



**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 one, O Lord, in our praise of you, One in our prayers to you, One in our love for you and one through Christ, in our coming to you. **Amen.** *Ignatius of Antioch (c. 35-c. 107)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**THE WELCOME COFFEE SHOP:**

**The Welcome Coffee Shop Opening Hours: Monday to Thursday inclusive from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Plus 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of each month from 10am until 12 noon.**

**The next Newsletter will be for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**Services on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Mr John Webb.**

**Please join us for Coffee after the service.**

**6.00pm: Circuit Service including Holy Communion at Emmanuel Church, Redditch, led by Rev. Ruth Wilson**

**Service on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Latika Singh.**

**THANK YOU:** Anne and Mike Norton would like to thank members of the Church family for the Beautiful flowers delivered by Terry and Ilona. *Mike Norton.*

**HARVEST APPEALS:**

Envelopes for the harvest appeal for All We Can will be available next Sunday and at our Harvest service on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Details in your October/November Forum.

We will also be receiving donations of food for the Basement Project at the service, as usual. They say they currently DO NOT NEED baked beans, pasta, tinned soup, or tea bags. They would be glad to receive the following tinned foods: Meat/vegetable Pies, Hot Dogs, Chilli, Meatballs, Tuna, Macaroni Cheese,

Beans & Sausage, Spaghetti & Sausage, Spaghetti Bolognese, Ravioli, Tinned Potatoes, Vegetables or Fruit.

Other foods: Long-life Milk, Cereal Bars, Cereals, Curry or Pasta Sauces, Jam, Fajita kits, Cup-a-Soups, Pot Noodles, Biscuits, Instant Coffee. *Janet Henderson, for the Charity and Missions Committee.*

### **EASY FUNDRAISING:**

We've had some great fundraising thanks to our supporters on #easyfundraising! Because of you we raised £36.60 in the last 30 days! If you're not signed up yet, please join today and raise free donations every time you shop online. Plus, sign up today and we could win a £100 donation: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/bromsgrovemethodist/40YN3R/c2s/FZ9Up2Ac/CE957/facebook/> *Jim Buchanan.*

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Ken Brown wishes to retire from his role in the Church office, after many years. He is finding it increasingly difficult to get to the Church. He would, however, like to continue with compiling the weekly Newsletter, as this can be done from home, but not the printing. Ken also helped with the production of Forum. His other duties included the ordering of stationery from Viking and others and taking care of the photocopiers (ordering toners and providing meter readings as required).

We need a volunteer to take over this work and Ken has agreed to show this person exactly what is involved. Please let Terry know if you are interested.

In the meantime, we thank Ken very much for his past and future contributions and send our best wishes to both Ken and Molly. *Terry (Tel.832955).*

### **METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK:**

There are some copies still available. The cost is £4.15. Please let Terry know if you would like a copy. *Terry*

**HARVEST SUPPER:** Tickets are available now for the Harvest Supper on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October from Jim Buchanan or The Welcome Café from Monday next. Price of tickets (including 2 course hot meal and entertainment by Bromsgrove Ukelele Band) is £7.50.

**MINISTERS SURGERY:** This is being reinstated for every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month, beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Gwyn and Janet thereafter to new minister. *Deacon Gwynn Bamford.*

**FASHION SHOW** and Shopping Event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30 pm. Hight 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.*

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE:** There will be Foundation Training available on the following dates:- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at St. Andrews Methodist Church, B98 9AA from 10am – 1pm. Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**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.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK** – James 4 verses 13 to 15

**“Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow, we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money.” Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, “If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that.”**

**COMMENT:**

A timely reminder from James that we should not take today or tomorrow for granted.

Some months ago we booked a holiday to Norfolk. Fortunately, nothing prevented us from going and, last week, we had a lovely time. These days, we say “Well, let’s book it, and we hope when the time comes, to go.” However, being an ex-insurance man, we took out a separate cancellation insurance !

Our lives are truly in God’s hands, and as James says we should live by the mantra that, yes, we make plans for the near future and the further future, but it always depends on God’s plans for us. As James asks “What is your life?” It indicates to me we should live life to the full, one day at a time: recalling Jesus’ promise that when we believe in him we have life abundantly !

It is connected, also I think, to Jesus’ words in Matthew 6 about not worrying about tomorrow and provision for clothing, food and drink- trusting God, because he knows we need these things, leaving us free to concentrate on serving God who loves and cares for us.

So we live trusting God, that all will be well, and remembering to say “thank you” when it turns out as we wanted. And if it doesn’t, we learn humbly to submit to God’s will. Every blessing, *John*.

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 29<sup>th</sup> September. (Wrestling with God)**

<b>Sun 29.</b>	<b>Mark 9:38-50.</b>	<b>StF 416</b>	<b>Psalm 124.</b>	<b>Open.</b>
<b>Mon 30*.</b>	<b>Revelation 12:7-12.</b>	<b>StF 69</b>	<b>Psalm 103.</b>	<b>Learn.</b>
<b>Tue 01.</b>	<b>Job 1:6 – 2:10.</b>	<b>StF 104</b>	<b>Psalm 148.</b>	<b>Worship.</b>
<b>Wed 02.</b>	<b>Job 3:1-15.</b>	<b>StF 635</b>	<b>Psalm 149:1-5.</b>	<b>Care.</b>
<b>Thu 03.</b>	<b>Job 5:8-18.</b>	<b>StF 623</b>	<b>Psalm 104:1-23.</b>	<b>Tell.</b>
<b>Fri 04.</b>	<b>Job 14:1-14.</b>	<b>StF 733</b>	<b>Psalm 2:1-8.</b>	<b>Care.</b>
<b>Sat 05.</b>	<b>Job 19:21-27a.</b>	<b>StF 303</b>	<b>Psalm 3:1-6.</b>	<b>Live.</b>

*\*Michael and All Angels, Trans.*

**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.**