



**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: God of the slave, hope of the captive, healer of the broken, come to your people and set them free. **Amen.** *Hawaiian Benedictus, source untraced.*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 22nd October 2023.

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

this week: Catshill Baptist – Rev Simon Gudger.

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 29th October 2023.

Services on Sunday 22nd October 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Stephen Willey.

6.00pm: Holy Communion led by 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 Stew

Service on Sunday 29th October 2023.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Peter Powers.

BEL CANTO SINGERS CONCERT 30TH OCTOBER 7.30pm: Tickets priced £8 are available either from Jim Buchanan (01527 833531) or from The Welcome Coffee

Shop at Church. Bel Canto have been regular supporters of the Church over a number of years and we look forward to an enjoyable evening of music.

THANK YOU everyone for the lovely Autumn colours of the flowers, brought to me on Your Behalf by Ilona and Terry, with care and kindness. They helped me feel part of the Church Harvest. With Gratitude and Love. Yours sincerely, *June Cox*.

HARVEST APPEALS: Thank you very much to everyone who contributed. The amount raised for All We Can stands at £175. When Gift Aid is claimed it will reach over £200. It is not too late to return your envelope if you have not had the opportunity to do so. Our gifts for the Basement Project were gratefully received and of course it's not too late to give to them either., because there is a box in the foyer all year round for donations. *Charity and Missions Committee*.

NEWS FROM THE BROMSGROVE & REDDITCH. CIRCUIT:

Vision Day 2 Follow Up Meeting held on 20th September. The consequences of the meeting's deliberations is that the 10 churches in the Circuit will remain primarily on their own, and will need to take responsibility themselves in seeking to address challenges and concerns that motivated Vision Day 2.

Two suggestions came from the meeting for follow on Circuit level groups:

- a) Mission Group – for people keen on mission in terms of making disciples.
- b) Compliance Group – a group within the Circuit to call together, explore challenges and good practice and support local churches and individual officers in the churches with all manner of compliance issues (Finance, Property, GDPR, Copyright, Health and Safety etc).

For more information please see the Circuit Website: <https://www.brmethodists.co.uk> *Sheila Sharman*.

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*.

CTiB DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CAFÉ: A new exciting initiative is being planned for a Dementia café where people living with Dementia, their carers and interested volunteers can meet together to socialize. This project is at the planning stage and we would like to invite people from the churches and wider community to assist in the discussions. Please feel welcome to join us on Thursday 19th October 2023 – 12 NOON at the Methodist Church Welcome Café. We hope to share the research undertaken to date and plan the next step. Training will be part of the preparations to ensure that all elements are covered. A willingness to share your time and skills is the only experience required. **Contact Sally Meredith, Community & Outreach 07884191101.**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – *Joshua 1 verse 9*

“I hereby command you: be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you everywhere you go.”

REFLECTION – In this verse from Joshua, the Israelites are about to invade the territory which is to become their new home, the land of Canaan, after forty long years of wandering in the desert wilderness after their escape from bondage in Egypt. Moses is dead, and Joshua, son of Nun, his assistant, has replaced him as leader of the fledgling nation, still comprising twelve tribes, named after Jacob’s sons.

In this verse God is commanding the people to trust in his provision, his going before them, as they take possession of the land, and not to be frightened or dismayed. Because, he assures them through Joshua, the Lord their God is with them “everywhere they go”.

We believe that God is eternal, unchanging, ever guiding, ever providing, ever present, and in his Son Jesus is the “same today, yesterday and forever”.

Our lives are often looked upon as a journey, from birth, through infancy, childhood, adolescence, maturity to adulthood, through our middle years, as perhaps parents and grandparents, to early old age, and eventual passing on. And God is with us every step of the way.

We have to make decisions as we get older: shall we downsize, shall we move to be nearer to our children and grandchildren, shall we decide to have that operation which will help our impaired mobility, shall we look for new opportunities of less demanding areas of service within the church or community ?

Each of these decisions is important, but we can take them all to God in prayer, not being frightened or dismayed by them, but accepting that God will guide us: sometimes by direct prompting, maybe through the advice of professionals, at other times through discussion with family or friends, at other times through the experience of others, who have faced similar problems.

However as believers in God's all-pervading love, we know we need not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord God is indeed with us whatever we do or wherever we go.

Let us remember that we have a friend in Jesus, who has experienced all that we could face, and more, which is why we can confidently take everything to Him in prayer. However, we have to be strong and courageous, having made a decision to see it through with God's help. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 22nd October. (One Eternal Sacrifice)

Sun 22.	Matthew 22:15-22.	StF 318	Psalm 96.	Open.
Mon 23.	Hebrews 8:7-13.	StF 156	Psalm 148.	Notice.
Tue 24.	Hebrews 9:1-3, 11-14.	StF 428	Psalm 149:1-5.	Worship.
Wed 25.	Hebrews 9:15, 24-28.	StF 732	Psalm 150.	Tell.
Thu 26.	Hebrews 10:1-10.	StF 208	Psalm 2:1-8.	Learn.
Fri 27.	Hebrews 10:11-18.	StF 335	Psalm 3:1-6.	Pray.
Sat 28*.	John 15:17-27.	StF 677	Psalm 117.	Care.

**Simon and Jude, Apostles.*

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