



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: Everywhere and always, O Christ, let us feel your presence, the gift of grace upholding us, the gift of faith strengthening us, our hope fortified and our love reborn. **Amen.** *Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844-1870)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 14th 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 21st July 2024 .

Service on Sunday 14th July 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Alan Bidnell.

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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10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs. Sarah Leeson.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE READERS: If anyone would like their name included on the rota for reading in Sunday morning services, please have a word with me or

ring me on landline 01527 879010. I can explain how the system works. *Hean Wiseman.*

EDDIE PALMER: The Thanksgiving service for the long life of our dear friend Eddie Palmer, will take place in the church on Friday 26th July at 11.15am and led by Rev Alan Bidnell.. This will follow the cremation service at Redditch at 10.15am. *Terry Clarke.*

ANNIVERSARY MOSAIC: I have made progress with the 40th anniversary mosaic and it now just needs the green background completing. I will be doing that during coffee bar hours on Saturday 20th July at church and would like you to come and help me. *Janet Millward.*

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

THANK YOU: Thank you for all the cards and good wishes following my move to a care home in Droitwich. Best wishes and love to you all. *Christine Smith.*

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.

FORUM: The deadline date for the August/September edition of FORUM is Sunday 14th July. 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 – ROMANS 12 VERSE 13

“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practise hospitality”

REFLECTION:

Last week we thought about being joyful, patient and faithful.

As we look further into St. Paul’s words under the heading of “love” beginning at v. 9, we come to the idea of helping others in need and the ministry of hospitality.

As individuals we all, I am sure, give what we can to various charities and support groups, especially those which have a personal appeal, or emotional pull on our heart strings: some would be local, others national or international. Today, for instance, I watched an interview on TV with Sir Mo Farah, who is an ambassador for Save the Children, and he had been back to the country of his birth, Somalia, where famine and floods have made life very difficult, with famine one of the outcomes.

The words above specify “God’s people”, but surely everyone is a child of God, and each and every person in need, deserves relief.

As a church fellowship , we are aware there is much to do in our area and community, to help foodbanks, homelessness, refugee resettlement. (to mention just 3 social or economic needs).

We try to fulfil our mission. with being a warm space church in the winter months, being a safe space, being a dementia friendly church, having a welcome cafe, a bereavement care group, a meeting friends group, a memory change club, and the interaction with our Ukrainian friends, through their fellowship meals and language classes. All this and much more. Without mentioning all of the groups who regularly hire our premises. We can affirm that we do practise hospitality. What a privilege and a joy it is to live out the gospel of love, and hope, united in service, observing Jesus' words- "I came not to be served, but to serve"; and "do to others as you would have them do to you".

Every blessing, JOHN

Suggested Readings Week beginning 14th July. (Slavery and Freedom)

Sun 14*.	Mark 6:14-29.	StF 368	Psalm 85.	Challenge.
Mon 15.	Exodus 6:2-13.	StF 697	Psalm 19.	Notice.
Tue 16.	Exodus 7:8-13.	StF 713	Psalm 20.	Pray.
Wed 17.	Exodus 7:14-24.	StF 455	Psalm 21:1-7.	Flourish.
Thu 18.	Exodus 11:10 – 12:14.	StF 549	Psalm 22:1-18.	Worship.
Fri 19.	Exodus 12:21-42.	StF 639	Psalm 22:19-31.	Care.
Sat 20.	Exodus 14:5-31.	StF 238	Psalm 24.	Learn.

**Action for Children Sunday.*

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