



**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: May the cross of the Son of God, mightier than all the powers of evil, bless our going out and our coming in, deliver us from all temptation and unruly passion, and the God of all grace bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** *Traditional Indian liturgy.*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 23rd April. 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER: this week: CTiB – All members of the teams.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: Open every 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 30th April. 2023.

Services on Sunday 23rd April. 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr David Morgan /Mrs Sally Meredith.

6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

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 30th April. 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith.

EASTER OFFREING: Thanks to all who have contributed. We have raised a total of £2342.00 with a further £41.00 to come through Gift Aid. It is not too late to make a donation if you missed out. Envelopes are still available this week and next. The offerings of all the Circuit will be dedicated at a service at Crabs Cross on Sunday 14th May at 6.00pm Everyone welcome. *Janet Henderson, MWiB treasurer.*

JERUSALEM JOY: This is a well-known musical telling the story of Easter written by Roger Jones, a Christian composer of 24 musicals (and counting). It will be performed at Bromsgrove Baptist Church on Saturday 24th April. You are invited to spend the day with Roger learning 'Jerusalem Joy', also added songs from his 'Songs of Easter' collection. Roger says that whether you would like to be part of the choir, orchestra, or simply soak up the atmosphere in the audience for the performance proper, this will be a real 'fun' day. For more information, please speak to me on xxxxxxxxxxxx *Irene Rhead.*

GOD TALK: Mondays 11am in the Bromsgrove Methodist Church welcome Coffee Shop. Each week come along and Talk of God. It will be conversational, not over planned. Nobody will be forced to talk if they don't want to. But we will talk of God – our experiences, our journeys, our encounters, our understandings, our struggles, possibly even what we thought of Sunday's sermon! We may still end up talking about the weather, the cost of a loaf of bread etc, but let's be open and willing enough to talk with each other of God. It may just be that if we get more used to talking with each other of God that we will begin to find it a little easier to talk to others of God. *Rev Steve Levett.*

QUIZ NIGHT 22nd APRIL: Tickets are now available for this next fundraising event on Saturday 22nd April at 7pm.

Tickets are £7.50 each (including a buffet supper). Obtain your tickets from the Welcome Coffee Shop on Saturday or on Sunday after the Church service.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – From Singing the Faith No. 351, verse 1

“In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song:..... my comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.”

REFLECTION:

One of the many hymn songs composed by the prolific team of Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, this is found in the section of the hymnbook headed “Jesus Christ the Saviour: Lord of all”, between the resurrection songs and those celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we deal with all that life can throw at us, the one constant is our trust in Christ, who offers us an example, comfort, strength, and light in the darkest times.

When a boy I had an illuminated text on my bedroom wall - Philippians 4: 13 – “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. My father used to point me to that when I complained about my school tasks, or anything else that was troubling me.

Going through life’s journey, I have always found that I don’t have to travel alone.

God is always there and the remembrance of what Jesus experienced helps me to cope.

Whatever we have to bear, whether it is loneliness, rejection, hardship, persecution, betrayal and so on, Jesus understands because in his human life he endured the same, and more even unto death !

One of the aspects of worship I enjoy most is singing, and that was the most difficult thing during Covid, when we were told not to sing. I enjoy secular songs, but most of all I enjoy singing praise to God, because we have such a wonderful legacy of hymns, which enable us to express, praise, thanks, petition, confession and so on.

It is surely because we “stand in the love of Christ” (“stand” in this sense, I feel, meaning to be steadfast and firm, unmoved in our trust in God’s care for us) that we can say with the hymnwriter, that Christ is our “hope, light” and our “all in all”. Every blessing *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 23rd April. (Apostolic Witness)

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| Sun 23. | Luke 24:13-35. | StF 308 | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19. | Open. |
| Mon 24. | Acts 3:11-19. | StF 358 | Psalm 113. | Challenge. |
| Tue 25*. | Mark 13:5-13. | StF 154 | Psalm 148. | Learn. |
| Wed 26. | Acts 4:1-12. | StF 357 | Psalm 32. | Tell. |
| Thu 27. | Acts 4:13-22. | StF 345 | Psalm 36:5-12. | Care. |
| Fri 28. | Acts 4:23-31. | StF 682 | Psalm 39. | Tell. |
| Sat 29. | Acts 4:32-35 | StF 686 | Psalm 33:1-12. | Serve. |

**Mark, Evangelist.*

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