



**BROMSGROVE METHODIST
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Encouraging, supporting, and developing followers of Jesus Christ and

Sharing God's love in the wider community

PRAYER: It is to you, O God of glory, that we come. It is on your mercy that we rely. It is to you, O Lamb enthroned that we draw near, in your salvation that we trust, in your peace that we rest. **Amen.** *John Halme, Methodist itinerant (1708-1784)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 2nd February 2025.

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 until 12 noon.

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 26th January 2025.

Service on Sunday 2nd February 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Gwynn Bamford/Jackie Hartrey, Rev Ruth Wilson & Anne Batchelor.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 9th February 2025.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE – Appeal for the Middle East: There will be a collection plate at the back of the church in support of this appeal until Sunday 16th February. Please give as you are able. If you are a UK Taxpayer please consider completing a Gift Aid envelope. Many thanks. *Charity Committee.*

GRANT APPLICATION WRITER: To enable us to raise enough money to refurbish our toilets, we urgently need someone to complete grant application forms on behalf of the church. Most applications are completed online so you will need access to a computer and the internet. If you feel this is something you would like to do, please contact me for more information. Many thanks. *Sheila Shaman, Church Treasurer.*

UPPER ROOM HOUSEGROUP: Friday 7th February at 10.30am in Room 6. Theme: What are your thoughts on justice and injustice? All are welcome, we are open to new people. Contact Pat #####. *Pat Booth.*

MEETING POINT on 5TH FEBRUARY: The meeting will take the form of a Literary evening. It is your opportunity to share a favourite reading, poem, hymn, or other piece. Please come prepared to help make the evening interesting and entertaining. New members of this friendly group are always welcome: we meet the first and third Wednesdays. Thank you. *John Webb.*

40TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION: Following the dismantling of the exhibits, I have been left with a very long MAYC green and yellow wool scarf which has not been claimed. If you are the owner please let me know and I will return it to you. *Jim Buchanan.*

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE IN HYMNS AND MUSIC: On Saturday 15th February, just after Valentine's Day, we will follow the familiar pattern of "Hymns and Surprises", starting at 3.00 pm and finishing with refreshments around 4.15 pm. A fundraising event with free admission. Donations to Church Funds. Gift Aid welcomed. I hope to see you there. *Brian Henderson.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the Main Hall. Please could I have reports by Thursday 30th January. Many thanks. *Pam Gale.*

BRENDA TORBET'S FUNERAL SERVICE will be on Friday 21st February at 1 pm at the Church, following a Committal at Waseley Hills Crematorium. *Lizzie Dovey.*

CTiB: A service arranged by Churches together in Bromsgrove will be at Bromsgrove Baptist Church, New Road, on Friday 7th March at 11.00 am. The theme will be “I made you Wonderful” from the Cook Islands. Refreshments will be served after the service. *Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

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.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Psalm 63 verses 6 & 7

“... I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, for you have been my help.”

COMMENT:

Some of us do not sleep very well and there are various things one can do to remedy that. Some read, some get up and make a hot drink, one person I know used to get up at 4am and delve into Ancestry.com ! Whatever helps to obtain the rest one needs, I guess.

Now David, who wrote this psalm when he was in the wilderness, thanks God for all of his loving care. In verse 3 for example he says “Your steadfast love is better than life”.

With all of the conflict he faced and enemies on all sides at times, he doubtless suffered from insomnia. He called it the watches of the night, and it was the time when he wrestled with his problems.

We can relate to that, because when we have problems, they lay on our sub-conscious, and in the darkness of the night they magnify. Isn’t it so that when we have had a bad night, with the coming of the dawn, and when we get up, it often seems less bad.

David found a huge help in meditating on God and his dealings with David to date while he lay on his bed, with sleep evading him.

So, what worked for David, and caused him to acknowledge God’s help, may well work for us. Instead of uselessly counting sheep, let us instead count our blessings, and find that inner peace and restorative rest we all need. For when we review things, God HAS indeed been our help, and will continue to be so.

Every blessing, *John*

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 2nd February. (The New Law)

Sun	02*.	Luke 4:21-30.	StF 653	Psalm 71:1-6.	Learn.
Mon	03.	Luke 2:22-40.	StF 229	Psalm 24.	Worship.
Tue	04.	Matthew 5:1-12.	StF 245	Psalm 68:1-20.	Challenge.
Wed	05.	Matthew 5:13-16.	StF 706	Psalm 69:1-21.	Share.
Thu	06.	Matthew 5:17-20.	StF 157	Psalm 69:30-36.	Live.
Fri	07.	Matthew 5:21-26.	StF 691	Psalm 70.	Care.
Sat	08.	Matthew 5:27-30.	StF 508	Psalm 75:1-7.	Learn.

**Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas.*

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