



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: Great, O God is the power of your glory; great are the wonders of your works and great is the wisdom of your justice and mercy, and for all these we bless you and magnify your holy name, now and for ever. **Amen.** *George Wither (1588-1667)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8th October 2023.

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

this week: St John's & St Andrew's, Bromsgrove School Chaplaincy, St Michael's Stoke Prior, St Mary de Wyche, St Michael Upton Warren – Rev Ray Kahn, Rec Paul Headworth, Rev Janet Hatton, Rev Paula Honniball.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:

The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours; 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 15th October 2023.

Service on Sunday 8th October 2023.

10.30am: Holy Communion/Harvest Festival – Rev Peter Powers.

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.

GIVING BY INTERNET BANKING: If you prefer to donate to the Church via Internet Banking the bank details are as follows: - **Sort Code: 40-15-07. Account number: 81213652. Account name: Bromsgrove Methodist Church. Reference: Collection.** For donations to our charities' Fund use the bank details above. **Reference: Charities.** **UK Tax payers please consider Gift Aid and complete a 'Gift Aid' Declaration** available at the back of the Church. Completed declarations please to Eleanor Wright – Gift Aid Secretary, one of the Stewards, or myself. Thank you.
Sheila Sharman.

Services on Sunday 15th October 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.

6.00pm: Boys Brigade Enrolment Service led by Rev Steve Levett.

THANKS: Win Bingham says many thanks for the beautiful flowers delivered to her on Monday.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting will be on Friday October 22th @ 2.30pm at 37, The Flats. Anyone interested is welcome. *Alan Bidnell.*

GIFT GALLERY: This is a new section for anyone wanting to gift items they feel could benefit others. Margaret Anderson is gifting a pack of black and coloured printer inks HP364. Brenda Whipp has similar pack of inks for HP 301, plus an Epsom Stylus DX8450 printer/Scanner. *Brenda Whipp.*

MESSAGE FROM FRAN: Do you enjoy a chat over a cup of coffee after church on Sunday mornings? Have you thought about doing the same during the week? I really look forward to my sessions on the Chatty Table at the Welcome Coffee Shop. I've met some lovely people and the chat is always interesting. If you can spare an hour or 2, even if it's just one morning a month, please contact Sally Meridith about giving it a try! Her phone number is 07884 191101 and her email address is churchcommunityandoutreach@gmail.com Thank you. *Fran Westropp.*

NEWS FROM THE BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH CIRCUIT:

Circuit Celebrating Diversity Day -Saturday 4th November 9.30 – 12.30 at The Bridge Church, Redditch.

Circuit vacancies – the Circuit needs a Treasurer, a Property Steward and a Circuit Steward. If you feel you could undertake one of these roles please let Rev Steve Levett know.

Please pray for the Circuit as it is facing a number of challenges at the present time. Thank you. *Sheils Sharman.*

HARVEST APPEALS: Envelopes for our Harvest Appeal for All We Can are available to the back of the church on Sunday for anyone who would like to contribute and missed out last week. At the Harvest service we will also be receiving gifts of food for the Basement Project. Their regular request is for tins of potatoes, vegetables or fruit, Meat/vegetable pies, hot dogs chilli, meatballs, tuna, beans and sausage, spaghetti & Sausage, spaghetti bolognese, ravioli, macaroni cheese. Also long-life milk, cereal bars, cereals, pasta or curry sauces, jam, fajita kits, cup-a-soups, biscuits, instant coffee. Thank you. *Charity and missions committee.*

BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH WELCOME REFUGEES are holding another Fashion Show and Sale on Saturday 14th October, door open at 1.30pm. Tickets are £8.00 including tea/coffee and biscuits, and there will be a cake stall for slices or whole cakes. All clothes are high street brands at much reduced prices. Some of our Ukrainian friends have agreed to model for us. Tickets are available from Jenny Jones, Margaret Evans or the Coffee Shop. Those of you who came last year will remember what a great afternoon we had. Please support us, Thank you. *Jenny Jones.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Deuteronomy 11 verses 14 & 15. God's Promise of a good Harvest

"I will send rain on your land in its seasons; both autumn and spring rains, so that you may gather in your grain, new wine and oil. I will provide grass in the fields for your cattle, and you will eat and be satisfied."

REFLECTION: We are fortunate with our temperate climate that we do not suffer extremes of temperature or lack of rainfall very often, as a norm, although forest fires and flooding does happen from time to time.

As a result farmers and other food producers are able to harvest, usually in September, the crops they have grown. This is often exemplified by a sheaf of wheat, brought into our churches at Harvest Festival.

Yet there are many crops, and the harvest includes flowers, fruit and vegetables, as well as the supply of meat and chicken, and the by-products of animal husbandry, such as milk, cheese, butter.

All of these things are part and parcel of our food chain, and we give thanks at this time for those who grow, process, store, transport and, in so many ways, provide for our sustenance.

As the hymn says "All good things around us are sent from heaven above, and we "thank the Lord, thank the Lord for all his love."

The promise above from the law books of the old testament, has been fulfilled for several millennia, and we are indeed grateful along with all food producers for God's faithfulness, aware that farmers and growers, from the largest poly-tunnel producers to allotment holders and gardeners, all rely on Nature, (which we believe is God's provision for our use, enjoyment and stewardship), to experience success throughout the seasons – summer, winter, springtime and Harvest. We therefore give our grateful thanks for God's unfailing love. Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings Week beginning 8th October. (The Eternal Son)

Sun 08*	+.Matthew 21:33-46.	StF 247	Psalm 890.	Tell.
Mon 09.	Hebrews 1:1-6.	StF 14	Psalm 135:1-7.	Worship.
Tue 10.	Hebrews 2:5-18.	StF 542	Psalm 135:13-21.	Care.
Wed 11.	Hebrews 3:1-6.	StF 107	Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26.	Share.
Thu 12.	Hebrews 7-14.	StF 502	Psalm 138.	Care.
Fri 13.	Hebrews4:1-11.	StF 498	Psalm 139.	Pray.
Sat 14.	Hebrews 4:12-13.	StF 319	Psalm 141:1-5.	Notice.

**Homeless Sunday +Prisons Sunday and Prisons Week.*

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