



**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: Open our eyes, O God, to behold your presence round about us. Let us be anxious for nothing save the doing of your will and the assurance that all things are possible to us in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** *Richard Meux Benson (1824-1915)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 6th August 2023.

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

this week: Bromsgrove Baptist – Interregnum.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: The Coffee Shop is now closed for the summer break and re-opens on Saturday 13th September.

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 6th August. 2023.

Service on Sunday 6th August 2023.

10.30am: 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.

Services on Sunday 13th August 2023.

9.00am: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ian Athey.

SAFEGUARDING: The next session will be on Saturday 2nd September at Lickey End Methodist Church 9am till 12noon. This is the last one until further notice. Please see Laura Hodges.

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

HOUSEGROUP – GRASPING AT FAITH WHILST EXPERIENCING A HEARING LOSS

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Yes...there are a lot of us! Communication is hard work. We spend our time guessing and smiling and hoping that we will make sense of it in the end. SHARING is the essence of our relationship with our fellow Christians so please feel welcome to participate fully in a SPACE that will endeavour to meet all our needs. *Pat Booth* TEXT or phone 07966370448

BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH WELCOME REFUGEES: Bromsgrove picnic at Sanders Park on Saturday August 5th postponed. **New Date: Saturday 19th August.**

We've decided to cancel the picnic for refugees at Sanders Park this Saturday 5th August because of the forecast 97% chance of rain. Rainfall around 12mm. Locally heavy rainfall possible. The new date is Saturday 19th August, 1.30pm.

Meeting near the bandstand. Hope to see you there.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – StF No. 67 by Joseph Hart (1712- 1767)

***This, this is the God we adore, our faithful, unchangeable friend,
whose love is as great as his power, and neither knows measure nor end.***

***'Tis Jesus, the first and the last, whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;
we'll praise him for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come.***

REFLECTION:

Not a lot is known about this author, except that he was a Calvinist minister in the eighteenth century. He did produce a hymnary however, and this short hymn-song was later included in a collection called Sunday School Hymns. I believe this is still sung at Methodist conference quite regularly

The beauty of these words to me is that they are as relevant now as when they were penned

We live in very changing times, with many aspects of life no longer the same as we are used to, some of which is called "progress". Examples are: those employed having to work longer; the regrettable rise in homelessness, the frequent need for foodbanks, children requiring free school meals, the seemingly inexorable rise in the cost of just about everything, and the subsequent number of strikes by those seeking to maintain their standard of living.

But we worship a God who is unchanging, eternal, ever loving, ever faithful, and all-seeing, all-knowing and ever present with us. As Hart says, God has the "power" to change things for the better, by his "love" being reflected through the

actions of his servants – all those who seek to be Christ’s disciples in these challenging and changing times. Both love and power being beyond measure and endless.

In the second couplet we are reminded that God’s Son and God’s spirit are the example and the means through which we are guided on our spiritual journey.

In the wonderful sentiment of the last line let us remember to praise and to trust. Praise and thanks for the blessings we have received, and trust for those we know we shall continue to receive whatever is to come in the future, for us as individuals and a church fellowship. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 6th August. (Newness of Life)

Sun 06.	Matthew 14:13-21.	StF 401	Psalm 45. Open.
Mon 07*.	Luke 9:28-36.	StF 261	Psalm 47. Learn.
Tue 08.	John 11:17-27.	StF 502	Psalm 93. Care.
Wed 09.	John 11:28-37.	StF 457	Psalm 95. Serve.
Thu 10.	John 11:38-44.	StF 303	Psalm 96. Share.
Fri 11.	John 11:45-57.	StF 492	Psalm 97. Worship.
Sat 12.	John 12:1-11.	StF 56	Psalm 98. Challenge.

**The Transfiguration of the Lord, trans.*

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