



# 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:** Grant us, Lord, the penitence of the publican who dared not raise his eyes to heaven, the desire of the prodigal who set out for home and the wisdom of the merchant who surrendered all to possess the kingdom. **Amen.** *Rabbula of Edessa (c. 350-4356)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024.**

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

this week: St. Godwald's – Rev David Ford.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

Service on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr James Knott.

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.*

**Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.2024.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Jackie Russell.**

**CIRCUIT SERVICE AT 4 PM 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** It is being live streamed from Studley. You are welcome to attend in person or join via the live stream. The service at Studley Methodist Church is being led by Rev Peter Powers. The subject for the service is The seven “I am” sayings of Jesus. The live stream will be available afterwards at [https://www.youtube.com/live/kNPA8\\_kpdmQ](https://www.youtube.com/live/kNPA8_kpdmQ) The link will be available from 3.45pm as the organ plays while people gather. *Janet Millward.*

**‘LIVE’ STREAMING:** Chas: I am trying to attract interest in our services by making our services (when possible) available on You Tube. They can be seen ‘live’ ( which means as they happen) and are recorded for viewing later. This means that anywhere in the world, you can see (join) the service live, or you can view it later. In other churches, this has been found a great help for holidays and for anyone who cannot attend because of weather, illness or a more permanent disability. The latest services can be viewed by going to our website (<https://brommethcentre.org.uk>) and selecting one of the services listed. This can be done on any device that can use the world wide web. Phones, tablets, PC’s etc. If you wish to see a list of all recorded services, use the link on the left of the ‘home’ page, and select ‘live’ on the menu bar there. Please contact me if you have any problems. *Chas (email: use “Admin” link on website or [admin@brommethcentre.org.uk](mailto:admin@brommethcentre.org.uk) )*

**UPPER ROOM WELCOME HOUSEGROUP:** You have heard the STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS....well.....the topic for the housegroup is the “STATE OF METHODISM”.... We have a lot to be proud about even if the future seems uncertain. All welcome...FRIDAY – 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2024 – 10.30AM - 12 NOON -ROOM 6. *Pat 07966370448.*

**THANK YOU:** Sincere thanks to Church friends for all the messages, visits and cards I received for my birthday and thank you to Pat and Laura for delivering the lovely flowers. *Eddie Palmer.*

**MISSION IN BRITAIN ADVENT APPEAL:** My very sincere thanks to everyone who donated to our Mission in Britain Advent Appeal. I’m delighted to report we raised £211.00 in total. £155.00 was Gift Aided so we will be able to claim back

an additional £38.75 from the Inland revenue in due course. Thank you for your generosity. *Fran Westrop, Charity and Missions Committee.*

**THANK YOU:** Anne and Mike Norton wish to thank the church family for the beautiful flowers delivered by Jean and John Webb last Sunday. All support is particularly welcome at this difficult time. *Anne and Mike Norton.*

**CALLING ALL SINGERS:** Catshill Methodists will be presenting “Jerusalem Joy” by Roger Jones as part of the morning service on Palm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March and would welcome additional singers to join them. Practices are on Thursday evenings for about an hour. If you can help, please contact Janice ([rhodes144@gmail.com](mailto:rhodes144@gmail.com)) or 01527 837702 for more information. Thank you. *Janice Rhodes.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –Ephesians 5: 19b & 20. (NIV)**

***“Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”***

**REFLECTION** – This short passage is part of Paul the Apostle’s teaching on Christian living

contained in his letter to the church at Ephesus which he helped to establish. It begins at chapter 4 verse 17 under the heading ‘living as children of light’.

As we know singing is one of the most uplifting things; it cheers you up, encourages beneficial endorphins, helps you breath better, releases emotions, and when done with feeling works the face muscles; and when really enjoyed is often accompanied by swaying, clapping or even a little dance. To me singing, whether secular songs, or religious songs, is always a joy. It surely comes under the heading ‘make a joyful noise to the Lord!’ If in public we can go about the day’s activities merely singing in the heart, quietly or just humming, all of which helps one’s mood. If it is a hymn song, then it helps recall God’s goodness, mercy and love.

This leads on to the element of thankfulness and its importance in life. The phrase above speaks of ‘always that of us being his children, for whom he has the best interests at heart, which includes his knowing what is best for us.

The word ‘everything’ may cause problems for some, because ‘everything’ can include things we would not have chosen, such as an accident, loss of a job, serious ill-health.

The ability to give thanks in those circumstances is where God’s help enables us to find a positive in a difficult situation, and to submit to what cannot be changed.

The sentence ends 'in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ'. Jesus enjoyed happy times, e.g. the wedding in Cana, and miraculously turned water into wine to help the celebrations.

He also comforted Martha and Mary over the passing of Lazarus, so when we offer a prayer of thanks in his name, it is because he knows and understands, having been in common human situations himself.

Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> January (Healing Faith)**

Sun 28.	Mark 1:21-28.	StF 251	Psalm 111.	Learn.
Mon 29.	Luke 7:1-10.	StF 655	Psalm 72.	Serve.
Tue 30.	Luke 7:11-17.	StF 306	Psalm 71:1-16.	Care.
Wed 31.	Luke 7:18-23.	StF 264	Psalm 71:17-24.	Tell
Thu 01.	Luke 7:24-30.	StF 247	Psalm 73:1-14.	Learn.
Fri 02*.	Luke 2:22-32.	StF 232	Psalm 24.	Care.
Sat 03.	Luke 7:31-35.	StF 364	Psalm 73.	Open.

*\*Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemass.*

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.