



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: Great, O God is the power of your glory, great are the wonders of your work and great is the wisdom of your justice and mercy, and for all these we bless you and magnify your holy name, now and for ever. **Amen.** *George Wither (1588-1667).*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 8th September 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 until 12 noon.

The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 8th September 2024.

Service on Sunday 8th September 2024.

10.30 am: Holy Communion led by Rev Brian Mason.

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 15th September 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Bamford/Ms Jackie Hartrey.

FORUM: The next edition of FORUM will cover the months of October and November with a deadline date for contributions being **SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**. Please email contributions to me at les.jim45@btinternet.com or put written items in the FORUM folder in the Church Office. *Jim Buchanan*

UPPER ROOM HOUSEGROUP: We are starting our Autumn sessions on Friday 7th September in Room 6 and looking forward to sharing discussions on topics relevant to our Christian daily life and our Christian faith. Please note that you are welcome to join us. Start time 10.30am *Pat Booth 07966370448*.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE: You are invited to a meeting on Tuesday 10th September, at 7.30pm in Catshill Methodist Church. Some solicitors will be offering advice on legal matters such as Wills and Power of Attorney. Anyone wishes to find out more will be able to request a further free consultation. All are welcome. There is a £2 charge, to include refreshments. For more information contact Gladys Hatton on 07752646562.

SAFEGUARDING: Hello Everyone, After many years of sterling service by Laura Hodges as Safeguarding Officer, Laura has decided that it is time to retire from the post and I am picking up the baton and hope to run with it. It is a daunting prospect but with your support I'm sure I can conquer this. As you know the foundation training has to be renewed every five years. I find on the list I have been given many are out of date. Could you let me know if you last trained in 2019 or before and let me know the date that you trained. Ian Belcher from the Black Country has organised some Foundation training in Leabrook MC Wednesbury in September/ October – the link is: ianbelcher71@gmail.com However more local training is hopefully planned for November. Thank you for listening. Best wishes to you all. *Pam Harrison*.

"AFTER HOURS" Concert Saturday 14th September at 7.30pm Tickets priced £7.50 will be available from the Welcome Coffee Shop on Saturday morning (10am-11am) and during next week. Also from Janet Millward after the service on Sunday.

CLOTHING REPAIRS: Trousers length reduced, Hems up or down, Waists in or out etc. If you need any of these or other adjustments, **Chris Roberts** will be able to help you and the Church funds will benefit. Please speak to Chris to discuss your requirements.

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON JANET THOMAS: I met with the police officers who were in the coffee bar this morning and the future dates that they have offered are 8th October and 14th November, both sessions 10.30to 11.30. They have

changed one date from a Thursday to a Tuesday. For more info please contact Deacon Janet Thomas.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSES: I have had some interest in starting Membership classes. Membership of the Methodist Church is open to anyone who is interested in becoming Confirmed or anyone who has already been Confirmed in a different denomination (or Baptised in the Baptist Church) If this is of interest to you please speak to either Deacon Janet, Deacon Gwynn or one of the stewards.
Deacon Janet Thomas.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - *Philippians chap. 4 verse 5b and 6*

The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

REFLECTION - This passage is part of the final exhortations (urgent instructions) from Paul to his friends at the church of Philippi. The passage from verse 4 to 9 covers the attitude believers should have towards their faith, and living it; and even includes the kind of things we should think about which are most beneficial to us. He speaks of rejoicing; being known for gentleness, and the special peace which our trust in God gives us. He concludes in verses 8 and 9 with urging Christians to think about (ponder, or dwell on) what is noble, right, pure, lovely and admirable.

Above, however we are reminded that we don't walk the path of faith alone. "The Lord is near". God is concerned about us and knows each of us intimately, he knows our needs before we ask, he knows our current situation and all of our personal circumstances. Therefore we don't need to "be anxious about anything". We can cast all our care on God. Did not Jesus say "Come unto me all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, rest unto your souls"? If we doubt that God in Christ is near, we have but to remember Jesus' words where he says "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, and if you open the door (of your heart) and invite me in I will come and abide with you." What a wonderful promise.

We know God knows us and loves each one, and wants what is best for us; so our part is to come to our caring Lord, and bring "everything in prayer and petition to the One who loves us.

In our praying let us remember to recount all of the blessings we receive daily, and pray "with thanksgiving", taking nothing for granted. Every blessing,
John.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 8th September. (A Covenant Renewed)

Sun 08*. Mark 7:24-37.

StF 653

Psalm 146.

Care.

Mon 09+.	Micah 5:1-4.	StF 325	Psalm 45.	Open.
Tue 10.	Joshua 24:1-13.	StF 428	Psalm 62.	Challenge.
Wed 11.	Joshua 24:14-18.	StF 549	Psalm 65.	Serve.
Thu 12.	Joshua 24:19-24.	StF 460	Psalm 66:1-12.	Pray.
Fri 13.	Joshua 24:25-28.	StF 466	Psalm 67.	Worship.
Sat 14f.	Philippians2:6-11.	StF 279	Psalm 22:1-18.	Live.

**Education Sunday. +Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. f Holy Cross Day.*

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