



## 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:** Cleanse our hearts, O Lord our God, that with perfect love we may hope in you and purify our consciences that with sure confidence we may pray to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Basil of Caesarea (c. 330-379)*

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:** Reopens on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am.  
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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 .**

Service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Charles Ashworth.

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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Powers.

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank the church family for the beautiful bouquet delivered to me on Easter Sunday by Irene Rhead. The flowers were really lovely and cheered me up enormously. *Avery Turner.*

## **MWiB (METHODIST WOMEN IN Britain) SPRING MEETINGS:**

April 27<sup>th</sup> – THE DISTRICT SORING MEETING to be held at Erdington Methodist Church.

May 18<sup>th</sup> – THE CONNEXIONAL SPRING GARDEN PARTY to be held at the Rectory at Epworth.

We hope to be able to arrange minibus transport depending on sufficient numbers. Please contact Robert (07803 597081) or Carole (07808 071134) for further details and to reserve your seat – ALL are invited. *Carole and Robert Trigger.*

**THANK YOU** for the lovely basket of flowers arranged by Pat, given to me on Easter Sunday, and a big Thank You to church friends for all the cards and good wishes for my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. *Jill Palmer.*

**DENNIS RIDOUT:** Fran called on Dennis on Easter Sunday morning after church – he was celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with his family. He was delighted to receive the beautiful basket of flowers from his church friends and sends his sincere thanks to everyone.

**WORLD MISSION FUND ENVELOPE APPEAL:** Our WMF envelope appeal in March raised £196.00 in total, of which £120.00 was Gift Aided, which means we can eventually claim back an additional £30.00 from the Inland Revenue. Thank you, one and all, for your generous support of this appeal. *Fran Westrop, Charities and Mission Fund.*

**DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH:** We are seeking to be a welcoming, inclusive and nurturing community to all who enter our doors, including those living with dementia.

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00am in the lounge there will be the first of a series of sessions relating to living with dementia – *Introduction to living with dementia*. If you are able, please come along to find out more about dementia and how we as a church can help those living with dementia and their carers.

***OUR OWN Memory Changes Café*** for those with the diagnosis and their carers is opening on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April in room 6 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm. As well as drinks and home made cakes there will be suitable activities to stimulate the brain cells! There are leaflets available, please take one for anybody you may know who might benefit from this event. Posters are also available if you know somewhere they could be displayed. We ask for your prayers for this new and exciting venture. *Sheila Sharman.*

**WEDNESDAY MEETING POINT:** There is an error in FORUM for the programme in April and May. The correct events are:- April 17<sup>th</sup> Easy Country Dancing. May 1<sup>st</sup> Flower Arranging. Apologies. *Jim Buchanan.*

**BROMSGROVE METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** This will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, at 12 noon, following Holy Communion. This is open to all, but voting is restricted to church members. Please do your best to attend, when important reports will be presented, and appointments made. Thank you.

*Pam GALE, Church Council Secretary.*

**SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING NEWS:** The next Fundraising event will be on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. This will be a new venture....AFTERNOON TEA DANCE. See the posters in the Church for details. Tickets priced £5 will be available from Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March from Jim Buchanan or in the Welcome Coffee Shop Monday to Thursday. *Jim Buchanan.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

**Philippians 4 verses 6 and 7**

***“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your prayers to God: and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds, in Christ Jesus.”***

**REFLECTION:**

Prayer it is said is the Christian’s powerhouse; the source of strength, increased faith, fortitude and gratitude to God. God is near to us, even, indwells us by his Spirit. The realization of God’s nearness should foster forbearance, patience and trust. (See also Psalm 139 verses 1 – 18, on God’s presence and personal knowledge of each one of us).

One commentator says anxiety and prayer are more opposed to each other than fire and water. By that he means that prayer overcomes anxiety, worry or fear. Prayer should always include thanksgiving, because it follows the remembrance of what God has already done in our lives, which strengthens our faith.

When prayer replaces worry, God’s gift of the inner peace, which surpasses all understanding comes to us. This peace acts as a sentry, guarding the Christian’s mind and emotions from being overwhelmed by fear, anxiety or temptation. This peace is in and through Christ Jesus, because there is not an anxiety, worry or fear which He during his earthly life did not face, endure or overcome; which is why we conclude our prayers in His name.

May we experience this inner peace and tranquillity of spirit because we are assured that God knows and cares for each and every one of us. Every blessing,  
*John.*

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> April. (Salvation by Faith)**

**Sun 07. John 20:19-31. StF 314 Psalm 133. Notice.**

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|----------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Mon 08*</b> | <b>Luke 1:26-389.</b>  | <b>StF 187</b> | <b>Psalm 40.</b>     | <b>Serve.</b>     |
| <b>Tue 09.</b> | <b>Romans 1:1-7.</b>   | <b>StF 9</b>   | <b>Psalm 115.</b>    | <b>Pray.</b>      |
| <b>Wed 10.</b> | <b>Romans 1:16-25.</b> | <b>StF 33</b>  | <b>Psalm 7:1-11.</b> | <b>Worship.</b>   |
| <b>Thu 11.</b> | <b>Romans 2:1-11.</b>  | <b>StF 715</b> | <b>Psalm 85.</b>     | <b>Open.</b>      |
| <b>Fri 12.</b> | <b>Romans 3:21-30.</b> | <b>StF 499</b> | <b>Psalm 42.</b>     | <b>Challenge.</b> |
| <b>Sat 13.</b> | <b>Romans 4:1-8.</b>   | <b>StF 458</b> | <b>Psalm 43.</b>     | <b>Tell</b>       |

*\*Annunciation of the Lord, trans.*

**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.**