



**BROMSGROVE METHODIST  
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***Encouraging, supporting, and developing followers of Jesus Christ and  
Sharing God's love in the wider community***

**PRAYER:** Come, Holy Spirit, inspiration of prophets and strength of apostles. Come, Holy Spirit, power of the Father and wisdom of the Son. Come, Holy Spirit, source of all joy and rest of the weary. Come, treasure of Majesty and mercy of the Most High. Come, Holy Spirit, come. **Amen.**

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

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

this week: St. Peter's – Father Thomas Chatto.

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:**

**The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours; 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 19<sup>th</sup> November. 2023.**

**Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

**10.30am: Holy Communion/Remembrance Sunday led by Rev Alan Bidnell.**

**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

**Services on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November. 2023.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Susan Smith.**

**6.00pm: Holy Communion led by REV Ruth Wilson.**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Jean Wall will again be in charge of the Toiletries Stall on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and will be grateful for all contributions. Please contact Jean or Lesley Buchanan.

**FORUM:** The deadline date for the December/January edition of FORUM is Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please let me have any contributions before that date either by email ([les.jim42@btinternet.com](mailto:les.jim42@btinternet.com)) or leave hard copy in the FORUM folder in the Church office. Jim Buchanan

**BEL CANTO CONCERT:** I have a CD of the Bel Canto concert. Should anyone want a copy please let me know. Minimum donation £2. *Janet Milward.*

**NEW CIRCUIT MISSION GROUP:**

**All those who have an interest in and passion for mission as witness and evangelism are invited to join the new Circuit Mission Group.**

**Initial meeting: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023, 7.30pm at the home of Rev Stephen Levett, 151 Birmingham Road, Bromsgrove B61 0DJ.**

The interest in forming such a group arose from the Circuit Vision Day 2 follow up meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September. An extract from the notes of that meeting reads:

‘Two suggestions came from the meeting for follow-on Circuit level groups:  
A Mission group – for people who are keen on mission. A full brief needs working out but would be for people who are keen to work in mission in terms of making disciples, be that through Circuit level processes and activities, and/or through shared learning that could then be encouraged in the local churches.  
A 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.)  
The Circuit Leadership Team was asked to consider if and how these two groups might be developed and established.’

The CLT duly gave some time to the matter at their meeting October 19<sup>th</sup> and asked the Circuit Staff meeting to continue the conversation at their meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was agreed a date should be set before the end of November in order to not lose momentum. The date of

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November was chosen to begin the gathering before the end of the year but to avoid the December and the business of Advent and Christmas. It is recognised that all who are interested may not be able to attend on this date, but this is an initial meeting, and it is envisaged there will be future gatherings.

It is not envisaged that each individual church will formally appoint and send a representative. Instead, ***the emphasis is upon the group being a place for those with an enthusiasm for mission of outreach*** and are keen to keep it on the Circuit's agenda. As far as it is rooted in Connexional and Methodist priorities it is focussed on the *God For All Strategy*. In this context the focus of mission is very much that undertaken with the hope and intention of enabling others to become disciples of Jesus Christ.

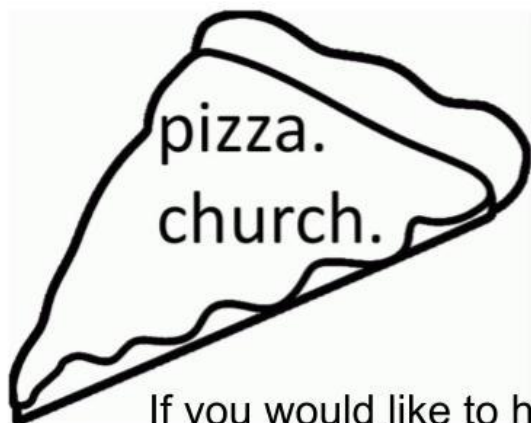
The mission group itself will ultimately determine the purpose and priorities of the group. However, to help prime these considerations it is envisaged the group might focus on one or more of the following four areas.

