



## 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:** Come, Holy Spirit, inspiration of prophets and strength of apostles. Come, Holy Spirit, power of the Father and wisdom on the Son. Come, Holy Spirit, source of all joy and rest of the weary, Come, treasure of Majesty and mercy of the Most High. Come, Holy Spirit, come. **Amen.** *Acts of Thomas, Syrian (3<sup>rd</sup> century)*

### BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> May 2024.

#### 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 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024 .**

**Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**10.30am: Holy Communion 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 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Pentecost.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ian Athey.**

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for the lovely flowers delivered by Mary. I am now feeling better after my brief visit to hospital. *Laura Hodges.*

**A UKRAINIAN CAFÉ** will open up again for 2 more sessions on 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May at the Welcome Café. 2 of our Ukrainian friends will be giving us a taste of Ukrainian cuisine between 10.30 and 1.30. these are trial sessions to see if it could be something held on a more regular basis. Please come and support Inna and Svetlana in this enterprise. *Sally Meridith.*

**SUMMER CRAFT FAIR:** I am arranging the Summer Craft Fair again and would like to hear from the 'regular' stall holders whether they are willing to do the same again this time. If anyone would like to help on a stall I would very much like to hear from you too. *Janet Millward.*

**FORUM:** The next edition of FORUM will cover the months of June/July with deadline for submission of items being Sunday 19th May (not as stated in the last FORUM). Please email your contributions to me at les.jim42@btinternet.com or leave any written items in the FORUM file in the Church office. *Jim Buchanan*

**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 12<sup>th</sup> May on BBC 1 at 1.15pm.

**MWiB (METHODIST WOMEN IN Britain) SPRING MEETING:**

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.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – PROVERBS Chapter 12 verse 25**

***“An anxious heart weighs one down, but a kind word cheers them up.”***

**REFLECTION:** The book of Proverbs is very worth digging into—for it is full of sayings, warnings and advice about the human condition, and these wise words are as relevant today as when written in about 1000 BC!

The Book has an introduction, which is always helpful. It is attributed to King Solomon, son of King David to whom credit is given for many of the Psalms. The introduction contains the following words from the author – ‘for attaining wisdom and discipline; for understanding words of insight; for acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right, just and fair’.

That is a pretty good creed for Christians to live by; the latter part could form a manifesto for any political or charitable organisation.

This particular “wise saying” is so apt in our difficult time. Anxiety is so prevalent, leading to mental stress, despair and desperation at times. It certainly weighs down the individual. Worry, fear and anxiety are no respecter of persons. Anyone is prone to them.

We try as individuals and a church fellowship to show and share love (last week’s Worship theme). It is about caring and sharing and carrying one another’s burdens where possible.

So let us not struggle on, being anxious alone, but if that applies to us, talk to someone, whom you trust, in confidence. If you are a good listener, have a kind word to offer; a word of empathy, encouragement, compassion; offer prayer for the one who is anxious and practical help if that is possible. That is the way for us to follow, as just one aspect of our journey of faith, mutual love and hope, in Jesus’ name. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> May. (Vision and Judgement)**

Sun	12.	John 17:6-19.	StF 315	Psalms 1.	Learn.
Mon	13.	Amos 5:18-24.	StF 228	Psalms 133.	Flourish.
Tue	14*.	Acts 1:15-26.	StF 664	Psalms 15.	Notice.
Wed	15.	Amos 6:1-14.	StF 714	Psalms 134.	Live.
Thu	16.	Amos 7:1-17.	StF 157	Psalms 135:1-7.	Serve.
Fri	17.	Amos 8:1-14.	StF 703	Psalms 135:13-21.	Challenge.
Sat	18.	Amos 9:1-15.	StF 732	Psalms 138.	Learn.

*Christian Aid Week. \*Matthias, Apostle.*

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.