



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: By the sorrow you suffered when all the powers of your heart failed you, O Jesus have mercy on us. In our days of darkness help us in our hours of weakness strengthen us that we do not lose hold of you in this life, nor fail you in the life of the world to come. **Amen.** *Briget of Sweden (1303-1373)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 15th 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 22nd September 2024.

Service on Sunday 15th September 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Gwynn Bamford/Ms Jackie Hartrey. 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 22nd September 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

6.00pm: Holy Communion led by Rev Steve Levett.

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.*

THANK YOU: I would like to thank all my friends in the Church for the lovely flowers given to me at Peter's last service and also the wonderful bouquet delivered by Irene to commemorate my 94th birthday. Thank you they were much appreciated. Although a bitter-sweet day – I got married on my birthday, 72 years ago – I had a really lovely birthday. All for now. *Avery Turner.*

CHURCH COUNCIL: The Autumn meeting is on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm in Room 6. Please could I have reports by Friday 20th September. Many thanks. *Pam Gale.*

LIVING THE QUESTIONS: This group will meet again on Friday September 27th at 49.Old Station Road at 2.30pm. and will welcome any who would like to try it out. *Alan Bidnell.*

EXCITING NEWS FOR THOSE WHO LOVE UKRANIAN FOOD: Our Ukrainian guests are cooking again in the Bromsgrove Methodist Church café in the foyer on the final Friday of each month, between 10.30am and 1.30pm. So remember to come along for an early lunch of Borscht and other specialities, or a coffee and cake! Profits will be to a charity supporting children in Ukraine. The dates for Ukrainian café are Friday September 27th, October 25, and November 29th. *Margaret Evans.*

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE: There will be Foundation Training available on the following dates:- Saturday 5th October at St. Andrews Methodist Church, B98 9AA from 10am – 1pm. Saturday 16th November at Catshill Methodist Church B61 0LG from 1-4pm. Please check when you last did your training and if it was in 2019 or before it is now out of date and needs to be renewed. If you need to attend I will need to know – your name, email address and a contact number. Information can be left for me in my pigeon hole in the foyer. Thank you. *Pam Harrison.*

CLOTHING REPAIRS: Trouser 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 10.30 to 11.30. They have

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



MEMORY CHANGE CAFÉ – 20TH SEPTEMBER – ROOM 6: Our next session for people experiencing Memory Loss, their care partners, friends and families, is an exciting session on reminiscence. Please share this café information with anyone you know experiencing Memory Loss, who would enjoy warmth and friendship in an inclusive safe space. Bromsgrove Methodist Church – 2pm – 4 pm

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 –Jeremiah chap.29 verses 11 and 12

“For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then, when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.”

COMMENT – This is part of a letter Jeremiah wrote to the newly exiled people of Judah when taken to Babylon, where they would stay for seventy years.

The passage contains promises from God, which can be applied to individuals and to our church congregation today. Because God’s faithfulness is unchanging.

We tend to worry about the future; about what tomorrow will hold for us. We cannot know the answer to that and where sadness and suffering are concerned, we would not want to know in advance, thus building even more anxiety. God does have plans for each of us and we have to live one day at a time, believing his promise of our wellbeing and of a life with hope.

As a church fellowship we also need to seek out God’s plans for us, and to receive a vision of what role our community church has going forward. We have but to sow the seeds of faith and God will continue to water them with his grace, mercy

and love. Then let us not give up “calling upon” God, because he always hears us, and answers according to his divine plans. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 15th September. (God of Compassion)

Sun 15.	Mark 8:27-38.	StF 247	Psalm 116.	Live.
Mon 16.	Jonah 1:1-10.	StF 517	Psalm 698:1-6,32-35.	Open.
Tue 17.	Jonah 1:11-17.	StF 51	Psalm 100.	Notice.
Wed 18.	Jonah 2:1-10.	StF 433	Psalm 69:1-18.	Pray.
Thu 19.	Jonah 3:1-10.	StF 696	Psalm 69:30-36.	Tell.
Fri 20.	Jonah 4:1-11.	StF 705	Psalm 72.	Notice.
Sat 21*.	Matthew 9:9-123.	StF 652	Psalm 119:65-72.	Live.

**Mathew, Apostle and Evangelist.*

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