



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: Pour into our hearts, O God, the love that casts out fear, the truth that sets us free and the grace that is sufficient for all our needs. Though you are unseen, do not be unknown. Though you are hidden from our eyes let us rejoice in your beauty at the last. **Amen.** *Louisa M Alcott (1833-1888).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 11th February 2024.

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

this week: New Life Church – John Cooke.

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 18th February 2024.

Service on Sunday 11th February 2024.

10.30am: Holy Communion/world Mission 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 Stewards or myself. Thank you. *Sheila Sharman.*

Service on Sunday 18th February. 2024. (1st of Lent)

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Di Ross.

EASTER LENT GROUPS: We will be holding weekly Lent study groups on Thursdays. We will be following the Holy Habits Lent study. We will be meeting at church on Thursday mornings at 10.45am and there will be an evening zoom meeting, the link is below. You are welcome to join either.

Rev Peter Powers is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: BMC Lent group.

Time: 8.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/97689857511?pwd=WUNWR0UxNmo1VHdEbTNGMn-VuNGgvZz09>

Meeting ID: 976 8985 7511

Passcode: 516271

Janet Millward.

NEW LAPTOP: The church has a new laptop for use in Sunday Worship, and needs to be 'set up'. If you or someone you know has the time and the knowledge to do this, please let me or a Steward know. *Sheila Sharman.*

COFFEE SHOP: February 13th is Shrove Tuesday and traditional pancakes will be available in the coffee shop during the usual hours 10.30am -12.30pm. It is half-term week. All welcome. *Terry.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024 @ 11.00AM: This year the annual service will be held at St. Peters Church and prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine. After the service, refreshments will be available in the church hall. All will be welcome to support this event arranged by members of Churches Together in Bromsgrove. **"I beg you, bear with one another in love"**

WORLD MISSION ENVELOPE APPEAL: We will be distributing collection envelopes in church for the next 2 Sundays to coincide with this church's Mission Weekend. Any donations received will be used to support our Methodist mission partners and Partner Churches around the world. If you are able to make a donation, and Gift Aid it, this of course makes it even more valuable. Thank you very much. *Fran Westrop, Charities and Mission Committee.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting will be on Friday February 23rd at 37, The Flats at 2.30pm. A warm welcome for anyone interested in coming. *Alan Bidnell.*

CHURCH OFFICE: This is getting very cluttered again and so is in need of the thorough tidy. Please will anyone who has belongings, equipment etc. in there, please remove or label them during February before I descend on the Office with a rubbish bag at the beginning of March. *Lizzie Dovey.*

THE BIG TIDY-UP: Following the recent Church Council Meeting, the management team are attempting a grand sort out of all unnecessary clutter around the church, especially in room 1, the office and room 6. If anyone has personal property around the church they would like to retrieve, please let Terry know asap. John Rhead has offered to take unwanted items to the tip. With thanks for your co-operation. *Terry.*

SATURDAY AFTERNOON CINEMA: After the success of the last month's afternoon film show, as promised, we will be showing the sequel to Fisherman's Friends on **Saturday 17th February at 3.30pm.**

*The sequel to the 2019 hit UK comedy charts the next instalment of the Fisherman's Friends amazing and uplifting true story. Following the unexpected success of their debut album "No Hoppers, Jokers and Rogues" we rejoin the world's oldest 'buoy band' a year later struggling to navigate the pressures, pitfalls, and temptations of their newfound fame. **FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS: ONE AND ALL** follows the celebrated shanty singers through the highs and lows as lifelong friendships are put to the test and they battle the dreaded 'curse of the second album'.*

Refreshments will be available with entry being by donation toward Church Funds.

40TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION: The exhibition will continue in the Church on Sunday 4th February. Thereafter the exhibits will be available in the Quiet Room to browse at your leisure. *Jim Buchanan*

'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://www.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)*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Galatians 5 verses 22 & 23 (part) ...The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control...

REFLECTION:

The nine fruits (or evidence of the Spirit's influence on our lives) are able to be divided into three threes: the first three towards God, the next three towards others, and the final three toward or for ourselves.

When we have put our trust in God, we receive immeasurable love, and our response is to **love** God as a heavenly parent in return. This newly discovered relationship can only give us **joy**, uplifting and contentment. **Peace** and a sense of calm, serenity even, enters our hearts because we know as we put our hand into God's to go forward in life, we are forgiven through Christ's sacrifice at Calvary, and given a new, transformed persona – empowered to live for God and others, instead of selfishly.

Patience, kindness and generosity are then evident in our dealings with others. Whereas previously we would be brisk, uninterested, critical, even prejudiced at times, the Holy spirit working within and through us enables us to treat people, whether neighbours, family, friends, colleagues and the stranger with respect, courtesy and consideration. Indeed to do to others as we would have them do to us, to quote Jesus.

As we continue to experience God's guidance, strength and presence with us on a daily basis, so we see our **faithfulness** deepen, and become more comprehending of God's purpose for us. We seek to replace those traits which are less attractive, and develop a **gentleness** of character, a large part of which is **self-control** – of our tempers, our words, our hasty actions.

So we seek daily, to produce the fruit of the believer, in which we aim to please our Saviour God, to show love to others, as we have been first loved, and to look after our own spiritual growth, all to God's glory.

Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 11th February (Repentance and Renewal)

Sun	11*.	Mark 9:2-13.	StF 259	Psalms 560:1-6.	Notice.
Mon	12.	Exodus 24:12-18.	StF 560	Psalms 890.	Learn.
Tue	13.	2 Peter 1:16-21.	StF 626	Psalms 81.	Worship.
Wed	14+.	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21.	StF 236	Psalms 51	Pray.
Thu	15.	2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2.	StF 134	Psalms 84	Live.
Fri	16.	John 12:27-36a.	StF 397	Psalms 85.	Pray.
Sat	17.	Luke 8:28-36.	StF 261	Psalms 86:1-13.	Worship.

**Racial Justice Sunday +Ash Wednesday.*

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