1. Building on the Everyone an Evangelist/Talking Jesus process, facilitate across the churches and in the Circuit ongoing consideration of, equipping for, and engagement in witness and evangelism.
2. Encourage and co-ordinate people across the Circuit to support individual churches in specific evangelistic events and projects.
3. Support the current specific Circuit project intended to enable new people to become disciples of Jesus, namely Forrest Space based at Peckwood.
4. As a group envisage, plan and undertake evangelistic activities and events which might not be happening through, possible or appropriate for an individual church.

**Please let Rev Stephen Levett know (tel: 01527 575017 email: [revlev66@gmail.com](mailto:revlev66@gmail.com)) if you hope to come to the initial meeting, and/or if you are interested in joining for future gatherings.**

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** Living the Questions Group meets on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm at Old Station Road and welcomes all interested in coming.  
*Rev Alan Bidnell.*

**CATSHILL METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE:** A service of Hymns and Prayers for Peace. November 12<sup>th</sup>. Refreshments 3pm (Tea and Cakes). Service 4pm. All are welcome.



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If you would like to help start a new church event for children and families get in touch with one of the Stewards or Rev.

Peter 07941 328155 ([revpeterpowers@gmail.com](mailto:revpeterpowers@gmail.com))

Our first monthly pizza church will be at church on Sunday 14th January from 4.30pm-6.00pm. We are especially looking for table hosts, storytellers, and kitchen helpers.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:**

#### **REFLECTION:**

This year is the centenary year of the introduction of the red poppy by the Royal British Legion, although they were formed 102 years ago. In 1933 there followed the white “peace” poppy. Like the red poppy it stands for remembrance, but also underlines the desire for peace, and the “never again” message which was popularised after World War One.

We all long for peace in the world, and owe it to others with whom we come into contact to spread harmony, respect, and compassion. If we all start locally, it spreads to the community, the nation and internationally.

Sadly, there have always been conflicts, and at this time we see many areas engulfed in military action – Israel/Gaza, Russia/Ukraine, the two largest, but not forgetting ongoing unrest in Syria, Yemen, Libya, and other civil wars in parts of Africa.

This Remembrance Sunday we remember with gratitude the sacrifices made by those who died in 2 world wars to preserve the way of life we have today, including our freedom from tyranny and oppression. As a result we have a democracy in which we enjoy several freedoms – freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom to strive betterment through education.

Whether we wear a red or a white poppy, let us give thanks for all those who served and still serve in our armed forces, and who have endured more recent conflicts.

We give thanks to, and continue to pray for the ongoing work of, the Royal British Legion, which supports families of deceased servicemen and injured veterans. We can do no better than pray for peace, and here the words of Isaiah chapter 2 are most appropriate, I feel -....."He (God) will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more." Perhaps if warring sides were to take the words and will of God into their consideration, they would more easily achieve peace. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> November. (The God of Abraham)**

<b>Sun 12*</b>	<b>Matthew 25:1-13.</b>	<b>StF 188</b>	<b>Psalm 70.</b>	<b>Live.</b>
<b>Mon 13.</b>	<b>Genesis 23:1-19.</b>	<b>StF 705</b>	<b>Psalm 20.</b>	<b>Serve.</b>
<b>Tue 14.</b>	<b>Genesis 24:1-9, 62-67.</b>	<b>StF 507</b>	<b>Psalm 21:1-7.</b>	<b>Learn.</b>
<b>Wed 15.</b>	<b>Genesis 27:1-5a, 15-29.</b>	<b>StF 470</b>	<b>Psalm 22:1-18.</b>	<b>Live.</b>
<b>Thu 16.</b>	<b>Genesis 28:10-22.</b>	<b>StF 475</b>	<b>Psalm 22:19-31.</b>	<b>Flourish.</b>
<b>Fri 17.</b>	<b>Genesis 32:22-32.</b>	<b>StF 461</b>	<b>Psalm 23.</b>	<b>Challenge</b>
<b>Sat 18.</b>	<b>Genesis 37:3-28.</b>	<b>StF 612</b>	<b>Psalm 100.</b>	<b>Serve.</b>

*\*Remembrance Sunday.*

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.