



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: Be to us, O God, our love and our hope; our thoughts flowing from you,
our life being in you and our breathing taken with you; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen. *John Cassain (c. 360-435)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21st April 2024.

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 28th April 2024 .

Service on Sunday 21st April 2024.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Dave Morgan.

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 Inter-
net Banking the bank details are as follows: - **Sort Code: 40-15-07. Account num-
ber: 81213652. Account name: Bromsgrove Methodist Church. Reference: Col-
lection.** For donations to our charities' Fund use the bank details above. **Refer-
ence: 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 28th April 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith.

**6.00 pm: Circuit Easter offering Service; "Let Justice Roll" with Communion led
by Rev Ruth Wilson.**

EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE: Sunday 28th April at 6.00pm. All are warmly invited to this annual Circuit Service, held this year at the Centre. It will include Communion, led by Rev Ruth Wilson. The offerings of all the Circuit will be dedicated. Bromsgrove's contribution stands at £190, which will reach around £225 when Gift Aid is added. Grateful thanks to all who have donated. It is not too late to return an envelope if you haven't had the chance to do so. The theme of the service is "Let Justice Roll" and we have been asked to make a prayer chain to be displayed. Other churches are asked to bring one too. You are invited to complete a link – or more than one if you wish – with your prayer for justice. Paper links are available at Sunday worship. Please fill one in, whether you will be at the service or not! Thank you. *Janet Henderson, for MWiB.*

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection for Gaza, to support the humanitarian relief over there over the next 3 weeks. Gift Aid envelopes will be available. *Janet Millward.*

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH: As you read this our church will have launched the MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ. The response from our church community has been stupendous. You have volunteered, provided resources, knitted and crocheted, provided cakes and also physical practical labour. We, on behalf of the café truly and sincerely thank you for your time and encouragement. *Sheila, Sally & Pat.*

YAMAHA PORTATONE: A Yamaha Portatone PSR-6 portable keyboard has been found in the storeroom. Does anyone know who this belongs to? Please contact Maurice Preece.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: at 37, The Flats on Friday, April 26th at 2.30pm. Welcome to all interested. *Alan Bidnell*

FUNDRAISING NEWS: **Chris Roberts** has decided to renew her Sewing Repair Service (zip repairs, trouser shortening, etc) to raise money for Church funds. Chris would prefer not to receive telephone orders so please contact her where possible face to face. *Jim Buchanan.*

MWiB (METHODIST WOMEN IN Britain) SPRING MEETINGS:

April 27th – THE DISTRICT SPRING MEETING to be held at Erdington Methodist Church.

May 18th – 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.*

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - *Psalm 118 verse 24 NIV* –

“This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

REFLECTION –

Psalm 118 which was Monday’s lectionary psalm, begins and ends with the exhortation “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures for ever.” We are given each day as a gift from God, to live as best a life as we can, I believe.

In thanks to God, we can honour him with our lips, thoughts and deeds. Perhaps it is a case of practising the presence of God. If we live in the awareness that God is with us, guards our thoughts, words and deeds, then we are enabled to seek to live to please him in all things.

God is only good: and holds the welfare of each of us in loving care; Who’s nature is unchanging, the same yesterday, today and forever.

So it follows that this and every day, not only Sunday, belongs to God, and begs us to offer it back as a sacrifice of our lives to the One, who gives us all good things.

If we are able to overcome the temptation to be negative about the state of our economy, world tensions, the overwhelming needs of others wherever and wherever they are, and each do our best to live for God and for our “neighbour”, then we will find every day can be one in which we find something to “rejoice and be glad” about, and then at its end give thanks to God for the “goodness and enduring love” we have once again received. Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings Week beginning 21st April. (Alive in the Spirit)

Sun 21.	John 10:11-18.	StF 736	Psalm 23.	Serve.
Mon 22.	Romans 8:12-25.	StF 704	Psalm 119:81-96.	Flourish.
Tue 23.	Romans 8:26-39.	StF 561	Psalm 119:97-112.	Tell.
Wed 24.	Romans 9:1-5.	StF 91	Psalm 119:113-128.	Share.
Thu 25*.	Mark 13:5-13.	StF 154	Psalm 148.	Notice.
Fri 26.	Romans 9:14-26.	StF 516	Psalm 119:129-144.	Challenge.
Sat 27.	Romans 11:25-36.	StF 326	Psalm 119:145-176.	Open.

**Mark, Evangelist.*

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