



**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: Fill our hearts with your grace, O Lord, our souls with your love and our lives with your glory; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Dwight L Moody (1837-99)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21st May. 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER: this week: St Godwald's – Rev David Ford.

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 21st May. 2023.

Services on Sunday 21st May. 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.

6.00pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Latika Singh.

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 28th May. 2023. – Pentecost.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett,

CHURCH COUNCIL SECRETARY: As you may know Pam Gale has been appointed to replace me. If you have been receiving notices of meetings, etc. and minutes, by email or would like to be added to the email circulation list., and to ensure pam has an up-to-date email address. Please contact her on pam_gale@live.co.uk
Thank you. John Webb.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: The Welcome Coffee Shop will be closed on all Bank Holiday Monday 29th May.



Introducing a new concept of Housegroup. There are a lot of us finding it difficult to participate in group discussion due to our hearing loss. Come and join us in our journey of faith in a relaxed understanding space with friends who understand. Initial session on Friday 9th June at 10.30am in Room 6. Contact Pat 07966370448 for more information.

SUMMER CRAFT FAIR: On July 1st we will be holding the Summer Craft Fair in aid of much needed church funds. I am in need of willing people to help set up the tables on Friday 30th June at 6.30pm as well as to take down the tables after the fair. Please can all you lovely bakers make cakes for the cake stall as well as any other home made goodies e.g. Jans. If anyone has a particular craft and would like a stall please let me know. Also if anyone would like to help man a stall could they also let me know. *Janet Millward.*

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 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.*

Peckwood Forest Church Space **Message from Rev Ruth Wilson**

Dear friends,

I hope this long-awaited sunshine is helping your week go well and that you're feeling at one with nature! I write with some news about events at Peckwood and with a request. If your church has a Facebook presence please consider following/liking the Peckwood Forest Space Facebook page, and letting your congregations know about it. <https://www.facebook.com/Peckwood-Forest-Space-107329065639646>

On that page you'll find information about events and activities which are being planned as we adventure with one another and with God in the woods.

COMPLINE BY CAMPFIRE: Why not join friends from across the Circuit for Compline Prayers at Peckwood on Sunday 21st May @ 6.00pm. Camp fire, Cocoa, Conversation, Community. *Eleanor Wright.*

WANDERING AND WONDERING: Forest Church @ Peckwood. Join us for a short walk in the woods on Wednesday 24th May at 11.00am. A chance to wander through the natural ancient woodland and wonder at the beauty of nature. Finish off with a bowl of soup and conversation. *Eleanor Wright.*

HYMNS AND SUPRISES ON THE ORGAN IS BACK. 3.00PM ON Saturday 10th 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.*

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.*

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.*

ST. JOHN'S QUIZ to raise money for **CHRISTIAN AID. Saturday 20 May** in St. John's Church Hall. 7.00pm. Teams of 4 - £5 per team. We have decided to extend the date for entries to **Monday May 15th**. Please contact Ian Reading ianreading748@btinternet.com and give your team name, team leader's name and the number of people in your team. Individuals who wish to join in can contact Ian and he will try to find a team for them. We shall offer tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes during the interval, and donations will be appreciated. We shall also hold a raffle, so please bring some cash. Parking space is very limited at the church, so please park on one of the nearby roads.

BROMSGROVE STREET PASTORS: Will be holding their AGM on **Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at Bromsgrove Baptist Church. Please try to arrive prior to the start of the meeting, which will start at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be available from 7:15pm.**

There is parking available in College Road any time after 6pm.

There will be the required formal items on the agenda, after an opening time of Praise and Prayer. These reports will lead us into a time of discussion regarding the next year and future plans. We will plan to finish no later than 9:30pm.

Anyone who wishes to attend the meeting please contact me by email < ray_wilkes@btinternet.com > so we have enough refreshments and chairs available.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK -ASCENSION DAY. Thursday was Ascension Day, celebrated in a fairly low key way by the churches these days. Yet it is one of the major Christian festivals in the church calendar, along with Nativity or Christmas Day, Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday - when we celebrate the living risen Lord Jesus.

As Jesus promised "I go in order that the Holy spirit might come", to empower, bless and comfort his followers. At his leaving his followers he said "See I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high. (Luke 24:49). The book of Acts, also credited to Luke, details how the gospel was spread through the then Roman dominated world and when the apostles fulfilled Jesus's words of Acts 1 which also records his Ascension, when he said in v.8 "You will receive power when the Holy spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

We have a promise that Jesus who left his disciples in distress and sadness after a period of forty days following the joy of his Resurrection, will return again. Acts 1:v.11(See also John chap. 14)

The disciples obeyed his instruction and remained in Jerusalem until the day of Pentecost, when the gift of the Holy Spirit was indeed given to them.

They trusted the words of Jesus and obeyed, albeit fearful and anxious about their future.

And next Sunday we observe Pentecost Sunday, when we give thanks for the enduring ministry of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian church through the power given.

We live our lives in and through the spirit of Christ, and we conduct our lives in the expectation that in God's own good time Christ will return and we don't want to be found wanting, when that happens, so in the meanwhile we live and journey on in faith, as disciples of him who gave his all for us, and in our own individual ways try to give what we can in service to him, out of love for him who first loved us, and continues to love us each and every day. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 21st May. (Captive to the Gospel)

Sun 21.	John 17:1-11	StF 315	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35.	Pray.
Mon 22.	Acts 17:15-34.	StF 111	Psalms 48:1-8.	Flourish.
Tue 23.	Acts 18:1-16.	StF 416	Psalms 48 :9-14.	Challenge.
Wed 24*.	Galatians 4:1-7.	StF 454	Psalms 130.	Learn.
Thu 25.	Acts 19:1-20.	StF 412	Psalms 50:1-15.	Care.
Fri 26.	Acts 20:17-24.	StF 378	Psalms 51.	Serve.
Sat 27.	Acts 20:25-38.	StF 692.	Psalms 52.	Pray.

**Conversions of Charles and John Wesley.*

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