



**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: Let us be lost in your will, O God, lost in the doing of it, lost in the presence of your Spirit, lost in your redeeming love and lost in you forever. **Amen.**

Mary porteous, primitive methodist itinerant (1783-1861).

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 22nd 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 29th September 2024.

Services on Sunday 22nd September 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

6.00 pm: Holy Communion led by Rec Steve Levett.

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 29th September 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.

MINISTERS SURGERY: This is being reinstated for every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month, beginning 23rd October. Deacons Gwynn or Janet will be available between 10.30 and 12 noon in the café area – quiet room will also be available. *Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS: These are about to be changed to say: Minister 07464 295843. This new 'ministers' number will remain permanent and will be shared at present by Deacons Gwynn and Janet thereafter to new minister. *Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

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.*

MACMILLAN TIME!!!: So this will be the last Coffee morning at 13 Clive Road so we need to make it a good one....(it might be the one where I pass the baton on so have a think, Could it be you??) This is such a good cause and over the years each and every one of us has done our bit and hopefully made a little difference. I think this could be the twelfth one we have done guys! The National day is Friday 27th September where the Country comes together to share coffee and lots of cake, and meet and chat and laugh loudly so I would love you to join us again between 10.30 and 12.30 on Friday 27th September. This year... partly because I am trying to clear my house out and not add more 'stuff' I have decided not to do any kind of stall BUT if you would like to donate anything for a raffle Please drop this to me before hand or at least let me know just so I can put this together before hand. We will have books so please drop them before or bring them on the day. We will do our Tray "Bake-off" ... £2 to enter and need to have 4 identical pieces of something gorgeous...judging will be @ 11.30 so need to have them on the table by then. **GO ON BE BRAVE AND TRY**, it's all just a bit of fun! Any donations of cakes for general eating would be appreciated and finally, please come and bring neighbours and friends who would like to share in the effort, everyone is welcome. See you on the 27th! *Love, Sarah Stanhope.*

FUNDRAISING NEWS: The amount raised from ticket sales, soft drinks and donations at the "After Hours" Concert last Saturday was **£497**. Thank you to everyone who supported the event, those who baked cakes, the kitchen helpers and most of all the superb entertaining group. The next fundraising event will

be the Harvest Supper on Saturday 12th October at 6.30pm. Full details will follow shortly. *Jim Buchanan* .

FASHION SHOW and Shopping Event on Saturday 5th October from 1.30 pm. High street brands at 75% reduction. Sizes 6 to 30. In aid of Bromsgrove and Redditch Welcomes Refugees. Tickets £8.00 from Jenny Jones, Margaret Evans or the Coffee Shop. *Jenny Jones*.

UKRAINIAN COFFEE SHOP: Friday 27th September, 1030 am. Delicious Ukrainian food cooked to order. Profits to Ukrainian Children's Charity. *Jenny Jones*.

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.

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 –James chap. 3 verses 5,6a, 9 and 10 :

“..Also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing....This ought not to be so.”

COMMENT - We all know how a word in season to those in distress is often welcome.

But it needs to be the right word. Some of us are good at offering comfort or counselling. Others are not so gifted. Others are great listeners and have that

calm aura which somehow encourages people to unburden themselves. They say a trouble shared is a trouble halved.

We all need to pray for guidance in what we say in casual conversation; remembering the sensitivity of others. Especially now in these “politically correct” times. We have all seen people recently ostracised for saying the right thing in the wrong way. Of course, there are those who are rightly censured for unacceptable comments.

As the text says a forest fire can be set ablaze by the wrong words. We hear of families being split or siblings becoming estranged by a wrong comment and the problem being exaggerated to the point that those concerned don’t speak for years. As we read above, this ought not to be so.

So what can we do to avoid awkward situations arising, often innocently out of a giveaway or careless comment? Perhaps it is as simple as “Think before you speak.” That way may ensure we only offer blessings to others. After all as the scriptures say in a difficult situation or when asked to account for our faith God will give us the right words. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 22nd September. (Ministry and Oversight)

Sun 22.	Mark 9:30-37.	StF 420	Psalm 1.	Live.
Mon 23.	1 Timothy 1:12-17.	StF 56	Psalm 76.	Tell.
Tue 24.	1 Timothy 2:1-7.	StF 329	Psalm 71:1-16.	Pray.
Wed 25.	1 Timothy 3:1-13.	StF 665	Psalm 71:17-24.	Serve.
Thu 26.	1 Timothy 3:14-16.	StF 333	Psalm 8.	Live.
Fri 27.	1 Timothy 5:17-22.	StF 668	Psalm 73:1-14.	Serve.
Sat 28.	1 Timothy 6:11.16.	StF 457	Psalm 73:15-28.	Tell.

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