



**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:** To you we come, O wisdom without end. In you we rest, O mercy without limit. Only in you are we fully alive. Only in your light can we truly see. Only in your strength are we safe to pursue our way. **Amen.**  
*Mechtild of Megdeburg. (1210-1280)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May. 2023.**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:** this week: NewSong Community Church – Graham & Nicola Bayley.

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:** Open every Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10.30am until 12.30pm.

Plus 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 10am till 12noon.

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. 2023.**

Services on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May. 2023.

9.00am: Holy Communion led by Rev Anne Smith.

10.30am: Morning Worship 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 14<sup>th</sup> May. 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Ruth Wilson.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Anne and Mike Norton as they celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary this week. Many congratulations from all the church family. *Terry*

**THE METHODIST CHURCH BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT:** Have a vacancy for Finance Officer 16 hours a Week to start September 2023. Salary £17.75 - £19.50 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience.

We require someone who can do day to day book-keeping for the District; prepare draft budget and management accounts and draft end of year accounts; pay bills and expenses and collect payments due.

The role will be home office based, mobile phone and laptop provided. For more information and an Application form contact [office@birminghammethodist.org.uk](mailto:office@birminghammethodist.org.uk) or download the information from the District Website. Closing date for applications is 12 noon on 15th June. Interviews will be held on Monday 3rd July.

*Lucy West, Circuit Administrator*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting is on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>, at Old Station Road at 2.30pm. Open to anyone interested. *Alan Bidnell.*

**HYMNS AND SUPRISSES ON THE ORGAN IS BACK. 3.00PM ON Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.:** We sing about 10 hymns with a variety of organ items in between. We finish around 4.15 with refreshments. The hymns will be chosen from your suggestions. See the poster and box in the foyer. The organ music, from Bach to the Beatles, will be my choices. There are no tickets, there is no entry charge. But there will be big plates at the exit doors for donations to church funds. *Brian Henderson.*

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**EASTER OFFERING SERVICE:** A reminder that everyone is welcome to the service at Crabbs Cross on Sunday May at 6.00pm, when to offerings of all the Circuit will be dedicated. Rev Anne Smith will be the speaker. Our contribution has risen to £277, with a further £50 to come through Gift Aid. Thank you to all who gave. *Janet Henderson, MWiB treasurer.*

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

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

**CORONATION DAY:** On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**FORUM..IMPORTANT NOTICE:** In the last newsletter I published the incorrect deadline date for items for the June/July edition of FORUM. The correct date **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY** with the magazine being available after printing on 25<sup>th</sup> May. Apologies for this error. **Jim Buchanan**

**THANK YOU MESSAGE:** I was delighted to receive the beautiful flowers (rose buds – my favourite) delivered to me recently by Liz Dovey. With Love, *Meryl Davies.*

**EVERY TURNER** would like to thank the church family for the lovely flowers and thoughts given to me by Irene Rhead. Avery has been going through a bad patch, but hopefully there is some light at the end of the tunnel. It is quite uplifting to know that you have not been forgotten. Thank you again. *Avery Turner.*

**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.*

**FROM CTiB:**

**St JOHN'S**  
  
**FOR CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

**SATURDAY 20 MAY**  
**ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL**  
**7.00 PM**

**TEAMS OF FOUR £5.00 PER TEAM**

**SEND ENTRIES TO [ianreading748@btinternet.com](mailto:ianreading748@btinternet.com)**

## OR SEE IAN IN CHURCH

### ENTRIES BY 8 MAY AT LATEST

**CTiB-DEMENTIA AWARENESS TRAINING 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY.** Bromsgrove Baptist Church are hosting a Dementia Awareness training evening run by Age UK on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 7.00-9.00pm. This evening is suitable for anyone who cares for someone with Dementia. Tickets are available at a cost of £10 per person. If you would like more information or to book your place, please email Sian on [admin@bromsgrove-baptists.org.uk](mailto:admin@bromsgrove-baptists.org.uk) or call the church office on 01527 877190. Please do share this with anyone who may be interested in attending.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Hymn No. 3 1 2 verses 1 and 2 (part)**

***“The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now.....the King of kings and Lords, and heavens eternal light.”***

We have just witnessed the spectacle and ceremony of the Coronation of Charles III and his queen. Our monarchy is a constitutional one which means that since Charles II, the monarch rules by consent, rather than by divine right. We also have the tradition that when the monarch dies, the new monarch assumes the role immediately, hence the proclamation to the four nations following Queen Elizabeth II's death. Our nation needs the celebration, the excuse for fun, relaxation, enjoyment, and the boost to the economy that such an event like a coronation brings, after 3 very difficult years. We have to acknowledge, too, that the population is also comprised of republicans who's opinions are to be respected. Kings and queens come and go, but through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and his ascension, we worship a king who is eternal, unchanging, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is by the grace of God that our monarch reigns and we all wish him a prolonged, healthy and meaningful reign, with our citizens proving loyal and supportive. We have fond memories of Queen Elizabeth, may Charles' new role see him blessed in every sphere, and held in high regard by his (still) united kingdom, because he has so much to bring to it. May the King of kings bless our new king, now and always. "God save the King". *John.*

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May. (Sent to the Nations)**

Sun 07.	John 14:1-14.	StF 252	Psalms 31.	Pray.
Mon 08.	Acts 9:1-20.	StF 556	Psalms 37:1-11.	Learn.
Tue 09.	Acts 9:36-43.	StF 357	Psalms 37:12-29.	Open.
Wed 10.	Acts 10:34-43.	StF 348	Psalms 37:30-40.	Share.
Thu 11.	Acts 10:44-48.	StF 678	Psalms 38:1-8.	Worship.
Fri 12.	Acts 11:1-18.	StF 397	Psalms 38:9-22.	Flourish.
Sat 13.	Acts 13:1-12.	StF 387	Psalms 40:1-10.	Learn.

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