



**BROMSGROVE METHODIST  
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*Encouraging, supporting, and developing followers of Jesus Christ and  
Sharing God's love in the wider community*

**PRAYER:** God of grace, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair and loving beyond all that is loving; grant us to be of one mind in our faith, of one hope in our calling, and of one heart in our loving; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**  
*Dionysius of Alexandria (c. 200-c.265)*

**BROMSGROVE NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October 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 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**10.30 am: Harvest Festival, with love feast led by Deacon Janet Thomas.**

*Please join us for Coffee after the service.*

**Service on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024.**

**10.30 am: Morning Worship – Local Arrangement.**

**THANK YOU:** I would like to thank the church family for all the cards and messages and for the beautiful flowers, which Mary delivered last Sunday. They have helped to cheer me up immensely. *Pam Gale.*

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS:** The next meeting will be on Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 25, Crabtree Drive at 2.30pm. Open to all interested. *Alan Bidnell.*

**FILM NIGHT: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6.15pm:** The first film of the new season will be **THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY**, the extra-ordinary story of the journey of an ordinary man starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton. Entry is by donation including refreshments. *Jim Buchanan.*

**HARVEST APPEALS:** Envelopes for the harvest appeal for All We Can will be available 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*

**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

**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.*

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

**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: *Philippians 4 verses 6 and 7 (NIV)***

***“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”***

**REFLECTION:** It is only natural to be anxious or to worry about what the future holds for us, about our health, about finances, about relationships.

We cannot alter the future so there is no point in worrying about it. As Jesus said “have no anxious fear about tomorrow, there is enough to concern oneself about for today !” If we could see into the future, we wouldn't want to, because if there is difficulties or suffering in store, we couldn't change it.

Our health is a blessing, and we each can do what we can, mainly through diet and exercise and avoiding harmful practices to look after ourselves, and not take good health for granted.

Our finances are an intensely personal thing. My mantra is to spend an essential portion, to give a portion away regularly, and to save a portion for future emergencies, or for those little treats.

Relationships matter more than we can think. Those are a matter of giving and receiving, and good relationships have to be worked at. Again it is about being grateful to the other and not taking them for granted.

God's goodness helps us in every area of our life. But we cannot live the right kind of life in our own strength. So we need to bring our petitions to God, to lay our difficulties at his feet, to remember to give thanks for each and every blessing received, on a daily basis.

When we know our lives are safely in God's hands then we know that peace “which passes all understanding”, a comforting reassurance that God knows, God loves, and God will never forsake us, even though we sometimes move away from him. His spirit will always call us back into a state of grace, where we can experience faith, hope and love. Every blessing, *John.*

**Suggested Readings for Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> October. (A Kingdom Revealed)**

Sun 13*	Mark 10:17-31.	StF 545	Psalm 90:12-17.	Challenge.
Mon 14.	Mark 1:14-20.	StF 250	Psalm 11:1-5.	Live.
Tue 15.	Mark 1:21-28.	StF 357	Psalm 150.	Notice.
Wed 16.	Mark 1:29-39.	StF 653	Psalm 13.	Tell.
Thu 17.	Mark 1:40-45.	StF 654	Psalm 15.	Tell.
Fri 18+.	2 Timothy 4:8-18.	StF 664	Psalm 9:145.	Care.
Sat 19.	Mark 2:1-12.	StF 364	Psalm 16.	Challenge.

*\*Prisons Sunday and Prisons Week.*

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.