



## 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:** Grant us, Lord, the penitence of the publican who dared not raise his eyes to heaven, the desire of the prodigal who set out for home and the wisdom of the merchant who surrendered all to possess the kingdom. **Amen.** *Rabbula of Edessa (c. 350-435).*

### **BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

#### **THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:**

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP NOW CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER BREAK. It will  
reopen on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.**

Services on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs. Ms Lyn Gennoe.

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.*

**Service on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

9.00 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Brian Mason.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mrs Maureen Foxall.

**Services on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Anne Smith.**

**4.00 pm: Farewell Service for Rev Peter Powers led by Rev Steve Levett.**

**Service on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.**

**Services on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr James Knott.**

**6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.**

**UPPER ROOM WELCOME HOUSEGROUP:** Let's celebrate – its summer??. A cream tea and choose a hymn that has special meaning for you. Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. 10.30am 9in Room 6.

**MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ – ADVANCE NOTICE:** If you, or someone you know has Memory Change, you will be welcome at the MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ. Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2-4 pm in Room 6 for fun in a special welcoming space.

**MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ – TEAM PLANNING SESSION:** Reminder – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am – in foyer.

*Pat Booth.*

**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. *Jean Wiseman.*

**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 11<sup>th</sup> August at 4.00pm. The service will be taken by Rev Steve Levett and there will be refreshments after the service.

**COLLECTION FOR PETER POWERS LEAVING:** Although Peter has only been with for a year, I'm sure you will agree he has made an impact in Bromsgrove. His leaving service is on August 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to make a contribution to his leaving present there will be a box available Sunday mornings or please see Janet Millward or Sheila Sharman. Thank you. *Janet Millward.*

**COLLECTION FOR THE BASEMENT:** Please try to remember to support this project. Ideas for gifts are on the lid of the collection box on the table in the foyer. This is one of the charities we, as a church, support. Please look at the list, and see what you can donate. *Brenda and Irene.*

**'MARK AND ANNE'S FAREWELL'**. Mark has been worshipping with us for several months, but unfortunately house prices here are prohibitive due to the exchange rate of the South African rand to our pound. Mark and Anne have now bought a house back in South Africa, so will be leaving us and returning there. We will miss them, but we wish them a Happy Retirement in South Africa. We say 'farewell' and send them with God's blessing, and our love and prayers. From all your friends at Bromsgrove Methodist Church'. *Irene and John Rhead.*

**WEDNESDAY MEETING POINT:** The meetings will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup> in the Church Hall at 7.30pm. The second meeting is on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Room 6 at 7.30pm. Liz Dovey.

**MISSING LONG REACH STAPLER:** Has anyone that you know of 'Borrowed' a Long Reach stapler from the stationary drawer in the Church Office. As we had to use the old stapler during production of FORUM not only did the job take longer, but some of the staples may not be completely attached. Take care. Please would you return it to the office ASAP please. Thank you. *Ken Brown.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - ROMANS 12 verse 16 part, and verse 18**

***"Live in harmony with one another. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."***

**REFLECTION –**

Continuing with Paul's helpful guidance to his readers in Rome on the subject of Christian living, under the heading "love" in the NIV version, we touch on the root of problems in society, namely that of mutual respect, I suggest.

How is this desirable "harmony" achieved? It is about getting to know and appreciate and respect the other person or persons; taking time to realise what are their priorities, what motivates them, before taking a dislike, or giving way to a snap judgment in a negative way. That was Jesus' way. He talked to people first, showed compassion, empathy and offered help where needed. Speaking of snappy judgments, the other day someone who was big, intimidating, and dressed in the gear one associates, rightly or wrongly, with criminal fraternity, showed me great kindness and courtesy. Looks can deceive!

Harmony comes from the realisation that we are a very diverse society, and everyone can and should be included. After all, everyone needs someone. Simply it should be live and let live, and do to others as you would have them do to you. Such an attitude avoids quarrels, disputes, and worse – disharmony!

