



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: Grant us, Lord, the penitence of the publican who dared not raise his eyes to heaven, the desire of the prodigal who set out for home and the wisdom of the merchant who surrendered all to possess the kingdom. **Amen.** *Rabbula of Edessa (c. 350-435)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 28th 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 28th April 2024.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith.

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

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 5th May 2024.

9.00am: Holy Communion led by Rev Alan Bidnell.

10.30 am: Morning Worship Local Arrangement.

EASTER OFFERING UPDATE: Bromsgrove's offerings now total over £200 – thank you all. Do join us at the service this Sunday evening, 28th April at 6.00 pm, when all the Circuit offerings will be dedicated. Thanks to all who have already written link for the justice prayer chain. There's still time to add your prayers, on Sunday morning, if you would like to. *Janet Henderson, for MWiB.*

HOT LUNCH AND NEWS FORM THE WORLD OF MWiB: Those who attended last year's lunch at Catshill remember it as a very enjoyable occasion. This year Bromsgrove and Redditch Circuit MWiB committee warmly invite you to join us at Bromsgrove Methodist Centre, on Saturday 11th May from 12.00 noon. Booking essential for catering purposes – please give your name to Janet Henderson or Irene Rhead, or sign up on the list in the foyer by Sunday 5th May. "Come and discover a bit more about MWiB.

RETIRING COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection for Gaza, to support the humanitarian relief this week. Gift Aid envelopes will be available. *Janet Millward.*

THANK YOU for the beautiful Easter Sunday flowers, brought to me "in their caring way" by Ilona and Terry Clarke. My love and thanks and appreciation to you all. Love, *June Cox.*

UPPER ROOM HOUSEGROUP: Our next get together is on Friday 3rd May – 10.30am – in Room 6. We focus on living a Christian life relevant to our everyday experiences. Come and join us for a friendly relaxed discussion. All are welcome – new friends and long standing friends. *Pat Booth 17966370448.*

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CHURCH: An advanced notice to those in our community who wish to experience what a Dementia Friendly Worship could look like. Lichfield Cathedral have hosted a service of Songs of Praise which will be broadcast on 12th May.

BEREAVEMENT COURSE: I will be starting a new Bereavement Course on Thursday 9th May at 10 am in the Quiet Room. It is a free 6/7 week course for those struggling with the effects of bereavement. The course looks at common reactions such as anger and guilt, how to adjust to change and looking at ways to move forward healthily. Each week we will look at a couple of films, share our thoughts and experiences and get to know and support one another. It is a free course and is open to anyone at whatever stage of grief. Please contact Sally to book a place. churchcommunityandoutreach@gmail.com 07884 191101. *Sally Meredith.*

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.

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.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - 1 Peter 3 verses 10 and 11 – part

“Each one should use whatever gifts they have received to serve others.....and do it with the strength God provides, ... to bring praise to God....”

REFLECTION –

It falls to each of us as disciples of Jesus Christ to serve the Servant King, who taught us to serve one another in the example of washing his disciples' feet. The question often is “In what way can I serve God?”, not because I must but because I can! It is up to each one to know what we are good at what “gifts” or talents we have, and to offer that skill to serve others. Sometimes we feel called to do something in the way of voluntary service, because we want to ‘give something back’, recognising that we have received so much in our own lives.

It is no shame to start volunteering and to find that it is not for us, after a few sessions. Some hold back for that very reason. It is through failing in something that we learn, so that we can focus on something else. After all, God closes some doors and then opens others.

It is also good to know that when we feel low, tired, disheartened, discouraged, that we can look to God for the strength mentally, spiritually and physically to carry on. Whatever we do for others, it is not ourselves, but God working through us. After all, we are meant to be Jesus' lips, hands and feet as we seek to spread the Gospel of love in a practical way.

We don't undertake roles in the church or in the community for our own self-esteem, but to bring “praises to God”. May that be our experience. Every blessing, *John.*

Suggested Readings Week beginning 28th April. (Saving Grace)

Sun 28.	John 15:1-8.	StF 587	Psalm 150.	Live.
Mon 29.	Romans 12:3-16.	StF 345	Psalm 121.	Pray.
Tue 30.	Romans 13:8-10.	StF 255	Psalm 122.	Care.
Wed 01*.	John 14:1-14.	StF 248	Psalm 19:7-14.	Notice.
Thu 02.	Romans 14:7-12.	StF 741	Psalm 123.	Worship.
Fri 03.	Romans 15:14-21.	StF 355	Psalm 124.	Learn.
Sat 04.	Romans 16:3-278.	StF 637	Psalm 125.	Challenge.

**Philip and James, Apostles.*

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