



**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:** We are yours, O God, for you have made us and loved us. We are yours, O God, for you have saved us and called us. Being yours, O God, let us eternally rejoice your presence. **Amen.** *Teresa of Avila (1515-1582).*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. (5<sup>th</sup> of Lent)**

**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 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. (5<sup>th</sup> of Lent)**

**Service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024. (5<sup>th</sup> in Lent) in Lent.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.**

**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.*

**Services on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. 2024. (Palm Sunday)**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Peter Powers.**

**6.00 pm. Holy Communion led by Rev Brian Mason.**

**THANK YOU:** May I, on behalf of all the ladies and gentlemen at Church on Sunday say a 'HUGE THANK YOU' to Linda (Ashworth) and her beautiful posies of flowers

they arranged for 'all' of our congregation, and for some who were unable to attend the service. They were wonderful, and delighted us all. *Irene.*

**THANK YOU:** John and Teresa thank the Church for the flowers and kind messages they have received following John's recent accident. *John Wyatt.*

**AN INVITATION:** Basil and Pat invite you to join them with sharing a cupcake with your coffee, after the service, as we celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We said our vows in Clacton-on-Sea Methodist Church and want to acknowledge the support of the church families who have supported us on our journey. *Basil & Pat Booth.*

**POSIES:** As a mother I would like to acknowledge the gift of the Posy on Mothering Sunday which was lovely and also the dedication of the people who made this possible for us. Thank you for a super floral arrangement. Mother and Grandmother. *Pat Booth.*

**ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATION:** The generous donations added up to £280, and Gift Aid will lift this figure to above £300. There was a lovely atmosphere as the gathering of 46 people sang 9 Welsh hymns and listened to organ music with Welsh connections. Thanks to all who supported the event. I enjoyed the occasion greatly. *Brian Henderson.*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** Those wishing to share in this group will be welcome on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 49 Old Station Road at 2.30pm. *Alan Bidnell.*

**MUSIC FOR ALL CHOIR CONCERT 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH:** Ticket priced £5 are available from Jim Buchanan (01527 833531) or in the Welcome Coffee Shop. The concert will be presented by Bromsgrove Community Choir, Primrose Hospice Choir and Bromsgrove Recorder Consort with surprise special guests. *Jim Buchanan.*

**IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Church AGM will take place at 12 noon on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April (not 28<sup>th</sup> April, as previously notified) Looking forward to seeing you all there. *Pam Gale.*

**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: 7.00pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 976 8985 7511

Passcode: 516271

Janet Millward.

**FORUM:** The next edition of FORUM will cover the months of April/May with deadline for submission of items being **Sunday 17th March**. Please e mail contributions to les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave any written items in the FORUM file in the Church office.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Romans 8 verse 28. ..We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.**

**COMMENT:** Not knowing the future can be unsettling, especially in the light of the world's state of unrest, the unequal distribution of wealth, the climate change crisis, the "green issues", and in our own country, the shortage of essentials in our food stores, the closure of shops, the increase of unemployment, concerns about immigration, homelessness, the general state our economy, the difficulties faced by our NHS, some schools facing financial crisis due to ageing buildings, the political future in a general election year.

Some of these things impact us worryingly, and some would just say that "That's life!" But pondering on the future full of "What ifs" can only add to our anxiety. We have to live one day at a time in faith.

Referring to the text, it might be considered naive to say that there is "good" in personal circumstances which affect individuals who are going through some of the more traumatic or worrying issues mentioned.

Yet, some faithful Christians, when asked would say that for them "good" did come out of a trying period or experience; they learned some of life's lessons and their faith was strengthened. They were at their personal wits' end, but they were borne up by prayers of their own and of others.

That is what belonging to a Christian community is about – caring and sharing. By the way, God in Christ doesn't just love "those who love him"; he loves every-one without condition; which is what we are celebrating this Lent.

Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March. (Love Everlasting)**

Sun 17.	John 12:20-33.	StF 306	Psalm 119:9-16.	Worship.
Mon 18.	Jeremiah 30:1-11.	StF 644	Psalm 19:7-14.	Challenge.
Tue 19*.	Matthew 1:18-25.	StF 219	Psalm 89:24-37.	Notice.
Wed 20.	Jeremiah 30:12-17.	StF 269	Psalm 114.	Care.
Thu 21.	Jeremiah 20:18-22.	StF 32	Psalm 130.	Live.

**Fri 22. Jeremiah 31:1-13. StF 443 Psalm 18:1-6. Flourish.**

**Sat 23. Jeremiah 31:31-34. StF 87 Psalm 18:25-30. Learn.**

*\*Joseph of Nazareth.*

**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.**