



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: Let us be yours, O God. Let us not draw back from you, neither from your presence, nor from your cross. Touch our hearts and make them holy. Consecrate our lives and enlist them in your service. **Amen.** *Lucy Herbert (1669-1744)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 19TH May 2024. PENTECOST.

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 26th May 2024 .

Service on Sunday 19th May 2024. Pentecost.

10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr Ian Athey.

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 26th May 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.

6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Powers.

A UKRAINIAN CAFÉ will open up again for 2 more sessions on 17th and 31st 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.*

CRAFT FAIR: Any offers of toiletries would be much appreciated by Jean Wall and myself for our stall. Please leave items (labelled) in the Church Office for collection by myself. Thanking you in anticipation. *Lesley Buchanan.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: We are starting a new DVD featuring Jack Spong at our next meeting which is on Friday May 31st at 2.30pm at 25, Crabtree Drive. If you are interested and have not been before do come along. *Alan Bidnell.*

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*

CHURCH IN THE PARK: Sunday 9th June at 10.30am in **ARNOT HILL PARK**. Bring a chair or rug. Service includes kid's activities (Primary) Bring a picnic and stay for lunch. *Act. Arnold Churches Together.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – John 14 verses 16 to 17

The words of Jesus – “... I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever –The Spirit of truth.....You know him for he lives with you and will be in you.”

This Sunday we celebrate the gift of the Holy spirit to the new fledgling Christian community. It is said to be the Birth Day of the Church, when God's power was poured out on the assembled believers as promised by Jesus in the above text. The full exciting story is in Acts chapter 2.

What happened that day was to change the known world forever, as the Gospel (good news) of salvation through faith in Jesus' life, death and resurrection spread throughout the then Roman Empire, transforming lives and society for the better. For twenty centuries the Church has flourished as a power for good, giving hope for despair, light instead of darkness, life in abundance, all in response to God's call for universal love.

Jesus called the Holy Spirit the Advocate, the Counsellor, the Spirit of Truth and the Comforter. Christians today believe that the Holy spirit is still with us living and working in and through ordinary men and women, often unseen and unheard: just as Jesus promised that the Spirit would be with us for ever, enabling us to define truth from falsehood, and we know the Spirit as the third Person of the Trinity.

To have the power of the Holy spirit we have but to believe the words of Jesus and to pray that the living Christ will be with us and in us, empowering us daily to do whatever he calls us to do for him and the Kingdom of God. To his praise and glory. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 19th May. (The Promised Spirit)

Sun 19*.	Acts 2:1-21.	StF 391	Psalm 104.	Challenge.
Mon 20.	Joel 2:21-32.	StF 370	Psalm 18.	Flourish.
Tue 21.	John 7:37-39.	StF 375	Psalm 33.	Notice.
Wed 22.	2 Corinthians 3:4-18.	StF 378	Psalm 100.	Worship.
Thu 23.	Genesis 11:1-9.	StF 381	Psalm 146.	Open.
Fri 24+.	Galatians 4:1-7.	StF 454	Psalm 130.	Challenge.
Sat 25.	Exodus 33:7-23.	StF 383	Psalm 24.	Pray.

**Day of Pentecost. +Conversions of John and Charles Wesley.*

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