



BROMSGROVE METHODIST CHURCH AND CENTRE.



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*Encouraging, supporting, and developing followers of Jesus Christ and
Sharing God's love in the wider community*

PRAYER: We place ourselves in your hands, O God. We lay everything on your alter. We take nothing back and we yield all things to your glory, now and forever.
Amen.

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 10th September 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:

this week: Bromsgrove Methodist Church & Centre – Rev Stephen Levett.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:

The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours; Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Plus 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month from 10am till 12noon.

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 17th September. 2023.

Service on Sunday 10th September 2023.

10.30am: Holy Communion led by Rev peter Powers.

Arrangements for worship.

Good ventilation, social distancing and the use of hand sanitiser should continue.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Caution and distancing still relevant.

Service on Sunday 17th September 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr James Knott.

THANK YOU: Jean Watson would like to say thanks for the lovely flowers given to her by the Church family.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Please note the change of date – the autumn Church Council Meeting will take place in Room 6 on Wednesday 11th October at 7.30pm. Thank you. *Pam Gale.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting has been changed and will now be on Friday 22nd September at 2.30pm at 49. Old Station Road instead of September 8th. *Alan Bidnell.*

AN INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED IN A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE on Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 December 2023 at Catshill Methodist Church Dear Circuit friends, Catshill Methodist Church is hosting a Christmas Experience for two schools in the village and we need help! That could be support on the December days when this happens, or by helping us to knit 300 little lambs, or by helping to prepare the props for the event. There are lots of other ways, too.

If you think you might like to volunteer with us, we are gathering people together at **3pm on Sunday 10 September at Catshill Methodist Church** to find out more and talk about what might be involved. A cuppa and piece of cake will be available too!

With thanks and best wishes,

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SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS: Tickets are now available for the "AFTER HOURS" concert on Saturday 16th September. Please purchase your ticket (£8 each) as soon as possible to help with catering and to avoid disappointment as was the case for some people last time.

FORUM: The deadline for the submission of content for the **October/November** magazine is **Sunday 17th September**. Please email items to me

(les.jim42@btinternet.com) or leave hard copy in the FORUM folder in the Church office. *Jim Buchanan (01527 833531)*

CONCERT AT THE BRIDGE: The award winning Folk Group of Kathryn Roberts & Sean Lakeman (Twice winners of BBC Radio 2 Folk Award 'Best Duo' will be giving a concert at the The Bridge on Saturday 18th November at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £13.00 (Standard) / £12.00 (Under 16) / £12.00 (Over 65) from 01527 542281 or mobrown1@virginmedia.com

PECKWOOD:

It seems strange to be thinking about the autumn equinox in the midst of a heatwave ... but that's a sign of how seasons are changing. To ponder this and much more, come along to our all-age Forest Church Gathering on Sunday 17th September at 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome!

Peckwood Forest Space

Join us on
Sunday 17th
September
at 3.30pm

A Forest Church gathering
for all ages:

time to meet,
time to praise,
time to create,
time to pray

“Changing Seasons”



#keepingGodatthecentre



If you'd rather walk in the woods than gather as Forest Church, please feel free to come along at 3.30pm on 17th.

The Welcome Service last Sunday.:

You may have experienced difficulty last Sunday in connecting to the live streaming of the service. It is still available to view and the link is

<https://www.youtube.com/live/JmfNPCmZA3Q>

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Ephesians 4 verse 32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

REFLECTION:

The Lord's Prayer, contained in Matthew's gospel chap. 6, also referred to as the Family Prayer, is an example of the requests we could include in a prayer, starting and concluding with an adulation – “Our Father in heaven, hallowed (or holy) be your name”, and ending with “For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever”.

In between we have a plea for God's kingdom to be established, his will to be done, and for each one to be given what they need to eat, and relevant to today's "Thought" we find the words "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us".

There is then a plea to save us from the time of trial (testing), and deliverance from evil (oppression, persecution or other suffering).

This is a prototype of prayer, and in context of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus places this between rules on giving and further instruction on fasting.

For our reflection he concludes with (verses 14,15), "For if you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive yours.

St. Paul in the text above from his epistle to the church of Ephesus, also adds the words "be kind and compassionate to one another".

We all at times harbour a grudge or feel resentment against someone else. It is only human nature to be quick to take offence, especially if we are a sensitive type of person; and sometimes a word spoken thoughtlessly or in haste from a sense of anxiety or pure misunderstanding is taken the wrong way. Being sensitive works both ways though, and we also need to be sensitive to what we say, because the WAY we say something can be misconstrued.

But there are also sins or offences of omission, as well as 'commission'. That is when one fails to do something that is reasonably expected, like remembering a birthday, or forgetting about a promise made.

The difficult part in all this is to say sorry, and to be reconciled to the other person. That is brought about by seeing their point of view and putting yourself in their shoes: treating the other person as you would like to be treated. If you can say sorry, and the offended other can accept that and not only forget the situation, but also overlook it - in the spirit of love, even as we find ourselves forgiven by God - then we are preserving the bond of Christian fellowship and are able to live at peace with everyone (Romans 12:17,18.)

Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 10th September. (The Life of Faith.)

Sun 10*	Matthew 18:156-20.	StF 620	Psalm 119:33-48.	Learn.
Mon 11.	1 Peter 3:13-22.	StF 327	Psalm 119:17-32.	Share.
Tue 12.	1 Peter 4:1-11.	StF 520	Psalm 119:49-64.	Serve.
Wed 13.	1 Peter 4:12-19.	StF 490	Psalm 119:65-80.	Share.
Thu 14+.	Philippians 2:5-11.	StF 279	Psalm 22:1-18.	Worship.
Fri 15.	1 Peter 5:1-14.	StF 493	Psalm 119:81-96.	Open.

Sat 16. 2 Peter 1:1-15. StF 492 Psalm 119:97-112. Notice.

**Education Sunday. +Holy Cross Day.*

All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to kenb740@gmail.com Thank you.