



**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:** Your purposes stand firm, O God. Your power trustworthy, your rest safe, your truth beyond telling, your searching without end, your love un-forgetting and your indwelling for ever. *Tukaram, Indian mystic (c 1608-1649)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 16<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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 .**

**Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

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

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett.**

**6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Peter Powers.**

**FUNERAL AND THANKSGIVING SERVICE** for our friend Jim Smith, will take place today, Friday, at Catshill Methodist Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev Anne and all the family at this sad time.

**HUSTINGS EVENT:** The Hustings Event, arranged by Churches Together in Bromsgrove, was held in the church on Tuesday. Four of the seven Bromsgrove constituency candidates took part, but those from the Labour, Reform UK and Green Party did not attend. Rev Peter welcomed the large crowd of about 250 to the meeting which was chaired by Rev David Ford, The Anglican Team Rector. The proceedings were respectful and good humoured and appreciated by those present. As many chairs as possible were used with some having to stand. Many thanks to Chas Ashworth for organising the many microphones required and for the internal screening. BBC Radio H&W were also present to record the "show".  
*Terry Clark.*

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** The next Church Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in Room 6. Please could I have any reports by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, so they can be circulated with the Agenda. Many thanks. *Pam Gale, Church Council Secretary.*

**UKRAINIAN COFFEE SHOP:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Friday Ukrainian Coffee Shop. We have donated £141 to the Church for the use of facilities and fuel, and £300 to a Medical Charity in the Ukraine. *Svitlana, Inna, Sally and Jenny,*

**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.*

**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.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

**“By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work....The seventh day is holy, on it you shall do no work.”(Genesis 2.2 & Exodus 20 v. 10 – part).**

### **REFLECTION:**

Today while waiting for Jean who was in a shop, I struck up a conversation with a man by commenting on the un-summery weather – as you do. He went on to tell me about getting away to the sun in Lanzarote, for 10 days, that being the optimum length of holiday, in his view.

It led me to thinking about the importance of holidays. Or should I say holy days ?

The words are connected historically, meaning a day set aside for religious festival and recreation: the word we have today is a derivation of the older phrase in old English for Holy Day.

Now we know the religious significance of the Sabbath, our Sunday, each week a day being set aside as a “holy day”. God out of his consideration for his creation set aside a day for worship, rest and recreation. Jesus took the strict religious observance out of it by saying that the Sabbath is made for man – not man for the Sabbath.

Paul described it by saying that some people set aside one day as special for rest, and worship, while others see each day as the same, and equally important or ‘holy’.

Back to our interpretation of days when we seek change, recreation, rest or celebration – holidays.

Now I am aware holidays which involve going away – not necessarily to Lanzarote - are not possible for everyone, because of the lack of finance, care duties, or health problems.

It is only right we remember those people, and avoid boasting about our own self-indulgence too much.

It is also right that we appreciate and thank God for the opportunities for a change of scenery, for making new memories, for new experiences, and for the holistic” (another word connected to the word holy) benefits of a holiday, i.e. the restoration of our wellbeing through the renewing of our mind, body and spirit. We thank God for such times of refreshing. When we can no longer go, we have the memories of earlier times, when with family members or friends we, perhaps, travelled widely, or have a favourite place within the UK which means much to us. If you are yet to go, “happy holiday” and may God go with you.(Via Con Dios if it is Lanzarote! )

Every blessing, *John*

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> June. (Called to Love)**

Sun 16.	Mark 4:26-34.	StF 255	Psalm 92.	Flourish.
Mon 17.	Luke 9:46-50.	StF 615	Psalm 143:1-8.	Challenge.
Tue 18.	Luke 9:51-62.	StF 528	Psalm 144.	Share.
Wed 19.	Luke 10:1-12.	StF 468	Psalm 145:1-9.	Tell.
Thu 20+.	Luke 10:17-24.	StF 11	Psalm 145:10-21.	Notice.
Fri 21.	Luke 10:25-37.	StF 723	Psalm 147.	Care.
Sat 22.	Luke 10.:38-42.	StF 530	Psalm 148.	Open.

*World Refugee Week +World Refugee Day.*

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.