



**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:** All our powers we surrender to you, O God, and our whole will to yours.  
All our designs we submit to your design and all our purposes to yours. **Amen.**

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 30<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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 .**

**Service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship 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 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

**9.00 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs. Jackie Russell.**

**THE LATE MRS VAL REES dec'd:** Many of you remember Trevor and Vall Rees who worshiped here for many years. Following Trevor's death, Val continued to worship here even though she was a lifelong Anglican. Vall passed away in August

2023. Recently a letter was received from one of Val's Executors enclosing a cheque in her memory. It was Val's wish that a small bequest be given to Bromsgrove Methodist Church. We are truly grateful to Val for remembering the life and work of this church in such a practical way. *Sheila Sharman.*

**JILL AND EDDIE PALMER:** All their many church friends send love and congratulations to Jill and Eddie, who will be celebrating their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. *Fran Westropp.*

**THANK YOU:** Anne and Mike Norton wish to thank members of the Church Family for the lovely flowers delivered to us by Ilona and Terry. Your support is much appreciated. *Anne & Mike Norton.*

**UPPER ROOM WELCOME HOUSEGROUP:** Our next session to share and discuss topics relevant to our Christian life is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am to 12noon.** All are welcome in Room 6. *Pat Booth.*

**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.*

**WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:** Alison Thurston is unable to do the Welcome Coffee Shop on the first Saturday of July. July 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 121 noon on a Saturday. If we don't get volunteers we will not be able to open. Alison's phone number is: 07508 822155. Thank you for your support. *Irene Rhead.*

**CHAIR ROTOR:** More volunteers are required to help with putting out the chairs for the weekly services. If anyone feels able to help, on a rota basis, please let Terry know. Tel 832955.

**THE ARMED MAN:** Message from Rob Turner who sings with choirs performing the Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, by Sir Karl Jenkins.

The concert will be a held at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm., to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sir Karl. Tickets are available from Sally Powell 07870 196061 without the usual booking fee, if you are interested. *Terry Clarke*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – Psalm 94 verse 19**

***“When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my heart.”***

**REFLECTION:** I suppose we all have times when things don't seem to be going right; when we are anxious about various things. As the sage says we have to deal with things we can alter, and things we cannot change - the trick is to be able to discern the difference.

We are fortunate to all be gifted with commonsense, and through prayer in action, we can often do something to alleviate our anxiety: that same sense of reason enables us to realise that certain situations cannot be changed. To use a current phrase "It is, what it is".

The spiritual blessing or "consolation" comes when we move from despair, fear, anxiety, worry to a state of acceptance. Other phrases that come to mind when frustration and anxiety pervade are - "banging your head against the wall" or using the biblical phrase, "do not kick against the pricks", referring, I think, to the camel fighting against the goad.

We can spend a lot of time and energy worrying, and the bible has a lot to say about the futility- Jesus words in Matthew 6 and 7 are a comfort and encouragement to get one's priorities right, and moves the reader from worrying about food and clothing, to seeking God's will (his kingdom) and "asking, seeking and knocking".

We have to learn to receive the heartfelt joy that can be ours when we are willing to place all our fears at Jesus' feet, for he "knows our every weakness" (StF 531 v 2) and also to say with the hymnwriter "Father I place into your hands the times that I've been through ...for I know I always can trust you". (StF 519 v. 1) Every blessing, *John*.

### **Suggested Readings Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> June. (The Way of the Kingdom)**

Sun 30.	Mark 4:21-43.	StF 653	Psalm 30.	Care.
Mon 01.	Luke 12:22-31.	StF 115	Psalm 4.	Learn.
Tue 02.	Luke 12:32-40.	StF 570	Psalm 5:1-8.	Open.
Wed 03+.	John 20:24-29.	StF 316	Psalm 31:1-6.	Tell.
Thu 0*.	Luke 13:6-9.	StF 416	Psalm 6:1-9.	Flourish.
Fri 05	Luke 13:10-17.	StF 681	Psalm 8.	Serve.
Sat 06.	Luke 13:18-20.	StF 408	Psalm 9:1-11.	Notice.

*\*Thomas, 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.