The low flying, the suddenness and the volume felt as though the heavens above were being split asunder and we were being sucked up into the unholy noise. I do not remember having experienced anything like it, and I speak as one who lived under the flight path of Heathrow in the first flights of Concorde many years ago. I hope that Locking Castle enjoyed their day even allowing for the disturbance.

The Weston Air days continued on Sunday too so we had a repeat performance on this supposedly quiet day. This time we were a bit more ready and could then move to our front gate to see the plane's versatile performance over Weston. Incredible.

It was the culmination of an extraordinary week as we watched the trials of government in the aftermath of the elections (we were in Russia on Election Day so we missed that excitement), the awful tragedy of Grenfell Tower and the continuing aftermath of terrorist attacks. As we welcome visitors to worship and enjoy a cup of coffee afterwards, it is hard to appreciate the trauma that people must endure in other parts of our country.

Our Russian visit came after hearty recommendation from Fred and Berry. We enjoyed it and were particularly impressed by the Orthodox Churches and by the singing we experienced there, both in the services we fleetingly encountered and in the impromptu mini concerts. The spirituality of Orthodox worship can be truly captivating.

We continue to be blessed by a regular sprinkling of summer visitors which helps to sustain our congregation into the mid teens most weeks even though some of us are working, off on holidays or preaching elsewhere.

It has been a busy summer season for the village so far. We hope that visitors to the village return home refreshed by their time here.

Celia was taken into hospital at the end of May and, although she then came home for a few days, an operation that was due later in the summer was performed as a matter of urgency, a week later.

To the delight of us all, the operation was successful and Celia is now recuperating at home. We look forward to seeing you back with us soon, Celia.

Stanley too is in the wars, having ricked his back and now being dependant on a stick to help him move around for the time being. It has not stopped him doing all those things around our fellowship that he does so well, though, and for that we say thank you, make sure you fully recover before you do too much.

Berry and Judy shared an ecumenical venture at the Catholic Church this month when they loaned examples of their patchwork quilting to an exhibition of patchwork and floral displays. Judy also did a couple of floral arrangements. Their efforts were very much appreciated.

Steve Bennett returns from Sabbatical at the beginning of August. We trust that you have had a refreshing and fulfilled three months, Steve. On his first Sunday back (6th), we at Brean host a Circuit Service at 4pm (refreshments to follow). If the weather allows, the service will be held outside and will be hosted by the two churches in Brean. Last year (without the Circuit's 'boost', 50 people came (together, we are repeatedly told, with 3 dogs), and many passersby also joined in. We hope you will be there with us this year.

Meanwhile from us all, enjoy the summer.

*Harvey Allen*

# WEST HUNTSPILL



**An Evening of Hymns from**

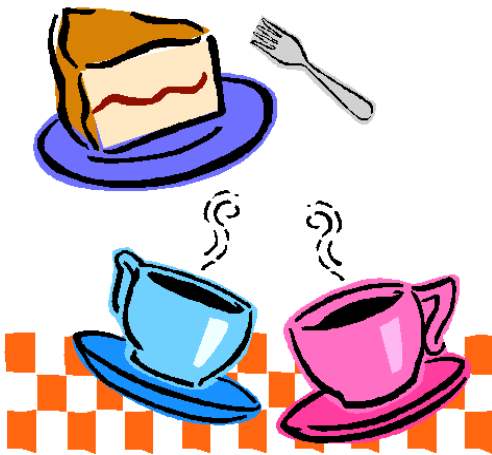
**Sunday School**

**on Friday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**

**led by Rev Jim**

**If you have a request please let  
John 783218 or Maureen 783774**

**know asap**



**Coffee Mornings**

**Friday July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10am - 12md**

**August 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10am – 12md**

**Table Top Sales at both**

**Proceeds to Children's Safe House in North India**



## Minister and Circuit Superintendant

**Rev. Steve Bennett,** Is not available as he is on his sabbatical.

Please contact your Church Stewards

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