



**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: Be to us, O God, our love and our hope; our thoughts flowing from you,
our life being in you and our breathing taken with you, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen. John Cassain (c. 360-435)

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 21st July 2024.

THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP WILL CLOSE AFTER THIS COMING Saturday
morning for the summer break. It will reopen on Monday 2nd September.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 28th July 2024. (Last one before the
break)**

Service on Sunday 21st July 2024.

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

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 28th July 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Ms Lyn Gennoe.

6.00 pm: Holy Communion Led by Rev Peter Powers.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: The next meeting is on Friday 26th, at The Flats at 2.30pm. If you want to come you are welcome. *Alan Bidnell.*

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 private cremation service at Redditch. *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.*

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.

FAREWELL SERVICE: The Farewell Service for The Rev Peter Powers will take place at Bromsgrove Methodist Church on Sunday 11th August at 4.00pm. The service will be taken by Rev Steve Levett and there will be refreshments after the service.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Romans 12 verse 15

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn”

REFLECTION:

Last week we looked at caring and sharing with those in need and how we as a church community practise hospitality.

Continuing with Paul’s advice on Christian love, we are reminded that as a caring and sharing church family and fellowship we really feel for one another. We all experience good times and bad, that is the make up of life’s rich tapestry. Risking repeating myself – we are not exempt suffering, pressures, stress, anxiety or grief. That is the flipside of the coin which offers us happiness, hope, joy, fulfilment, contentment.

The wonderful thing is that God is with us in all of life, with its ups and downs, its joys and sorrows.

So when we hear of someone's good news (rejoicing), we can be happy for them, pleased that they are experiencing, for example, a new relationship, success, birth of a child or grandchild, celebrating a significant anniversary, or milestone birthday, new home or new job, obtaining that strived for degree, or achieving sporting success: we can be grateful with them to God for his grace in that situation.

Equally, but harder to see for the individual who is suffering (mourning), God, through his Spirit, the Comforter, is offering uplifting, strength, courage, consolation. We don't only mourn for the passing of a loved one. Loss can come in varied forms – redundancy, breakdown of relationship, loss of one's home when having to cease to live independently, loss of mobility, or one or more of our faculties. Then it is that the individual needs understanding, compassion and a listening ear, to know that someone is there for them.

I think Paul is saying – that we have to be the conduit through which with God's help we relate to others in everyday life. May WE be able to show love by caring and sharing with each other, rejoicing and mourning as appropriate - a united fellowship, all in Christ's name. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings Week beginning 21st July. (On Eagles' Wings)

Sun 21.	Mark 6:30-56.	StF 324	Psalm 23.	Open.
Mon 22*.	Luke 8:1-3.	StF 471	Psalm 63:1-8.	Tell.
Tue 23.	Exodus 15:1-21.	StF 89	Psalm 25:1-7.	Worship.
Wed 24.	Exodus 16:2-15.	StF 593	Psalm 25:8-22.	Flourish.
Thu 25+.	Matthew 20:20-28.	StF 486	Psalm 126.	Serve.
Fri 26.	Exodus 17:1-7.	StF 518	Psalm 26.	Care.
Sat 27.	Exodus 18:13-26.	StF 689	Psalm 27.	Challenge.

**Mary Magdalene +James, Apostle.*

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