



**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: Day by day, O God, we praise you, feel you near and prove your faithfulness. Daily we long to live according to your word, daily to know you as all in all. **Amen.** *Mary Bosanquet, Methodist Preacher (1739-1815).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 30th April. 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER: this week: Holy Trinity & Saint Mary, Dodford and Christ Church, Catshill – Rev Beverly Robertson.

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 7th May. 2023.

Service on Sunday 30th April. 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith.

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.

Services on Sunday 7th May. 2023.

9.00am: Holy Communion led by Rev Anne Smith.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett.

EASTER OFFERING: Thanks to all who have contributed. We have raised a total of £242.00 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.*

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: The Welcome Coffee Shop will be closed on all Bank Holiday Mondays 1st 8th and 29th May.

STUDLEY METHODIST CHURCH: Will be celebrating their 150th Anniversary on Saturday 20th May at 4pm with Afternoon Tea, Exhibitions and Entertainment. On Sunday 21st May at 10.45am a Service of Celebration. All Welcome. *Terry Clarke.*

CORONATION DAY: On Saturday 6th May, the church will be open for the showing of the Coronation Ceremony live streamed on the big screen from 10.00am onwards. There will be refreshments, lunch and fellowship. To help with the numbers for catering purposes, please add your name to the list in the foyer. All welcome. *Terry Clarke.*

QUIZ NIGHT: As a result of the successful and fun event on Saturday last an amount of **£383.60** was raised for Church funds. Many thanks to all those who attended and to those who helped before, during and after the event. *Jim Buchanan.*

FORUM: The final date for submission of items for the magazine is **Sunday 7th May.** This edition will cover the early summer months of June & July. Please email your contributions to Jim Buchanan (les.jim42@btinternet.com) or leave written items in the FORUM envelope in the Church Office. *Jim Buchanan.*

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.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – MATTHEW 7 v. 12a.

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you.”

REFLECTION – The Sermon on the Mount as Matthew’s gospel chapters 5, 6 and 7 are known, contains wonderful teaching by Jesus about many aspects of Christian living. It includes the beatitudes, or blessings; speaks about believers being salt and light; fulfilment of the old testament law; the response to murder, and anger; adultery; divorce; oaths or vows; going the extra mile; generous giving; love for enemies, giving to the needy; the example of prayer; attitudes to fasting; treasures in heaven; worry about essentials and the future; judging others; asking, searching and finding; the heavenly gate; a tree and its fruit referring to false teachers; and how to build a life of faith on firm foundations (the wise and foolish builders).

There is subject material here for a year’s sermons!

Just one thought though – in today’s difficult and worrying times we have to be aware of the way we would like to be treated, cared about, respected for who we are – not what we have or our status – we need to be wanted, to be useful, to have self respect and to be fulfilled, or to as it is said “fulfil our potential”; to be cared for in our times of ill health, or other need.

This then leads us to consider the wants and needs and often desperate circumstances of others. There is a lot in the world we cannot change; but by doing to and for others all that we can, maybe, just maybe, we can make a little difference to their circumstances, because if we were in their position we would want their compassion.. May God help us to do to others as we would have them do to us. Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings Week beginning 30th April. (Salvation History)

Sun 30.	John 10:1-10.	StF 248	Psalms 23.	Care.
Mon 01*.	John 14:8-12.	StF 388	Psalms 139.	Pray.
Tue 02.	Acts 5:12-32.	StF 53.	Psalms 33:13-22.	Serve.
Wed 03.	Acts 7:44-50.	StF 747	Psalms 34:1-10.	Worship.
Thu 04.	Acts 7:54-60.	StF 383	Psalms 34:11-22.	Live.
Fri 05.	Acts 8:14-17.	StF 404	Psalms 42.	Share.
Sat 06.	Acts 8:26-40.	StF 736	Psalms 43.	Learn.

**Philip and James, Apostles.*

All items for inclusion in the next edition should be submitted by 9am on Friday morning to xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you.