



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: Cleanse our hearts, O Lord our God, that with perfect love we may hope in you and purify our consciences that with sure confidence we may pray to you; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Basil of Caesarea (c. 330-379).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 7th July 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 7th July 2024 .

Services on Sunday 7th July 2024.

9.00 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Jackie Russell.

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 14th July 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Alan Bidnell.

EDDIE PALMER: Our good friend, Eddie Palmer, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family on Monday 1st July. Funeral arrangements will be announced later. *Liz Dovey.*

BOYS' BRIGADE: We're holding our annual display and awards night on Wednesday 10th July starting at 6pm. We'd love to see our Church members attend to help us celebrate the successes of our boys this year. Refreshments will be available afterwards. *Paul Hatton. 077197 10002.*

ENVELOPE APPEAL FOR MHA: The MHA appeal raised £203, which will increase to almost £235 when the charity claims the Gift Aid. Thank you very much to everyone who contributed. *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions committee.*

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Newsletter during August. I am taking a break. *Ken Brown.*

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.*

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

FORUM: The deadline date for the August/September edition of FORUM is Sunday 14th April. Please let me have any contributions before that date either by email (les.jim42@btinternet.com) or leave hard copy in the FORUM folder in the Church office. *Jim Buchanan.*

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”. – Romans 12 v. 12.(NIV)

In these words of Paul in his letter to the Gentile believers in Rome, we have an extract from his instructions for Christian living. There is enough content in verses 12 to 21 to occupy our reflections or meditation for several weeks.

One result of our faith in Jesus Christ is the hope that is ours of God’s continued blessing in our lives. This should give us joy and happiness when we realise that as Wesley says “best of all God is with us”.

We are all afflicted from time to time as life consists of “changing scenes” as the hymnwriter says, but God is with us (quoting the same hymn -638) “in troubles and in joys”. When the difficult times beset us, we have to learn to be patient, using the hope we have to wait for better times to arrive.

Prayer makes a great deal of difference, even though God is working invisibly in the affairs of humankind, it seems. Regular prayer is how we keep in communication with our loving, caring God; and I venture to say that failing to pray at all times and in all situations means we are left feeling that our own strength to cope is never enough.

So let us strive to be joyful, patient and faithful, for we are not alone in life’s struggles. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 7th July. (The Call of Moses)

Sun 07.	Mark 6:1-13.	StF 526	Psalm 123.	Share.
Mon 08.	Exodus 1:1-11.	StF 711	Psalm 11:1-5.	Challenge.
Tue 09.	Exodus 2:1-10.	StF 625	Psalm 13.	Care.
Wed 10.	Exodus 2:23-3:6.	StF 667	Psalm 15.	Worship.
Thu 11.	Exodus 3:78-15.	StF 473	Psalm 16.	Tell.
Fri 12.	Exodus 4:27-5:1.	StF 715	Psalm 17:1-8.	Learn.
Sat 13.	Exodus 5:1-6:1.	StF 701	Psalm 18:1-19.	Pray.

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