



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: Today, O God, may we drink from the cup of your salvation, rejoice in the company of your saints and delight in the sacrifice of your praise. **Amen.** *Polycarp of Smyrna (c. 155)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 23rd June 2024.

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 30th June 2024 .

Services on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Steve Levett.

6.00 pm: 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.

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CHURCH COUNCIL: The next Church Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th July at 7.30pm in Room 6. Please could I have any reports by Friday 5th

July, so they can be circulated with the Agenda. Many thanks. *Pam Gale, Church Council Secretary.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS will be at 37, The Flats next Friday, June 21st at 2.30pm. and is open to anyone interested. *Alan Bidnell.*

WELCOME COFFEE SHOP: Alison Thurston is unable to do the Welcome Coffee Shop on the first Saturday of July. July 6th. The other Saturday morning team is unable to cover. If anyone is available and would like to volunteer, please let Alison know. It will require two people. The Welcome Coffee Shop is open 10.00am till 12.1 noon on a Saturday. If we don't get volunteers we will not be able to open. Alison's phone number is: 17508 822155. Thank you for your support. *Irene Rhead.*

THANK YOU: As you may know, I passed out briefly at 1.45 on Monday morning and was taken by ambulance to the Alex. Too early for a blue light or siren! After thorough checks on my heart and pacemaker (and blood pressure readings by the dozen) I was discharged on Wednesday afternoon and brought home by Irene. Nothing adverse was found, and I feel fine. May I thank, on my behalf and Irene's, all those who 'phoned or otherwise spoke to Irene enquiring as to my health., and how she was coping while I was there. It is occasions such as this that one appreciates the truth of the term 'Church Family' Again, many thanks, *John Rhead.*

CHRISTINE SMITH: Due to increasing mobility problems, I have decided, with understandable regrets, to move into residential care. I am now living at Droitwich Mews Care Home, Primsland Way, Droitwich. I shall miss my connection and friends at Bromsgrove Methodist Church after more than 60 years, but of course cannot now continue my membership. With love and best wishes to you all. *Christine Smith.*

IAN CUMMINGS: Some news about Ian Cummings, (our street friend with the bike). Having recently returned to England following his European adventures, Ian, unfortunately suffered a nasty accident falling from his bike on the evening of 9th June. He lay on the side of the road all night long until he was discovered by a couple who phoned for an ambulance on the Monday morning. Dudley hospital discovered that he had smashed the bones in his hip. It took a week for the surgeon to be satisfied that his sodium levels were high enough to withstand surgery but thankfully an operation was successfully performed on Monday 17th June. I'm in regular contact with Ian so if you would like me to pass on a message to him I'd be happy to do so. Please contact Margo Rutter: margurutt@yahoo.co.uk Thank you. *Margo Rutter.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - Thanks For Friends - Please see StF No. 619.

“Thanks for friends who keep on loving, finding ways to help us grow, celebrating our achievements, sharing in our pain and woe.....thanks to God for friends who help us to fulfil our lives each day.”

REFLECTION:

Friendship is one of the great treasures of life (Hidden Treasures being the theme for the current Prayer handbook). You meet someone, you talk, you find you have a lot in common – sometimes nothing at all! Yet, through getting to know someone a little better through mutual activities, perhaps, you develop a respect, a trust, an affection.

We use the word love frequently, and friends wouldn't perhaps say they love one another, but in reality the relationship is often one that is close, and the times spent together can often become vital in their mutual wellbeing – why?, because of what they give to each other. Sometimes friendships go on for virtually a lifetime, sometimes only a few months. We are fortunate today to have the means of communication to make keeping in touch much easier.

The author of the above hymn speaks of helping each other to grow – not only spiritually, but emotionally, mentally, educationally, morally. We can all look back and pinpoint someone or more than one, who has helped or contributed to who we have become; it was maybe, friendship, under the guise of professional service, such as a well-loved school teacher or preacher or minister.

Friendship is about listening and knowing when to unburden one-self, and having the humility to seek a friend's help in times of pain or woe. It is also about sharing in the happiness of the other person, rejoicing in an achievement, a new family member, an examination passed, or a big birthday.

The hymn concludes with the line about friends helping us to have a fulfilled life. We can give and receive kindness, forbearance, compassion and, when necessary, forgiveness, so that we can be fulfilled in our relationships. Finally, because we never know how long we will have them, let us also treat them as the treasures that God has given us and always be loving friends. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 23rd June. (Watch and Pray)

Sun 23*.	Mark 4:35-41.	StF 355	Psalm 107.	Pray.
Mon 24+.	Luke 1:57-66, 980.	StF 73.	Psalm 80:1-7.	Worship.
Tue 25.	Luke 11:1-13.	StF 519	Psalm 149.	Share.
Wed 26.	Luke 11:14-36.	StF 637	Psalm 1.	Live.
Thu 27.	Luke 12:1-12.	StF 411	Psalm 2:1-8.	Tell.
Fri 28.	Luke 12:13-21.	StF 34	Psalm 3:1-6.	Open.
Sat 29f.	Matthew 16:13-19.	StF 322	Psalm 125.	Learn.

**Sanctury Sunday +Birth of John the Baptist f Peter, Apostle.*

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