



**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 our chief conversation be with you, O God; let the joy of our salvation be your grace and the heart of our faith be your presence. **Amen.** *Madame Jeanne Guyon (1648-1717)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 .**

**Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 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 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Beth Haden.**

**MHA SUNDAY:** As this Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June, is designated MHA Sunday, envelopes will be available for contributions to Methodist Homes. Your support [will as always](#), be much appreciated. *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions Committee.*

**REFUGEE NOTICE:** Firstly, I would like to thank everyone who has donated items for 'The Cupboard' at Church, for Syrian, Afghanistan and Ukrainian Refugees. Because of the ongoing war we are finding that the Ukrainian refugees are staying with us much longer than anyone envisaged. Having been living with welcoming 'Hosts' they are now having to find accommodation. They have come from homes just like ours, they have little or nothing to put in their new homes. The Church Cupboard is almost bare. Can you donate any Kitchenalia, good quality towels, duvet covers/sheets. If you are not sure if items are acceptable, please ask me. I would like to especially thank Jason for PAT Testing any electrical items, kettles, irons, mixers even sewing machines, and Phyl for carpet offcuts. These are also most acceptable. *Jenny Jones. BRWR.*

**HOUSEGROUP HAVE YOU HEARD:** An open invitation is extended to all of us who experience difficulty in grasping full communication and doing a lot of guessing and smiling!!! Our next session has been postponed until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in Room 6, due to Jim Smith's Funeral. The topic is "A Methodist way of life"., plus a cuppa and focused communication. There is a spare chair for you!!!  
*Pat Booth.*

**MEMORY CHAGE CAFÉ:** A team planning session is on 13<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon in Room 4. If you would like to offer your time and would like to know more information please feel free to join us. The next café is 21<sup>st</sup> June 2-4pm. *Pat Booth.*

**THANK YOU:** Jill and Edie Palmer say Thank you to Church friends for the lovely flowers brought to us by Pat and Kate (and Maurice). We really appreciate everyone's support and god wishes. Eddie is fragile but comfortable and still looks forward to his meals. We send greeting to everyone – Love and Blessings, *Jill and Eddie.*

**DATE & TIMES OF CRAFT FAIR:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June from 10.30am till 12.30pm.

**CRAFT FAIR:** If you have any items that are New or Nearly New (not clothing), that we could include on our Church Fair Gift Stall please give them to Laura, Meryl, Mary or Jenny, or leave them in the church labelled "GIFT STALL" Thank you in anticipation. *Jenny Jones.*

**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.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Ecclesiastes 7 verse 14 (NIV)**

***“When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that a person cannot discover anything about their future.***

**REFLECTION:**

Life is made up of good times and bad; joyful times and sad times. Life has to be a journey of faith, I think.

We don’t have a crystal ball to tell us about our personal future: that is why astrology, tarot cards, clairvoyance are not for the Christian. We live by faith, one day at a time, and we hope that all of our tomorrows will be reasonably enjoyable, fulfilling and purposeful.

It is a coping mechanism that when times are not so good and problems beset us – as they inevitably will – we can find joy in the good things, the uplifting things that have been our good fortune to receive, and the recall of them gives us strength in the difficult times.

God helps us by his love and care to know he is in control of bad times as well as good.

God is the anchor in our lives who helps us to steer clear of the rocks of adversity which might otherwise sink us. We are reminded of that in the Boys’ Brigade anthem - “We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll”.

So let us not want to know what the future holds for us as individuals, but to (to quote another hymn-song) “trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey”

Every blessing, *John.*

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> June. (The Cost of Discipleship)**

Sun 09*.	Mark 3:20-35.	StF 403	Psalm 130.	Learn.
Mon 10.	Luke 9:1-9.	StF 404	Psalm 136:1-9,23-26.	Live.
Tue 11+.	Acts 11:19-30.	StF 407	Psalm 112.	Worship.
Wed 12.	Luke 9:10-17.	StF 243	Psalm 137:1-6.	Open.

Thu	13.	Luke 9:18-27.	StF 338	Psalm 138.	Pray.
Fri	14.	Luke 9:28-36.	StF 259	Psalm 141:1-5.	Worship.
Sat	15.	Luke 9:37-45.	StF 261	Psalm 142.	Care.

*\*MHA Sunday. +Barnabus, 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.