



**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:** May we watch for you, O Lord, in the storm, in the earthquake and in the fire, lest in the stillness of the silence you go undetected. **Amen.** *Based on 1 Kings 19:11-12.*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> May 2024. PENTECOST.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 .**

**Services on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**

**10.30am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.**

**6.00pm: 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.*

**Services on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.**

**9.00am: Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Powers.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Anne Smith.**

**CENTRE WI-FI:** For anyone using WI-FI in the Centre: A new access point has been installed for better reception in the church and lounge. Its name is TP-link.. and the password is 4636023583. If you have any problems, please contact Chas  
**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.*

**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 31<sup>st</sup> at 2.30pm at 25, Crabtree Drive. If you are interested and have not been before do come along. *Alan Bidnell.*

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

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Breath on me Breath of God by Edwin Hatch (1935-1889)**

**Extract from the Hymn:-**

**1 "Breath on me Breath of God, fill me with life anew**

**2...until my heart is pure....3.till I am wholly thine....**

**4 So shall I never die, but live with thee to perfect life of thine eter-**

**nity.**

**Biography** – Edwin Hatch was a vicar in the Church of England and a professor of Classics at the University of Trinity College in Canada. He wrote "Breath on me" in 1876 and published it privately. It was published publicly in 1886. When the United Methodist church later published it, it was described in these words – 'the simplicity of this profound hymn belies the education of its author'. Its sentiments refer to the creation of humanity by God in Genesis and to the spiritual breath which came to humanity via Jesus at Pentecost.

**COMMENTS:-** The hymn is a plea for the Holy Spirit (the Breath of God) to fill the believer with new life, to purify the heart, and to make the recipient of God's

grace wholly God's. It is the work of the Spirit within us to transform us, to make us "God-centred" in worship and service instead of self-centred. The reward, we believe of such faith and of the Holy Spirit's ministry is a promise that we never die, but live on beyond this physical realm in God's eternity. (See StF No. 370) In the second part of the first three verses we see the outcome of each plea being enacted in changed lives –

V.1. Loving and doing what God Does

V.2. submitting to God's will with spiritual endurance

V.3. being "on fire" with spiritual zeal ("aglow with thy fire divine")

A lovely, Simple hymn for the Gift and Work of the Holy Spirit section of StF. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> May. Trinity.(Enfolded in Love)**

Sun 26*.	John 3:1-17.	StF 5	Psalm 29.	Learn.
Mon 27.	Genesis 1:1-2:4a.	StF 3	Psalm 73.	Flourish.
Tue 28.	Isaiah 6:1-8.	StF 9	Psalm 86:1-10.	Worship.
Wed 29.	John 16:12-15.	StF 32.	Psalm 86:11-17.	Notice.
Thu 30.	Matthew 28:16-20.	StF 14	Psalm 150.	Tell.
Fri 31+.	Luke 1:39-49.	StF 186	Psalm 113.	Share.
Sat 01.	2 Corinthians 13:11-13.	StF 16	Psalm 8.	Care.

*\*Trinity Sunday +Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth.*

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.