That leads to the idea of peaceful co-existence, whether with your near neighbours, between different cultures, or internationally. If we all took peace and its

achievement seriously wouldn't the world be a better place! After all Jesus said "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" .As we enter a month without printed notices, due to holidays all round in August, I wish anyone going away and creating more memories, a wonderful, refreshing time. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> July. (Holy Things, Holy People)**

Sun 28.	John 6:1-21.	StF 517	Psalms 145:1-13.	Open.
Mon 29.	Exodus 19:1-25.	StF 686	Psalms 28:1-2, 6-9.	Worship.
Tue 30.	Exodus 20:1-17.	StF 501	Psalms 29.	Care.
Wed 31.	Exodus 24:1-18.	StF 55	Psalms 30.	Flourish.
Thu 01.	Exodus 32:1-14.	StF 431	Psalms 31:1-8.	Challenge.
Fri 02.	Exodus 33:1-23.	StF 434	Psalms 31:9-24.	Tell.
Sat 03.	Exodus 34:29-35.	StF 572	Psalms 32.	Pray.

**Suggested Readings for Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> August. (Imitating Christ).**

Sun 04.	John 6:24-35.	StF252	Psalms 78.	Serve.
Mon 05.	Philippians 1:1-11.	StF 692	Psalms 33:1-12.	Share.
Tues 06*.	Luke 9:28-36.	StF 261	Psalms 47.	Notice.
Wed 07.	Philippians 1:12-18a.	StF 402	Psalms 33:13-22.	Tell.
Thur 08.	Philippians 1:18b-30.	StF 470	Psalms 39.	Challenge.
Fri 09.	Philippians 2:1-11.	StF 199	Psalms 40:1-10.	Serve.
Sat 10.	Philippians 2:12-18.	StF 564	Psalms 42.	Worship.

*\*The transfiguration of the Lord.*

**Suggested Readings for Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> August. (The Call to Perfection)**

Sun 11.	John 6:35: 41-51.	StF 593	Psalms 34.	Live.
Mon 12.	Philippians 2:19-29.	StF 676	Psalms 36:5-12.	Open.
Tues 13.	Philippians 3:1-16.	StF 489	Psalms 37:1-29.	Challenge.
Wed 14.	Philippians 3:17 – 4:3.	StF 566	Psalms 37:30-40.	Care.
Thur 15*.	Galatians 4:4-7.	StF 120	Psalms 45.	Tell.
Fri 16.	Philippians 4:4-13.	StF 648	Psalms 38:1-8.	Pray.
Sat 17.	Philippians 4:15-23.	StF 545	Psalms 38:9-22.	Care.

*\*The Blessed Virgin Mary.*

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> August. (The Supremacy of Christ)**

Sun 18.	John 6:51-58.	StF 573	Psalms 111.	Flourish.
Mon 19.	Colossians 1:1-18.	StF 573	Psalms 147.	Pray.
Tue 20.	Colossians 1:9-14.	StF 379	Psalms 43.	Notice.
Wed 21.	Colossians 1:15-20.	StF 16	Psalms 44:1-8.	Worship.
Thur 22.	Colossians 1:21-23.	StF 407	Psalms 46.	Share.
Fri 23.	Colossians 1:24-29.	StF 448	Psalms 148.	Tell.

Sat 24\*. Luke 22:24-30. StF 623 Psalm 145:14-21. Challenge.

*\*Bartholomew, Apostle.*

**Suggested Reading for Week Beginning 25<sup>th</sup> August. (Holy Living)**

Sun 25.	John 6:56-69.	StF 588	Psalm 84.	Notice.
Mon 26.	Colossians 2:1-15.	StF 440	Psalm 48.	Learn.
Tue 27.	Colossians 2:16-23.	StF 416	Psalm 50:1-15.	Open.
Wed 28.	Colossians 3:1-17.	StF 562	Psalm 53.	Live.
Thu 29*.	Matthew 14.1-12.	StF732	Psalm 126.	Serve.
Fri 30.	Colossians 3:18 – 4:1.	StF 615	Psalm 54.	Challenge.
Sat 31.	Colossians 4:2-6.	StF 620	Psalm 56.	Tell.

*\*Beheading of John the Baptist.*

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.