



**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, O God, to pass each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the eventide victorious over all temptation, we may again praise you, the eternal God, blessed over all things now and forever. **Amen.** *Mozarabic Sacramentary (10th Century)*

BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 6th October 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 13th October 2024.

Service on Sunday 6th October 2024.

10.30 am: Morning Worship led by Rev Latika Singh.

Please join us for Coffee after the service.

Service on Sunday 13th October 2024.

10.30 am: Harvest Festival, with Love Feast led by Deacon Janet Thomas.

HAVE YOU HEARD HOUSEGROUP: A warm welcome to all who are experiencing a hearing loss that is impacting on sharing in community and family gatherings. We are a small group in a safe place where our contributions are welcome. Come and find out what goes on in this housegroup on the 2nd Friday of the month at 10.30am. **NEXT SESSION – FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024.** *Pat Booth.*

AFTER HOURS: Did you enjoy the concert by the band 'After Hours' at the Centre recently? You have another chance to hear and enjoy on Friday 11th October. They are playing at Tardebigge Community Hall at 7.30pm for the North Worcestershire National Trust. Non-members very welcome. £10 including light refreshments. For the Hall take the OLD main road towards Redditch, over the canal at Tardebigge, quarter mile turn right, proceed for a third of a mile. Hall car park in on the right. Do not turn off lane for Church or its carpark. Come and enjoy music

from the sixties, seventies and eighties, again. This is Maurice Preece's band. *John Rhead*.

NEIGHBOURHOOD MATTERS WITH WEST MERCIA POLICE: Bromsgrove safer Neighbourhood Team will be available, once again, for a face to face chat in the Welcome Coffee shop on Tuesday 8th October, 10.30-11.30am. This is your opportunity to raise any concerns or issues you might have. *Terry Clark*.

HARVEST APPEALS: Envelopes for the harvest appeal for All We Can will be available at our Harvest service on 13th 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*

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 12th 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 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.*

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING UPDATE: There will be Foundation Training available on the following date:- 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.

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 – Psalm 118 verse 24 9NIV)

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

COMMENT: This verse is usually quoted or sung on Sunday, during worship. Yet, surely, the words apply to EVERY day. I think that the older we get, the more precious time and every day is to us. We are increasingly grateful. I quote from a prayer anthology I use regularly- Father, please clear away all distractions and problems in my life and help me to see only you. The sun is out, I have a roof over my head, I am breathing, and I know you LOVE me. There are so many reasons to simply be and rejoice in You this day., I WILL be glad as I dwell in the peace You

give and the joy you provide for my life. You have made another wonderful day, and I am ready to live for you in it, with a glad heart !. Amen.

Let us make a practice of thanking God for each and every day. Every blessing, *John*.

Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 6th October. (Wisdom and Mystery)

Sun 06*.	Mark 10:2-16.	StF 510	Psalm 8.	Open.
Mon 07.	Job 23:1-17.	StF 643	Psalm 4.	Pray.
Tue 08.	Job 28:12-19.	StF 107	Psalm 5:1-8.	Learn.
Wed 09.	Job 28:230-28.	StF 117	Psalm 6:1-9.	Flourish.
Thu 10+.	Job 38:1-18.	StF 115	Psalm 7:1-11.	Notice.
Fri 11.	Job 38:31-41.	StF 112	Psalm 9:1-10.	Learn.
Sat 12.	Job 42:1-6.	StF 636	Psalm 100.	Pray.

**Homelessness Sunday and World Homeless Day.*

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