



## 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:** Help us, O Christ, to seek your truth and bear it: to learn your truth and love it, to tell your truth and live it, and to defend your truth and die in it. **Amen.**

*Based on words of Jan Huss (1369-1415).*

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.**

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

this week: Bromsgrove Methodist Church & Centre – Rev Stephen Levett.

#### **THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:**

**The Welcome Coffee Shop; The Coffee Shop re-opens on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, then every Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10.30am until 12.30pm.**

**Plus 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 10am till 12noon.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. 2023.**

**Service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Di Ross.**

**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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**10.30am: Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Powers.**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** Please note the change of date – the autumn Church Council Meeting will take place in Room 6 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. Thank you. *Pam Gale.*

**Circuit Welcome Service for Rev. Peter Powers:** Studley Methodist Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 4pm. The live streaming link is as follows. <https://www.youtube.com/live/JmfNPCmZA3Q> It is scheduled to start at 15.45 & will start when the organ starts to play before the service.

If anyone would like to attend at Studley and would like a lift, or has a vehicle with spare seats and can offer a lift, please let Terry know, (tel. 832955) who will do his best to match up. *Terry Clarke.*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting has been changed and will now be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30pm at 49. Old Station Road instead of September 8<sup>th</sup>. *Alan Bidnell.* **AN INVITATION TO GET INVOLVED IN A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE**

on Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 December 2023 at Catshill Methodist Church  
Dear Circuit friends, Catshill Methodist Church is hosting a Christmas Experience for two schools in the village and we need help! That could be support on the December days when this happens, or by helping us to knit 300 little lambs, or by helping to prepare the props for the event. There are lots of other ways, too.

If you think you might like to volunteer with us, we are gathering people together at **3pm on Sunday 10 September at Catshill Methodist Church** to find out more and talk about what might be involved. A cuppa and piece of cake will be available too!

With thanks and best wishes,

Lindsay

**Lindsay Peniston**

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**THANK YOU:** I was delighted to receive the beautiful flowers after the service last Sunday. They were really appreciated and wish to thank all concerned. *Ilona Clarke.*

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It is that time of year again to start collecting items for the shoeboxes, or perhaps you prefer to give me money which I will use on your behalf. The boxes and leaflets are now available, so please talk to me, to John or to Anne. *Irene Rhead. My mobile:- 07772 580323.*

**WELCOMING:** Volunteers are needed for the Welcoming Team for the third Sunday of the month. Please see me for more information. *Irene Rhead.*

**SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING NEWS:** Tickets are now available for the "AFTER HOURS" concert on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please purchase your ticket (£8 each) as soon as possible to help with catering and to avoid disappointment as was the case for some people last time.

**FORUM:** The deadline for the submission of content for the **October/November** magazine is **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. Please email items to me

([les.jim42@btinternet.com](mailto:les.jim42@btinternet.com)) or leave hard copy in the FORUM folder in the Church office. *Jim Buchanan (01527 833531)*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – NEW BEGINNINGS - Ecclesiastes 3 verse 1**

*“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”*

**REFLECTION:**

Next week sees the beginning of the new term at school, and also the start of a new school year. We remember in our thoughts and prayers all of those children who are going from one school to another level of education at a different school or academy, with the excitement and perhaps trepidation at the prospect of resettling in a new environment, making new friends, facing different daily journeys, and above all, learning new things, all to equip them for life in the future. Also there are those former sixth formers who are registering for technical college, or who are preparing to leave home for the first time, for university. We pray for all their teachers, tutors and lecturers, too, as they return to the “chalk-face”, after a reinvigorating summer break.

Then, also, it is the beginning of a new Methodist Church year, with the changes that involves for personnel, including new appointments to the various roles, such as senior stewards and other officers in local communions, throughout the Connexion. We pray for those presbyters, who are taking up their first appointment after training, and for those who have once more uprooted their families and themselves to relocate in a new circuit, perhaps in a different part of the country; and we are aware how unsettling this is for their school-age children. We remember our own Circuit and the attendant ministerial changes, and seek the Lord’s blessing on those concerned, not forgetting our change of Senior Steward this month.

Life is indeed a rich tapestry, and there is a time for everything, and seasons of change are inevitable, so let us all prayerfully embrace change in a positive way, going forward in faith, with our hands in the hand of our Lord and Saviour, who knows our every need; praying without ceasing, that we might know the mind and will of God for us, as we seek to love and serve him. Every blessing,  
*John.*

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> September. (Resurrection and Life.)**

Sun 03.	Matthew 16:21-28.	StF 341	Psalm 26:1-8.	Care.
Mon 04.	1 Peter 1:1-12.	StF 345	Psalm 116.	Tell.
Tue 05.	1 Peter 1:13-25.	StF 361	Psalm 117.	Flourish.

Wed 06.	1 Peter 2:1-10.	StF 677	Psalm 118:1-18.	Challenge.
Thu 07.	1 Peter 2:11-25.	StF 278.	Psalm 118:19-29.	Care.
Fri 08*.	Micah 5:1-4.	StF 179	Psalm 45.	Challenge.
Sat 09.	1 Peter 3:1-12.	StF 606	Psalm 119:1-16.	Live.

*\*Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary.*

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