



**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: Be to us, O Christ, sharer of our sorrows and companion on our journey. Be light for our ignorance and remedy for our weakness. As you have been as we are, may we become as you are; for your mercy's sake. **Amen.** *Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 9th July. 2023.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BROMSGROVE (CTiB) PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER:

this week: Saint Peter's – Father Thomas Chatto.

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 16th July. 2023.

Services on Sunday 9th JULY 2023.

10.30am: Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Bidnell.

6.00pm: Circuit Service to include 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 16th July 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett.

THANK YOU: Ken and Molly thank the Church family for the lovely flowers delivered to us last Sunday by Terry. It was a lovely surprise and cheered us up no end. *Ken.*

MWiB SUMMER EVENT: Saturday 15th July 2.30 – 4.30pm at St Andrew's Methodist Church, Redditch, B98 9AA. Refreshments, Bring and Buy Stall, Tombola, Garden Games. Donations invited for MWiB Charities. Everybody Welcome. *Janet Henderson.*

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.*

FORUM: The deadline date for contributions to the August/September magazine will be **Sunday 16th July**. Please send items to me at les.jim42@btinternet.com or, if written items, leave in the FORUM folder in the Church Office.

Thanks. *Jim Buchanan*

Message from Rev Ruth Wilson

On Saturday 22nd July Peckwood Forest Space is holding its first ever festival. From 2pm till 8pm, there's a chance to take a walk around the woods, hear stories, eat, drink, chat, and get involved with some activities, as well as a chance for people to come and see what Forest Church feels and looks like. Or if people just want to come and wander that's encouraged too! This is a day for everyone, not just young families, but a day for anyone who is curious about forest church or just would enjoy a day out in the beautiful surroundings of Peckwood.

If anyone has any questions please do encourage them to get in touch with me and I'll try to help.

Thanks God bless Ruth <><

Peckwood Forest Space 2pm - 8pm

22nd July 2023

a chance to enjoy the wood
and explore forest church

Throughout the day:

walks in the woods, music, crafts and stories

Come and see what Forest Church is all about!

There's something for everyone at Forest Church

Highlights include:

2pm Seeds & Saplings pre-school & under 10s

4pm Tea Room open for cakes

6pm BBQ & Campfire

Free events
are running
throughout the
afternoon &
early evening
2pm - 8pm

For more information: ruth.wilson@methodist.org.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: – 9th JULY – JOURNEYING WITH GOD

Psalm 121 verse 7 – The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life, the Lord will watch over your coming and going, both now and for evermore.

REFLECTION:

This week myself, Jean and Christine went to Broadway, and normally it would take about forty minutes to drive there from Bromsgrove. On this occasion there was a blockage on the main road and a motorcycle policeman stopped us and others and turned us around at Stoke Prior church. We prefer to go via Hanbury and Feckenham and enjoy the scenery that way.

We turned back to Bromsgrove and tried another route to the Evesham Road, via Webheath and Headless Cross and thence to Astwood Bank and Alcester, then the A46 to Broadway, arriving after about an hour and a quarter, a little fraught but safe.

It made me think that every time we set out we place ourselves into God's hands, and for that reason we make it a habit of praying for safe journeys.

We didn't know the cause of the diversion, but it could have been an accident, with someone injured, a break-down or another hazard such as a spillage. Again we were thankful for journeying mercies.

On our journeys we very often encounter traffic lights, where we have to stop, to prepare to go, and then to proceed, as per Red, Amber and Green.

Such I think, is the pattern of life, where at times we are stationery, in a rut, with no possibility of beneficial change. At others we are preparing for a move forward, to new experiences, new environment, new challenges. Then comes the right time when we have waited on God's timing and will (the amber period); and we get the green light.

Then it is that we go forward in confidence and faith because we have committed our every plan to God for his blessing, and we know we will be kept from harm, because the promises of God are true, and time and again we read in the scriptures, that God will be with us, and that we should not be afraid. God himself will "watch over your life ,you're coming and going – now and always". During this holiday period, may everyone have safe journeys! Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 2nd July. (Bread of Life)

Sun 09*	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30.	StF 247	Psalm 145.	Challenge.
Mon 10.	John 6:1-15.	StF 365	Psalm 68:1-6, 32-35.	Open.
Tue 11.	John 6:16-29.	StF 303	Psalm 70.	Worship.
Wed 12.	John 6:30-40.	StF 713	Psalm 71:1-16.	Live.
Thu 13.	John 6:41-51.	StF 712	Psalm 71:17-24.	Learn.
Fri 14.	John 6:52-59.	StF 150	Psalm 72.	Flourish.
Sat 16.	John 6:60-71.	StF 109	Psalm 73:1-14.	Chal- lenge.

**Action for Children Sunday.*

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