



**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: May the cross of the Son of God, mightier than the powers of evil, bless our going out and our coming in, deliver us from all temptation and unruly passion, and the God of all grace bless us, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** *Traditional Indian liturgy.*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 23rd July. 2023.

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

this week: Salvation Army – Vera Jones.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: The Coffee Shop is now closed for the summer break and re-opens on Saturday 2nd September.

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 30th July. 2023.

Service on Sunday 23rd JULY 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Sarah Leeson.

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 30th July 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Martin Tingle.

THANK YOU: Denis Ridout was pleased to receive flowers from church last Sunday. He is managing cheerfully at home with the help of family and care. Denis was glad to hear news of church friends and sends his best wishes. *Mary Lawrence.*

BARBARA GELDART: We are sorry to announce that Barbara Geldart has died. | Barbara joined the congregation after Covid restrictions ended and was a regular attender at services as well as the Knitting Group. Details of her funeral will follow when these have been finalised. Lizzie Dovey.

CHURCH VISION MEETING: A follow up meeting to the positive vision meeting will be held on Tuesday 25th July at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. We will be continuing

the discussion on where we are going as a church within the circuit. Please come along and have your say. If you have not attended church for a while we would particularly like you to come to share with us. *Janet Milward.*

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.*

Prayer Handbooks: It is time for Lucy at Circuit office to order the Prayer Handbooks. The cost is £4.15 as last year. Please let Terry know asap if you wish to be included. Email terryclarke2@hotmail.co.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Jean and I have just been to Eastbourne, in East Sussex, for a few days besides the sea! If you like history, the area including Rye, Battle and Hastings (all of which we visited), are marketed as "1066 Country"

We are thankful for the opportunity and the health, resources and means of transport to make such a visit possible. It makes for sober and grateful thought when so many people, for various reasons, cannot get away.

We went by coach provided by a local firm, and they booked us into a sea-front holiday in the centre of the approximately 2 mile promenade. They have a London Eye-type structure about 140 feet to its apex, which is known as the observation wheel. Some of our fellow travellers braved it, even though less than fully mobile!

Speaking of the coach, it was only half occupied, six people having cancelled on the morning of departure. Another sad fact was that the hotel was less than half occupied, the only other people being some who stayed overnight.

This brings one to think about the difficulties facing those whose living is based on the hospitality, leisure and holiday trade. We need to pray for them in these difficult economic times, because apart from local customers, they provide the shop window for the tourist industry, inviting and catering for overseas visitors to our lovely country, with its history, variety of scenery, music, art, literature

and architecture. I often say that if we had better weather, the UK has as much, or more, to offer than many overseas destinations.

Holidays are a wonderful way of recharging one's emotional, spiritual and physical "batteries". The word holiday encompasses "holy", which in its turn, although referring to "holy days", or feast days in the church calendar, also relates to the idea of wholeness.

If we are to live life to the full (abundantly) as Christ promised, we need to be "whole" in mind, body and spirit, and apart from the means of grace available to us (scripture, prayer, worship, fellowship), a few days away in a new or different location, is one way to refresh ourselves; so, if possible, let us continue to support the holiday industry, and do ourselves a bit of good at the same time. Just a thought! Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 16th July. (Honouring the Father)

Sun 23.	Matthew 24-30, 36-43.	StF 123	Psalm 86:1-13.	Flourish.
Mon 24.	John 8:12-20.	StF 59.	Psalm 77.	Share.
Tue 25*.	Matthew 20:20-28.	StF 486	Psalm 126.	Serve.
Wed 26.	John 8:21-30.	StF 361	Psalm 78:1-7.	Tell.
Thu 27.	John 8:31-47.	StF 181	Psalm 81.	Pray.
Fri 28.	John 8:48-59.	StF 336	Psalm 84.	Worship.
Sat 29.	John 9:1-12.	StF 582	Psalm 100.	Live.

**James, Apostle.*

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