



**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: Let us prefer your presence, O God, to all other company. Let us praise your name above all other names and let us love your will beyond all other desiring; for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 4th June. 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER: this week: St John's and St Andrew's, Bromsgrove School Chaplaincy, St Michael's Stoke Prior, St Mary de Wyche, St Michael Upton Warren – Rev Ray Kahn, Rev Paul Hedworth, Rev Janet Hatton, Rev Paul Honniball.

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 11th June. 2023.

Services on Sunday 4th June. 2023. Trinity Sunday.

9.00am: Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Bidnell.

10.30am: Morning Worship – Led by Mr. D. Morgan.

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 11th June 2023.

10.30am: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

JOHN LEGGE, a local preacher in our circuit, will be visiting our church on Saturday 10th June as part of his plans for his Bike and Bible challenge tour. He will be Cycling around all 10 churches in Redditch/Bromsgrove circuit in a day, reading a book of the Bible at each church.

He has planned the route of churches and the approximate time at Bromsgrove church (it's very rough as depends on the weather/cyclists with me/readings etc) will be 13.30 – 1400. More accurate information will be in the weekly newsletter for 10th June. Bromsgrove is church no 5. John is hoping that a few people from Bromsgrove church may be present to hear him read Philippians. The Bike and Bible challenge is one of 6 challenges. Please see more details in Forum. John will appreciate any financial support for his chosen charities. *Terry.*

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS: Heather Trenaman invites you to join her and family for tea, with cake to celebrate her 80th birthday on Wednesday 14th June at her new home, 7, Bilberry Place, Recreation Road, Bromsgrove, from 3pm. Parking is limited, so suggest to use Asda car park. Please, no presents but Sheila Sharman will gladly accept donations for church funds. Please RSVP to Heather, tel. 876605.

MHA SUNDAY 2023: Envelopes will be available for donations to Methodist Homes on Sunday 11th June. Our gifts will be very gratefully received. Thank you! *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions Committee.*

"HYMNS AND SURPRISES ON THE ORGAN" at 3.00pm on Saturday 10th June: Thank you to all who have submitted hymn requests. I am working now to make a well balanced list from your suggestions and my chosen pieces. Do come even if you have not chosen a hymn. *Brian Henderson.*



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.*

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 – TRINITY SUNDAY:

The final words of Jesus recorded in Matthew's gospel – "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit".

As the hymn says "God in three persons, blessed Trinity". This is one of the mysteries of our Christian doctrine and teaching - along with the virgin birth, the Temptation of Jesus, the Transfiguration, the Atonement or sacrificial death of Jesus, the Resurrection, and the events of Pentecost, remembered last week.

I use the word mystery, because faith is something we believe in or which we often struggle with, and cannot prove scientifically. Faith or trust comes in when logic fails.

Some Christians struggle with one or the other of the above "mysteries". I am not qualified to explain the Holy Trinity, except to say the three persons of God are three aspects of the same person. A simple analogy is that H₂O can be liquid, ice or steam, but it is still water.

We praise God because he is creator of all and sovereign of the universe (See Genesis 1)

We praise Jesus because he was the word made flesh, i.e. God taking on human form (See John's gospel chap. 1). We praise the Spirit because of the difference he/she makes in the lives of those who seek to be disciples. (Galatians 5:16 on)

Humans, too, are multi-faceted - made up of body, mind and spirit or soul, and we are meant to be holy or whole in our lives. I believe it is called holistic living.

We know often if our bodies are unfit, it affects how we feel mentally or in spirit. That is why sleep, good sensible food and exercise are important. If the mind is troubled that affects how we feel physically; If we are in a good relationship with God and others that affects how we feel mentally and spiritually, and encourages us to look after our bodies.

The fitter we are, the more active we can be. (Although of course, age and infirmity have to be made allowance for; and we sometimes only enjoy limited good health!)

So we offer ourselves – mind, body and spirit - to God, asking him to bless every part of our lives, to make us whole (or holy) in his eyes, who as Father created us and provides for us, who in Jesus died and redeemed us, and who as Holy Spirit guides, protects and comforts us. “God in three persons – blessed Trinity!” Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 4th June. (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Sun 04*.	Matthew 28:16-20.	StF 5	Psalm 8.	Share.
Mon 05.	Genesis 18:1-15.	StF 7	Psalm 86:1-10.	Open.
Tue 06.	Exodus 3:1-15.	StF 14	Psalm 29.	Flourish.
Wed 17.	Isaiah 6:1-8.	StF 3	Psalm 73.	Serve.
Thu 08.	John 16:12-15.	StF 9	Psalm 93.	Notice.
Fri 09.	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31.	StF 16	Psalm 147.	Learn.
Sat 10.	Revelation 4:1-11	StF 13	Psalm 150.	Flourish.

**Trinity Sunday.*

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